

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 31, 2025 Economics (Paper 2) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	Distinguish between the Zamindari system and the Ryotwari system of land revenue under the British rule in India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q1 (B)	What were the major impacts of 'commercialisation of agriculture' on Indian farmers during the pre-Independence India? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q1 (C)	What were the economic consequences of the Drain of Wealth' theory as practised during the British rule in India? Analyse.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q1 (D)	Why did the British lead to the destruction of India's traditional cotton industry? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q1 (E)	Describe the phases of colonisation in British India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q2 (A)	Is land reform necessary to improve agricultural productivity in India? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q2 (B)	Critically analyse the constraints of public and private capital formation in Indian agriculture.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q2 (C)	What were the thrust areas of economic planning during the pre-liberalisation era? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q3 (A)	Examine the objectives and components of the Green Revolution in India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q3 (B)	Why does inter-State disparity in income persist in India despite plethora of development initiatives undertaken by the Government of India? Analyse.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q3 (C)	Point out the main challenges faced by the small-scale and cottage industries in Indian economy.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q4 (A)	What are the methods used in measuring poverty and inequality in India? Analyse.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q4 (B)	How have rural and urban economic development contributed to poverty reduction in India? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q4 (C)	What are the guidelines of the Decentralized Planning process in India? Describe.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q5 (A)	Discuss the components of food processing schemes introduced by the Government of India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q5 (B)	Do you agree with the view that India's Foreign Trade Policy, 2023–2028 will boost country's trade surplus and generate employment? Give reasons.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q5 (C)	What are the structural shortcomings of the 'Public Distribution System (PDS)' in India? Explain.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q5 (D)	Justify the importance of 'Disinvestment Policy' of India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q5 (E)	What are the implications of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms for Indian federalism? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>

Q6 (A)	What are the causes of industrial backwardness in India? Critically evaluate the role of the New Industrial Policy, announced in July 1991, towards correcting such backwardness.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q6 (B)	Examine the implications for India due to agreements on agriculture that are signed under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in 1995.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q6 (C)	Why is a National Employment Policy necessary for India? What are the initiatives taken by the Government to facilitate employment generation? Explain.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q7 (A)	What is the sectoral composition of India's national income? Mention the most important source of national income in India.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q7 (B)	What are the advantages and disadvantages of full convertibility of Indian rupee? Do you believe that capital account convertibility is feasible under the present circumstances in India? Discuss.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q7 (C)	What is the strategy of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for exchange rate management? Discuss the recent changes in India's Exchange Rate Policy	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q8 (A)	How do the current Finance Commission's recommendations align with the Government's Fiscal Consolidation goals? Elucidate.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q8 (B)	Why was the public sector given a leading role in industrial development during the pre-liberalisation era? Explain.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>
Q8 (C)	Discuss the initiatives launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to promote financial inclusion.	<a href="#">Check Solution</a>