

Marking Scheme
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Senior School Certificate Examination, 2025
ECONOMICS (SUBJECT CODE – 030)
(PAPER CODE – 58/7/2)

General Instructions: -

1	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
2	“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”
3	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In Class XII, while evaluating competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.
4	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
5	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
6	Evaluators will mark(✓) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put right (✓) while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.
7	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.

8	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.
9	If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “Extra Question” .
10	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
11	A full scale of marks 80 has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Evaluation Guidelines). This is in view of the reduced syllabus and number of questions in question paper.
13	Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:- • Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book. • Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it. • Wrong totaling of marks awarded on an answer. • Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page. • Wrong question wise totaling on the title page. • Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page. • Wrong grand total. • Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same. • Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list. • Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.) • Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
15	Any un assessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totaling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “Guidelines for spot Evaluation” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
18	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

MARKING SCHEME
Senior School Certificate Examination 2025
ECONOMICS (Subject Code–030)
[Paper Code: 58/7/2]

Maximum Marks: 80

Q. No.	EXPECTED ANSWER / VALUE POINTS	Marks
SECTION -A (Macro Economics)		
1.	The 45° line in Keynesian economics indicates _____. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Income > Consumption (B) Savings > Investments (C) Consumption > Income (D) Income = Consumption Ans. (D) Income = Consumption	1
2.	Aggregate expenditure in the economy during an accounting year is also known as _____. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Autonomous investment (B) Aggregate supply (C) Aggregate demand (D) Induced investment Ans. (C) Aggregate demand	1
3.	Read the following statements carefully: <i>Statement 1:</i> Open Market Operations refers to purchase/sale of Government Securities (G-Sec) by the Central Bank. <i>Statement 2:</i> To decrease money supply, Central Bank will sell the Government Securities to commercial banks. In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following: (A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false. (B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true. (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true. (D) Both Statements 1 and 2 are false. Ans. (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true.	1
4.	Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC) exhibits the slope of _____ function. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Saving (B) Consumption (C) Production (D) Cost Ans. (B) Consumption	1
5.	Suppose, the consumption function is given as: $C = 205 + 0.9 Y$ (where C = Total Consumption and Y = National Income) The value of Investment Multiplier (K) would be _____. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) 0.09 (B) 10.0 (C) 0.9 (D) 9.0 Ans. (B) 10.0	1

6.	Commercial banks are regarded as money creators because: (Choose the correct option) (A) they purchase securities from the Central Bank. (B) loans provided by them create deposits. (C) they act as a banker to the government. (D) they regulate the lending rate in the economy Ans. (B) loans provided by them create deposits.	1												
7.	Read the following statements – Assertion (A) and Reason (R) carefully. Choose the correct option from those given below: <i>Assertion (A):</i> Shipping service provided by an Indian company to foreign companies will be recorded in the current account of Balance of Payments (BOP). <i>Reason (R):</i> Current account of Balance of Payments (BOP) does not alter the status of the asset or liabilities of the residents of India. Options: (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A). (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A). (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false. (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true. Ans. (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).	1												
8.	_____ releases data of money supply in India. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Corporation Bank (B) Reserve Bank of India (C) Commercial Banks (D) State Bank of India Ans. (B) Reserve Bank of India	1												
9.	Using the given information, complete the following table: (Choose the correct option) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>2014-15</th><th>2016-17</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Nominal GDP</td><td>6.5</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr> <td>Real GDP</td><td>...(i)...</td><td>7.2</td></tr> <tr> <td>GDP Deflator</td><td>100</td><td>...(ii)...</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Options: (A) 125, 100 (B) 125, 110 (C) 6.5, 125 (D) 100, 6.5 Ans. (C) 6.5, 125		2014-15	2016-17	Nominal GDP	6.5	9	Real GDP	...(i)...	7.2	GDP Deflator	100	...(ii)...	1
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11. (a)	State and explain any two precautions that must be taken while estimating national income by expenditure method. Ans. Two precautions to be taken while estimating National Income by Expenditure Method are: • Expenditure on intermediate goods: It should not be included as it will lead to the problem of double counting. • Expenditure on purchase of second-hand goods: It should not be included as it does not add to the flow of goods and services in the current year. (Any other valid precaution to be awarded marks) OR (b) Calculate the value of 'Sales' from the following data: <table border="1" data-bbox="180 533 1031 913"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th><th>Particulars</th><th>Amount (in ₹ lakh)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(i)</td><td>Subsidies</td><td>300</td></tr> <tr> <td>(ii)</td><td>Operating surplus</td><td>600</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iii)</td><td>Opening stock</td><td>120</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iv)</td><td>Closing stock</td><td>520</td></tr> <tr> <td>(v)</td><td>Intermediate consumption</td><td>2,900</td></tr> <tr> <td>(vi)</td><td>Consumption of fixed capital</td><td>600</td></tr> <tr> <td>(vii)</td><td>Profits</td><td>700</td></tr> <tr> <td>(viii)</td><td>Net Value Added at Factor Cost (NVA_{FC})</td><td>2,200</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Ans. Value of Sales = (viii) – (iv) + (iii) + (v) + (vi) – (i) $= 2,200 - 520 + 120 + 2,900 + 600 - 300$ $= ₹ 5,000 \text{ lakh}$	S. No.	Particulars	Amount (in ₹ lakh)	(i)	Subsidies	300	(ii)	Operating surplus	600	(iii)	Opening stock	120	(iv)	Closing stock	520	(v)	Intermediate consumption	2,900	(vi)	Consumption of fixed capital	600	(vii)	Profits	700	(viii)	Net Value Added at Factor Cost (NVA _{FC})	2,200	$\frac{1}{2} + 1$ $\frac{1}{2} + 1$ 3 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3
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12.	Identify and explain any one function of the Central Bank as indicated in the image given below: Ans. One of the indicated functions of the Central Bank i.e. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the Banker's Bank and Supervisor. RBI accepts deposits from commercial banks and also advances loans to them as and when required. It maintains reserves of all commercial banks and utilizes it to settle inter-bank claims. Being the supreme authority of the banking system, it acts as the financier of last recourse to the commercial banks. RBI supervises, regulates and controls the commercial banks. (Any other valid function to be awarded marks) <i>Note: The following question is for the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 12.</i> Explain any one function of the Central Bank. Ans. Central Bank acts as the Banker's Bank and Supervisor. Central Bank accepts deposits from commercial banks and also advances loans to them as and when	1 2 3																											

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13.	(a) “In an economy, ex-ante investment (I) is less than ex-post savings (S).” Explain the likely impact of the given situation on output, employment, and income. Ans. When investments are less than savings, it means households are planning to consume less than what the firms expected them to consume. This will lead to unintended accumulation of inventories. To clear the unwanted inventories, producers may intend to decrease production in the economy. Consequently, this may lead to a decrease in the level of output, employment, and income. (To be marked as a whole) (b) Define deficient demand. Ans. Deficient demand refers to a situation where Aggregate Demand (AD) falls short of Aggregate Supply (AS) corresponding to the full employment level of output.	3 1 4
14.	“Margin requirements are extremely helpful in correcting the situation of deflationary gap in an economy”. Justify the given statement with valid arguments. Ans. Margin requirement refers to the difference between the amount of the loan and the value of the security offered by the borrower against the loan. To correct the situation of the deflationary gap, the Central Bank may reduce the margin requirement. It may lead to an increase in the amount of loan available on the security offered. This will increase the availability of credit and consequently, the Aggregate Demand in the economy will increase. Thus, by altering the margin requirements, the Central Bank can alter the amount of loans made against securities by the banks. (To be marked as a whole)	4
15.	(i) Distinguish between Balance of Payments and Balance of Trade.	1 ½
(a)	Ans. Balance of Payments (BoP) is an accounting statement that provides a systematic record of all economic transactions between residents of a country and the rest of the world over a given period of time. It includes transactions in goods, services and assets. Whereas, Balance of Trade (BOT) is the difference between the value of exports and value of imports of goods of a country over a given period of time. It includes transactions in goods only. (ii) Define Current Account Surplus. Ans. Current Account Surplus (CAS) arises when receipts from exports of goods & services and unilateral transfers are greater than the payments for imports of goods & services and unilateral transfers. OR	1 ½ 1 4
(b)	(i) Using suitable example, distinguish between Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investments (FII). Ans. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) refers to direct investments from abroad in physical assets with a considerable degree of influence and control over the firm. Whereas;	1 ½

	Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) refers to investments from abroad in stocks, bonds or other financial assets and do not entail active management or control over the firm. (ii) State one example of External Assistance as a component of capital account. Ans. Bilateral loans (Any other valid example to be awarded marks)	1 ½ 1 4
16.	(i) “Domestic income is always less than national income.” (a) Do you agree with the given statement? Support your answer with valid arguments. Ans. No. Net Factor Income from Abroad (NFIA) needs to be added to Domestic Income to arrive at the value of National Income. Domestic Income will be less than National Income, when NFIA is positive, i.e. factor income from abroad is greater than factor income to abroad. Whereas, Domestic Income will be more than National Income, when NFIA is negative i.e. factor income from abroad is less than factor income to abroad. On the other hand, if NFIA is zero, Domestic income will be equal to National Income. (To be marked as a whole) (ii) Distinguish between positive externalities and negative externalities with suitable examples. Ans. Positive externalities refer to benefits caused by one entity to another without being paid for it. Example: Newly developed public park. Whereas; Negative externalities refer to harms caused by one entity to another, without being penalised for it. Example: Smoke emitted by a factory. (Any other suitable example to be awarded marks) OR (b) (i) “In a two-sector economy, consumption expenditure by households is always equal to aggregate expenditure on goods and services produced by the firms.” Do you agree with the given statement ? Support your answer with a valid explanation. Ans. Yes. In a two-sector economy model, households are the owners of factors of production (Land, Labour, Capital, Entrepreneur). Firms combine these factors of production to produce goods and services. They make factor payments (Rent, Wages, Interest, Profits) to households, which in turn, are completely spent by the households on the consumption of final goods and services. Thus, the income earned by the factors of production flows back to the production units in the form of aggregate consumption expenditure. (To be marked as a whole) (ii) “Problem of Double Counting leads to overestimation of output in an economy.” Justify the given statement with the help of suitable example. Ans. Problem of double counting refers to counting the value of goods and services more than once. This leads to an overestimation of the output in the economy. Example: A farmer had produced ₹ 100 worth of wheat for which no inputs were required. The baker had to buy ₹ 50 worth of wheat to produce bread worth ₹ 200. To estimate the net contribution of the baker, the value of wheat (₹ 50) needs to be subtracted from the value of bread. Otherwise, ₹ 50 worth of wheat will be counted twice leading to the problem of double counting.	3 1 ½ 1 ½ 6 3 1½ 1½ 6

17.	Read the following text carefully : The Union Budget 2025-26 introduces a series of measures aimed at strengthening the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. It recognizes the role of MSMEs as one of the key engines in India's journey of development, along with agriculture, investment and exports. As a vital contributor to India's industrial landscape, the MSME sector plays a crucial role in manufacturing sector, exports and employment generation. The new budgetary provisions aim to build on this strong foundation by fostering innovation, enhancing competitiveness and ensuring better access to resources. Furthermore, the Government's ongoing initiatives like the Udyam registration portal, PM Vishwakarma, PMEGP, SFURTI, and the Public Procurement Policy continue to demonstrate a combined effort towards integrating and empowering MSMEs. On the basis of given text and common understanding, answer the following questions: (a) "MSMEs play a pivotal role in the India's journey of development" Do you agree with the given statement? Give valid reason in support of your answer. Ans. Yes, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector is one of the key engines in India's journey of development, along with agriculture, investment, and exports. The MSME sector plays a pivotal role in manufacturing sector, exports and employment generation. (To be marked as a whole) (b) Explain key measures initiated by the Government for strengthening MSMEs. Ans. The key measures initiated by the Government for strengthening MSMEs are supportive initiatives like Udyam registration portal, PM Vishwakarma, PMEGP, SFURTI, and the Public Procurement Policy to integrate and empower MSMEs. (To be marked as a whole)	3 3 6
SECTION – B (Indian Economic Development)		
18.	Suppose the percentage of casual workers rises in an economy as compared to the regular workers. This situation may be known as _____ of workforce. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (i) Formalisation (ii) Casualisation (iii) Unemployment Options: (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (ii) and (iii) (C) only (ii) (D) only (i) Ans. (C) only (ii)	1
19.	Outsourcing from India has become more intensified in recent times due to the expansion of the _____ sector. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Agriculture (B) Manufacturing (C) Information Technology (D) Construction Ans. (C) Information Technology	1
20.	_____ is one of the demographic indicators in which Pakistan is ahead of India and China. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Urbanisation (B) Fertility rate (C) Population density (D) Sex ratio Ans. (B) Fertility rate	1

21.	Under _____ unemployment the marginal productivity of a worker is equal to zero. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Seasonal (B) Structural (C) Involuntary (D) Disguised Ans. (D) Disguised	1
22.	Recently, India hosted and chaired the summit of _____ one of the regional and economic groupings. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) SAARC (B) G8 (C) ASEAN (D) G20 Ans. (D) G20	1
23.	Modernization is an important economic planning objective that focuses on _____. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (i) Adoption of innovative technology (ii) Bringing positive change in social outlook (iii) Equal distribution of income and wealth (iv) Abolition of intermediaries Options : (A) (i) and (iv) (B) (i) and (iii) (C) (i), (iii) and (iv) (D) (i) and (ii) Ans. (D) (i) and (ii)	1
24.	Read the following statements carefully : <i>Statement 1:</i> In order to address the problem of water and air pollution in India, the Government of India had established the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). <i>Statement 2:</i> Deforestation leads to the permanent destruction of indigenous forests. In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following: (A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false. (B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true. (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true. (D) Both Statements 1 and 2 are false. Ans. (A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.	1
25.	Identify, the incorrect feature associated with the formal sector of employment in any economy. (Choose the correct option) (A) Job security (B) Social security benefits (C) Irregular payments (D) Fixed working hours Ans. (C) Irregular payments	1
26.	Prime beneficiary of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the government is _____. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) (A) Labourer (B) Consumer (C) Trader (Buyer) (D) Farmer Ans. (D) Farmer	1
27.	Identify, which of the following is not a feature of physical capital. (Choose the correct option) (i) Tangibility (ii) Tradability (iii) Immobility Options: (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (ii) and (iii) (C) (i) and (iii) (D) (i), (ii), and (iii) Ans. (B) (ii) and (iii) or (C) (i) and (iii) or (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)	1
28.	Some economists argue that :	

	"Post-1991 economic reforms, globalisation played a major role in poor performance of the industrial sector." Present your arguments to justify the given statement. Ans. With the onset of globalisation post-1991 economic reforms, developing countries are compelled to open up their economies to the greater flow of goods and capital from developed countries. Cheaper imports have, thus, replaced the demand for domestic goods. Domestic manufacturers are facing competition from foreign producers leading to a slowdown of industrial growth. Hence, Globalisation adversely affected the performance of the industrial sector. (To be marked as a whole)	3
29.	(a) "Many economists believe that India paid a very heavy price for the British industrialisation, by becoming their feeder economy." Justify the given statement with any one valid argument. Ans. During British rule, India was transformed into a mere exporter of raw materials for British industries, leading to a large export surplus. However, this came at a significant cost to India's economy, with essential commodities like food grains, clothes etc. becoming scarce in the domestic market. Policies like the commercialization of agriculture ensured maximum benefit for Britain. While India's exports grew, the benefits rarely reached the Indian population. (Any other valid argument to be awarded marks) OR (b) Critically appraise, infrastructural development in India during the British rule. Ans. Under colonial rule, basic infrastructure facilities were developed in India. It enabled people to travel long distances thereby breaking geographical and cultural barriers. Moreover, it fostered commercialisation of Indian agriculture which adversely affected the self-sufficiency of the village economies in India. Furthermore, the colonial dispensation also took measures for developing the inland trade and sea lanes. Nevertheless, these measures were far from satisfactory. (To be marked as a whole) (Any other valid explanation to be awarded marks)	3
30.	(a) State and explain any two steps undertaken by the Government of India for the protection and promotion of Small-scale Industries between 1950 – 1990. Ans. The steps initiated by Government of India for the protection and promotion of Small-scale Industries between 1950 – 1990 are: • Reservation of products: The production of several products was reserved for SSIs, depending upon their ability to manufacture these goods. • Financial Incentives: They were given concession such as lower excise duty and bank loans at lower interest rates. OR (b) Elaborate the role of land ceiling as an institutional reform in agricultural sector during the planning period of India. Ans. After India attained independence, institutional reforms such as land ceiling were introduced to promote equity in the agricultural sector. Land ceiling refers to fixing the maximum size of agricultural land that could be owned by an individual. The purpose of the land ceiling was to reduce the concentration of land ownership in a few hands. By ensuring a more equitable distribution of land, the land ceiling was seen as a crucial measure to enhance agricultural productivity and contribute to overall growth in the sector. (To be marked as a whole)	$\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}$ 4 4

31.	Compare and analyse the following information related to distribution of employment in India :													
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32.	Argue in favour of the need for different forms of government intervention in the education and health sectors. Ans. Education and healthcare services play a vital role in socio-economic welfare for the masses. Government intervention is essential as spending on these sectors has long-term, irreversible impacts. Moreover, consumers often lack complete information about service quality and costs, leading to monopoly power and potential exploitation by private providers. To avoid this, the government must regulate these services, ensuring adherence to standards and fair pricing. Hence, it is imperative for the government to make these essential services accessible to all sections of society. (To be marked as a whole)	4												
33.	Read the following text carefully: The National-Level Multi-State Cooperative Society recently approved by the Union Cabinet for promoting organic production and exports, will help the farmers to increase their income manifold. The arrangements for testing of land and selection of natural form of products will be set up in each district in the coming five years. Government has also decided to set up a cooperative society in all Panchayats, which will ensure that the Central Government's schemes reach the farmers. Wide use of urea has spoiled farmland, and lakhs of farmers have moved towards organic farming. To get better prices, there is a need for marketing and certification of such produce. Furthermore, steps must be taken to ensure that fake organic products do not hit the market. On the basis of the given text and common understanding, answer the following questions: (a) Define organic farming.													

	Ans. Organic farming is a whole system of farming that restores, maintains and enhances the ecological balance. (b) State any two benefits of organic farming. Ans. Advantages of Organic farming are: • Soil conservation. • Nutritional food. (Any other valid benefit to be awarded marks) (c) Explain the steps taken by the government to promote organic products. Ans. The steps taken by the government to promote organic products are: • Testing of land and selection of natural form of products will be set up in each district in the coming five years. • Set up a cooperative society in all Panchayats, which will ensure that the Central Government's schemes reach the farmers. (Any other valid step to be awarded marks)	1 1 1 1 ½ 1 ½ 6
34.	(i) Explain any two similar developmental strategies followed by India and Pakistan in the post 1947 era. Ans. Similar developmental strategies were adopted by India and Pakistan for their respective development paths as: • Both the nations have followed the path of mixed economic system involving the public as well as the private sector. • Both India and Pakistan adopted import substitution policy in order to protect their domestic industries from foreign competition. (Any other valid strategy to be awarded marks) (ii) State and discuss any two reasons for slow economic growth in Pakistan. Ans. The reasons for the slow growth in Pakistan are: • Volatile performance of agriculture sector: Pakistan experienced uneven agricultural growth, food supply situation which were dependent on good harvest and not on the institutional process of technical change. • Increasing dependence on foreign funds: Pakistan faced the problems of overdependence on remittances, rising foreign loans and increased difficulty in paying back the loans. (Any other valid reason to be awarded marks) OR	1 ½ 1 ½ ½ + 1 ½ + 1 6
(b)	(i) "China used the tool of Special Economic Zones for its economic development very effectively." Justify the given statement with valid explanation. Ans. The setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in China led to a substantial increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the economy. With the massive inflow of foreign capital and technology, the productive capacity increased manifold, thereby contributing to the rapid economic development of China. (ii) Mention and discuss any two indicators of human development, where China has performed well. Ans. The two indicators of human development, where China has performed well are: • Maternal Mortality Rate: The Maternal Mortality Rate in China is low due to better public health facilities. • Poverty: The proportion of the population below the poverty line in China has reduced over time. (Any other valid indicator to be awarded marks)	3 ½+1 ½+1 6
