

**APPSC GROUP-1 MAINS MOCK TEST-1**

**2020**

**ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA AND ANDHRA PRADESH**

**PAPER IV**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 150*

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***Instructions :***

*(i) The candidate has to write answers to 15 questions. There will be choice for choosing each question. Each question carries 10 marks.*

*(ii) Each Answer Book contains 48 pages (including cover pages) and the candidate should complete their answers with in the paper provided. No additional paper will be given.*

*(iii) The candidate has to write his answers in the medium chosen by him only. If there is any deviation from paper to paper or part of the paper, the candidature would become invalid.*

*(iv) Writing of Symbols or any type of Identification of marks etc., anywhere on the Answer Scripts and using other than Blue / Black i.e., using of Coloured Sketch Pens will lead to invalidation of the Answer Sheets. Also only one ink i.e. either Blue or Black (Ball Pen) to be used. Otherwise, the paper will be treated as invalid.*

*(v) Though the paper in English is taken as standard for valuation under normal circumstances, if necessary, a balanced view would be taken after comparing English and Telugu versions.*

1. (a) The economic fallout of the pandemic is expected to push up non-performing assets (NPAs) of the banking sector. From this context, examine the rise of Non-Performing Assets in India.

**OR**

- (b) Recently, three farm reform bills — The Farmers' Produce Trade And Commerce (Promotion And Facilitation) Bill, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill — are passed by the Parliament. Discuss the pros and cons of these three farm bills?
2. (a) As Covid-19 pandemic rapidly spreads across the world, the global economy is falling into an unprecedented recession. In this backdrop, explain how formal and informal sectors of Indian economy are affected and how India can pursue a sustainable and resilient recovery?

**OR**

- (b) Define fiscal policy? Analyse the objectives of fiscal policy in India?
3. (a) A number of promises were incorporated in the Reorganisation Act and also announced as part of the statement of the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the floor of Parliament. Discuss the promises that were made and what is implemented so far and what else should be fulfilled by the Government of India in this regard.

**OR**

- (b) Assess the socio-economic impact of mining in Andhra Pradesh?

4. (a) The public expenditure management is a challenge to the Government of India in the context of budget-making during the post-liberalization period. Clarify it.

**OR**

- (b) What is Deficit Financing? What are the different types of deficit in the budget?
5. (a) The Andhra Pradesh (AP) budget for the financial year 2020-21 has reduced the allocation for the state's education sector to just 11.21% compared with 14.31% in the last academic year. Does this huge expenditure reduction is because of no economic activity in the state due to lockdown? Do you agree? Evaluate the recent trends in allocation of funds to education sector in AP?

**OR**

- (b) What is State Finance Commission and explain its role and significance?
6. (a) AP government has come up with an elaborate model of governance comprised of nine welfare schemes called Navaratnalu. Explain all the nine welfare schemes and also describe the merits of these schemes.

**OR**

- (b) Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty or poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.
7. (a) Critically evaluate the achievements and drawbacks of Green Revolution in India?

**OR**

- (b) Explain the main defects of Agricultural Marketing in India? Discuss the objectives and features of eNAM?

8. (a) Horticulture sector is growing at a faster pace than agriculture towards making Andhra Pradesh a major horticulture hub. Discuss.

**OR**

- (b) YSR Rhythu Bharosa scheme of Andhra Pradesh has gone beyond Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to support farmers in the entire value chain. Critically evaluate the features of this scheme.
9. (a) “Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross-Domestic-Product(GDP) in the post-reform period” Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate?

**OR**

- (b) Explain some notable initiatives taken by the Government of India to promote a healthy environment for the growth of manufacturing sector in the country.
10. (a) Discuss the recent significant developments in the Industrial Sector of Andhra Pradesh?

**OR**

- (b) Critically examine the Andhra Pradesh Renewable Energy Export Policy-2020?
11. (a) Critically examine India’s ‘Digital India’ programme, and concerns raised against it.

**OR**

- (b) How ‘Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)’ framework is different from ‘Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005’?

12. (a) Describe the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in economic growth of Andhra Pradesh? Discuss various initiatives taken by the State Government to transform AP into a knowledge economy?

**OR**

- (b) Discuss the solar power policy of Andhra Pradesh state?
13. (a) Evaluate the programmes/schemes initiated by the Andhra Pradesh Government to achieve women empowerment.

**OR**

- (b) What do you understand by Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation? Discuss the impact of LPG on industrial development in India?
14. (a) Financial inclusion is increasingly being recognized as a key driver of economic growth and poverty alleviation in the world. Discuss the efforts being made by India in this direction.

**OR**

- (b) What is Start-up India scheme? Critically assess the efficacy of measures adopted by the government under the Start-up India scheme.
15. (a) Discuss various types of Inflation and suggest the measures to control inflation.

**OR**

- (b) The Covid-19 pandemic is threatening the long-cherished food security of India. It has impacted all four aspects, namely 'availability, access, stability, and utilization' of food. Comment.