

2012
GROUP - B

**(Population Theories and Indian
Population Problems)**

FIRST HALF

(Theories of Population)

Marks : 40

1. (a) (i) Why did the Mercantilist thinkers favour a large and growing population? 5
- (ii) Why is John Graunt known as the 'Father of Demography'? 5

Or

- (b) Discuss critically the theory of Demographic Transition. 10

2. (a) Explain the theory of change and response of Kinsley Davis. What are the limitations of the theory ? 7+3=10

Or

- (b) (i) What, according to Leibenstein, are the utilities and costs of an additional child ? Explain. 5
- (ii) Distinguish between the Plethoric and the De-Plethoric states of food supply. 5
3. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 5+5=10
- (i) Ecological and Nutritional variables of mortality
- (ii) Background determinants of fertility
- (iii) Theory of Intermediate Variables.
4. (a) Explain with suitable examples the factors on which the decision to migrate depends in the light of Everett Lee's theory of migration. 10

Or

- (b) Explain the determinants of migration. 10

SECOND HALF

(Indian Population Problems)

Marks : 40

5. (a) Define Population Census. Explain the salient features of the latest Census of India. 2+8=10

Or

- (b) What is meant by Vital Registration System ?

“The Vital Registration System of India is far from satisfactory.” – Do you agree ? Justify your answer. 2+8=10

6. (a) Explain the causes of female deficiency in India and suggest suitable measures to deal with the problem. 7+3=10

Or

- (b) Discuss the occupational structure of India's population with special reference to the post-reform period. 10

7. (a) Give an account of the maternal nutrition and child health policies undertaken by the Government of India. 10

Or

(b) What is meant by Human Capital Formation? Explain the problems of Human Capital Formation in India. $2+8=10$

8. Write explanatory note on any *one* of the following : 10

(i) Population growth and land use pattern in Assam

(ii) Factors affecting density of population in Assam

(iii) Problem of illegal migration in Assam.