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Second Semester FYUGP History Examination
APRIL 2025 (2024 Admission onwards)
KU2DSCHIS108 (ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MODERN
INDIA [1858 TO 1947])
(DATE OF EXAM: 30-4-2025)

Time : 120 min

Maximum Marks : 70

Part A (Answer any 6 questions. Each carries 3 marks)

1. Write a note on the major administrative changes after Government of India Act of 1858? 3
2. What were the changes in the role of the Viceroy after 1858? 3
3. What is free trade? 3
4. What was the impact of the Drain Theory on the Indian economy during British rule? 3
5. How did the Drain Theory explain the economic exploitation of India? 3
6. What is meant by peasant agriculture in colonial India? 3
7. What was the impact of land revenue systems like Permanent Settlement on Indian agriculture? 3
8. How did commercialization affect traditional Indian farming? 3

Part B (Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 6 marks)

9. How did the British government's policies and actions contribute to the development of modern transport and communication systems in India? 6
10. What were the main economic benefits of the introduction of railways in India, and how did they impact the growth of industries? 6
11. How did RC Dutt contribute to the development of the Drain Theory, and what were his main arguments regarding the economic exploitation of India? 6
12. What was the significance of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in the context of Indian agricultural development? 6
13. What were the main factors that contributed to the emergence of agrarian classes in India during the colonial period? 6
14. How did the growth of famines and poverty in India during the colonial period affect the social and economic fabric of rural society? 6

Part C (Answer any 2 question(s). Each carries 14 marks)

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15. Discuss the role of technological development, internal and external trade, and taxation system in shaping India's economy during the British Empire. 14
16. Examine the phases of industrialization in India during the period 1858-1947 and evaluate their impact on the country's economic development and the lives of industrial workers. 14
17. Analyze the impact of the Government of India Act of 1858 and the changes in the economy, including the emergence of finance capitalism, on the Indian society and economy. 14