

## 17. ECONOMICS (CODE NO. 030)

### Rationale

Economics is one of the social sciences, which has great influence on every human being. As economic life and the economy go through changes, the need to ground education in children's own experience becomes essential. While doing so, it is imperative to provide them opportunities to acquire analytical skills to observe and understand the economic realities.

At senior secondary stage, the learners are in a position to understand abstract ideas, exercise the power of thinking and to develop their own perception. It is at this stage, the learners are exposed to the rigour of the discipline of economics in a systematic way.

The economics courses are introduced in such a way that in the initial stage, the learners are introduced to the economic realities that the nation is facing today along with some basic statistical tools to understand these broader economic realities. In the later stage, the learners are introduced to economics as a theory of abstraction.

The economics courses also contain many projects and activities. These will provide opportunities for the learners to explore various economic issues both from their day-to-day life and also from issues, which are broader and invisible in nature. The academic skills that they learn in these courses would help to develop the projects and activities. The syllabus is also expected to provide opportunities to use information and communication technologies to facilitate their learning process.

### Objectives:

1. Understanding of some basic economic concepts and development of economic reasoning which the learners can apply in their day-to-day life as citizens, workers and consumers.
2. Realisation of learners' role in nation building and sensitivity to the economic issues that the nation is facing today.
3. Equipment with basic tools of economics and statistics to analyse economic issues. This is pertinent for even those who may not pursue this course beyond senior secondary stage.
4. Development of understanding that there can be more than one view on any economic issue and necessary skills to argue logically with reasoning.

## CLASS - XI (2013-14)

Paper 1

3 Hours

90 Marks

Units	Periods	Marks
<b>Part A: Statistics for Economics</b>		
1. Introduction	7	15
2. Collection, Organisation and Presentation of Data	27	
3. Statistical Tools and Interpretation	66	30
	<u>100</u>	<u>45</u>
<b>Part B: Indian Economic Development</b>		
4. Development Experience (1947-90) and Economic Reforms since 1991	18	8
	16	10
5. Current Challenges facing Indian Economy	60	20
6. Development experience of India-A comparison with neighbours	14	7
	<u>108</u>	<u>45</u>
<b>Part C: Project Work</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

**Note:** The question paper will include a Section on Open Case studies based-questions on two case studies, each from Part A and Part B of 8 marks, a total of 16 marks. The case studies will be supplied to students in advance. These case studies are designed to test the analytical and higher order thinking skills of students.

**Part A: Statistics for Economics**

In this course, the learners are expected to acquire skills in collection, organisation and presentation of quantitative and qualitative information pertaining to various simple economic aspects systematically. It also intends to provide some basic statistical tools to analyse, and interpret any economic information and draw appropriate inferences. In this process, the learners are also expected to understand the behaviour of various economic data.

**Unit 1: Introduction****07 Periods**

What is Economics?

Meaning, scope and importance of statistics in Economics

**Unit 2: Collection, Organisation and Presentation of data****27 Periods**

Collection of data - sources of data - primary and secondary; how basic data is collected; methods of collecting data; some important sources of secondary data: Census of India and National Sample Survey Organisation.

Organisation of Data: Meaning and types of variables; Frequency Distribution.

Presentation of Data: Tabular Presentation and Diagrammatic Presentation of Data: (i) Geometric forms (bar diagrams and pie diagrams), (ii) Frequency diagrams (histogram, polygon and ogive) and (iii) Arithmetic line graphs (time series graph).

### Unit 3: Statistical Tools and Interpretation

66 Periods

(For all the numerical problems and solutions, the appropriate economic interpretation may be attempted. This means, the students need to solve the problems and provide interpretation for the results derived.)

Measures of Central Tendency- mean (simple and weighted), median and mode

Measures of Dispersion - absolute dispersion (range, quartile deviation, mean deviation and standard deviation); relative dispersion (co-efficient of quartile-deviation, co-efficient of mean deviation, co-efficient of variation); Lorenz Curve: Meaning and its application.

Correlation - meaning, scatter diagram; Measures of correlation - Karl Pearson's method (two variables ungrouped data) Spearman's rank correlation.

Introduction to Index Numbers - meaning, types - wholesale price index, consumer price index and index of industrial production, uses of index numbers; Inflation and index numbers.

Some Mathematical tools used in Economics: Equation of a line, slope of a line, slope of a curve.

### Part B: Indian Economic Development

#### Unit 4: Development Experience (1947-90) and Economic Reforms since 1991:

18 Periods

A brief introduction of the state of Indian economy on the eve of independence.

Common goals of Five Year Plans.

Main features, problems and policies of agriculture (institutional aspects and new agricultural strategy, etc.), industry (industrial licensing, etc.) and foreign trade.

#### Economic Reforms since 1991:

16 Periods

Need and main features - liberalisation, globalisation and privatisation;

An appraisal of LPG policies

#### Unit 5: Current challenges facing Indian Economy:

60 Periods

Poverty- absolute and relative; Main programmes for poverty alleviation: A critical assessment;

Rural development: Key issues - credit and marketing - role of cooperatives; agricultural diversification; alternative farming - organic farming

Human Capital Formation: How people become resource; Role of human capital in economic development; Growth of Education Sector in India

Employment: Formal and informal, growth and other issues: Problems and policies.

Inflation: Problems and Policies

Infrastructure: Meaning and Types: Case Studies: Energy and Health: Problems and Policies- A critical assessment;

Sustainable Economic Development: Meaning, Effects of Economic Development on Resources and Environment, including global warming.

**Unit 6: Development Experience of India:**

**14 Periods**

A comparison with neighbours

India and Pakistan

India and China

Issues: growth, population, sectoral development and other developmental indicators.

**Part C: Developing Projects in Economics**

**12 Periods**

The students may be encouraged to develop projects, which have primary data, secondary data or both. Case studies of a few organisations / outlets may also be encouraged. Under this the students will do one project each from Part A and Part B.

Some of the examples of the projects are as follows (they are not mandatory but suggestive):

- (i) A report on demographic structure of your neighborhood.
- (ii) Changing consumer awareness amongst households.
- (iii) Dissemination of price information for growers and its impact on consumers.
- (iv) Study of a cooperative institution: milk cooperatives, marketing cooperatives, etc.
- (v) Case studies on public private partnership, outsourcing and outward Foreign Direct Investment.
- (vi) Global warming.
- (vii) Designing eco-friendly projects applicable in school such as paper and water recycle.

The idea behind introducing this unit is to enable the students to develop the ways and means by which a project can be developed using the skills learned in the course. This includes all the steps involved in designing a project starting from choosing a title, exploring the information relating to the title, collection of primary and secondary data, analysing the data, presentation of the project and using various statistical tools and their interpretation and conclusion.

**Suggested Question Paper Design**  
**Economics (Code 030)**  
**Class XI (2013-14)**  
**March 2014 Examination**

Marks 90

Duration: 3 hrs.

S. No.	Typology of Questions	Very Short Answer MCQ 1 Mark	Short Answer II 3 Marks	Short Answer I 4 Marks	Long Answer 6 Marks	Marks	%
1.	<b>Remembering- (Knowledge based)</b> Simple recall questions, to know specific facts, terms, concepts, principles, or theories; Identify, define, or recite, information)	-	2	1	2	22	25
2.	<b>Understanding- (Comprehension)</b> -to be familiar with meaning and to understand conceptually, interpret, compare, contrast, explain, paraphrase, or interpret information)	1	2	1	2	23	25
3.	<b>Application</b> (Use abstract information in concrete situation, to apply knowledge to new situations; Use given content to interpret a situation, provide an example, or solve a problem)	2	2	1	1	18	20
4.	<b>High Order Thinking Skills (Analysis &amp; Synthesis-</b> Classify, compare, contrast, or differentiate between different pieces of information, Organize and/or integrate unique pieces of information from a variety of sources)	2	2	1	1	18	20
5.	<b>Evaluation and Multi-Disciplinary-</b> (Appraise, judge, and/or justify the value or worth of a decision or outcome, or to predict outcomes based on values)	0	1	-	1	9	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		5x1=5	9x3=27	4x4=16	7x6=42	90 (25)+10 Projects= 100 Marks	100

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