

First Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg/Sup) Examination
November 2025
KU1DSCECO104 - FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
2024 Admission onwards

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.

1. What is the definition of sustainable development?
2. What are the main objectives of sustainable development?
3. What are public sector undertakings (PSUs)?
4. Define the term "liberalization" in the context of economic policies.
5. What were the main objectives of the economic reforms introduced in India in 1991?
6. What are the differences between economic growth and economic development?
7. Why is economic development a broader concept than economic growth?
8. What does the Gender Development Index (GDI) measure?

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. Analyze the role of industrial policy in shaping public sector undertakings (PSUs) in India
10. Discuss the key characteristics of the Indian economy during the pre-independence period.
11. Evaluate the economic reforms implemented in India during the 1990s. How did these reforms contribute to liberalization and what were their effects on the Indian economy?
12. Explain the meaning of economic development and how it is measured.
13. Describe the Global Hunger Index (GHI) and its methodology. How does GHI help in assessing hunger and malnutrition across countries?

14. Discuss the importance of the Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) in assessing gender equality.

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Examine the role of gender in economic development. How does gender inequality affect economic growth?
16. Discuss the significance of human resource development in fostering economic growth.
17. Outline the primary objectives of sustainable development. Analyze how these objectives can contribute to improving the quality of life for present and future generations