

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

1. Answer any ten questions from the following in about 200 words each : 16x10=160
  - (i) What are the objectives of the 12th Five-Year Plan of Assam? Discuss the progress of the plan over the first three years. 8+8=16
  - (ii) Discuss the structure and functioning of rural banking in Assam. How can the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) fill the need of microfinance at the grassroot level in the rural areas? 8+8=16
  - (iii) Explain the importance of water resources and means of water conservation. Explain the drought situation prevalent in India in recent times. 8+8=16
  - (iv) Highlight the major features of the tribal development planning. How can such planning reduce social inequality in India? 8+8=16
  - (v) Explain the main causes responsible Ganga river pollution and suggest measures for cleaning the river Ganga. Comment on the recent move of the Government of India to raise the Ganga Volunteer Corps to be involved in the Clean Ganga Mission. 6+6=4=16
  - (vi) What were the main recommendations of the Cabinet Mission Plan? Describe Assam's fight against the Grouping system. 8+8=16
  - (vii) What are the effects of Zika virus? Should India be worried about this virus? Suggest the measures necessary to check its spread. 6+4+6=16
  - (viii) Trace the genesis of the Brahma Samaj. Assess its role in the socio-religious changes in 19th century India. 8+8=16
  - (ix) Discuss the political organisation during the Rig Vedic period. What were the changes that occurred in the later Vedic period? 8+8=16
  - (x) What are the salient features of Iran's nuclear agreement signed with five Nuclear Power countries and Germany of 14th July, 2015? Discuss briefly India-Iran relations in the shadow of the Nuclear Deal. 8+8=16
  - (xi) What are the main characteristics of the 73rd Constitutional

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- amendment? Make a critical assessment on its working. 8+8=16
- (xii) Discuss the federal features of the Indian Constitution. What is the quasi-federal character of the Indian Union? 12+4=16
- (xiii) Distinguish between the wastelands and the wetlands. Discuss the various measures adopted by the Central and the State Government concerned for the preservation of wetlands in Assam. 6+10=16
- (xiv) While assessing the population problem of India, make an attempt to revolve adequate strategy for population planning and human resource development in the country. 16
- (xv) Describe the main features of the national income in India. Discuss the performance of national income in the agriculture sector. 8+8=16
2. Answer any five of the following questions in about 100 words each : 8x5=40
- (i) Give an estimate of the magnitude of water crisis in India. Is the river-linking project a solution to the problem? Give reasons. 5+3=8
- (ii) What is Paris Agreement on climate change? Critically examine the main highlights of the Agreement and bring out its chances of succeeding in controlling the phenomenon of climate change. 3+5=8
- (iii) Discuss the circumstances leading to the establishment of the Bodoland Territorial Council. What are the implications of the setting up to this Council for other ethnic communities in Assam? 4+4=8
- (iv) What are the major Tax Reform Measures' in the Union Budget 2016-17 Elaborate on one of the measures which you think to be most important. 4+4=8
- (v) Write briefly about decentralized planning in Assam and its advantages. 8
- (vi) The World Bank has recently approved 625 Million US dollars support for Rooftop Solar Programme in India. Describe the main features of the programme and highlight chances of its success or failure in the context of Assam. 4+4=8
- (vii) Discuss the status and role of 'Namghar' in the social and cultural life of Assam. 8
- (viii) What is a Biosphere Reserve? Explain with reference to a particular Biosphere Reserve in India. 2+6=8

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3. Answer any eight of the following questions in about 50 words each :

5x8=40

- (i) 'Right to Property' was guaranteed by which Article of the Indian Constitution? What is the present position of this Right? 1+4=5
- (ii) Write briefly on the Blue Revolution in India. 5
- (iii) What is 'Stand up India' Scheme? Examine its importance. 1+4=5
- (iv) What is Gender Inequality Index? Mention its thrust areas. 1+4=5
- (v) Write a short note on 'Malinithan' of Arunachal Pradesh. 5
- (vi) Why was Bengal partitioned in 1905? 5
- (vii) Write briefly on the Line System. 5
- (viii) Give an outline of the salient features of the New Pension Scheme. 5
- (ix) What is 'DNA fingerprinting'? Give an example of its utilization. 4+1=5

- (x) Highlight the issues that the G-7 Summit 2015 had focussed. 5
- (xi) What are IMR and MMR? Explain their importance. 2+3=5
- (xii) What is 'integrated Watershed Management Plan'? 5

4. Answer any thirty out of the following questions (answers should be brief and to the point) :

2x30=60

- (i) What should be the strength of the largest Opposition Party in Parliament or State Legislative Assembly to claim the position of the Leader of Opposition? 2
- (ii) Mention two occasions when there were plan holidays and why? 1+1=2
- (iii) name the first Indian Remote Sensing Satellite and mention the date when it was launched. 1+1=2
- (iv) How does heat energy come from the sun to the earth? 2
- (v) What are the names of the Brahmaputra in its upper course and the lower course? 2
- (vi) What is the meaning of 'Dimasa'? 2
- (vii) What is Chihnayatra? 2
- (viii) 'Gotthard Base Tunnel' was in news sometime ago. Why? 2
- (ix) Who was the Chairman of the Constituent Assembly? Who was the Chairman of the Drafting Committee? 1+1=2
- (x) What is Mahalanobis model? 2
- (xi) What is a Cryogenic engine? 2
- (xii) What is the 'Give it Up' Scheme initiated by the Government of India? 2

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- (xiii) Which Plan's approach paper had the theme 'faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth'? Also mention the time period of this Plan. 1+1=2
- (xiv) Why was the Radcliffe Committee appointed? 2
- (xv) When was the province of Eastern Bengal and Assam created? What was its capital? 1+1=2
- (xvi) What is meant by the 'Original Jurisdiction' of the Supreme Court of India? 2
- (xvii) What do you understand by the term 'Pocket Veto' which can be exercised by the President? 2
- (xviii) Give the literacy rate and density of population of Assam as per Census 2011. 2
- (xix) Mention two heads under revenue receipts of the Government of Assam. 2
- (xx) 2016 South Asian Games was held in which country? Which two States hosted it? 1+1=2
- (xxi) Mention any two projects implemented under NEC in Assam. 2
- (xxii) What is 'Golden Quadrilateral'? 2
- (xxiii) What is 'Direct Tax Code'? 2
- (xxiv) Who was the ruler of Kamarupa during Hiuen Tsang's visit? 2
- (xxv) Who was known as 'Bainuni Konwar'? 2
- (xxvi) What is LED bulb? 2
- (xxvii) Name two principal cash crops of Assam. 2
- (xxviii) What is carbon trading? 2
- (xxix) What do you understand by 'Standard Positioning Systems' and 'Precision Positioning Systems' in GPS? 1+1=2
- (xxx) What do you know about 'Bathow Puja'? 2
- (xxxi) What is the system for the removal of the President of India from Office? 2
- (xxxii) What is a footloose industry. Give two examples. 1+1=2
- (xxxiii) Which Global body designated Boko Haram as a terrorist group? Where does the terrorist group belong to? 1+1=2
- (xxxiv) Mention the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternity Mortality Rate (MMR) in Assam. 2
- (xxxv) What is LASER? 2

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