

**First Semester FYUGP Degree Supplementary Examination
January 2025**

**KU1MDCBSW104 - INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS
FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 1.5 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 2 marks.

1. Explain how economics is relevant to the field of social work.
2. Name one impact of subsidies on low-income communities.
3. Define an industrial economy.
4. What is the significance of the Happiness Index in measuring well-being?
5. How does income inequality affect a country's HDI ranking?
6. List objectives of the State Planning Board.
7. How does poverty affect education and health outcomes?
8. Explain the potential benefits of privatization for consumers.

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. Analyze the differences between needs and wants in a community social work setting. How can social workers prioritize these within economic constraints?
10. Apply the concept of economic transition to design a strategy that addresses unemployment in a region shifting from an agrarian to an industrial economy.
11. Analyze how disparities in income affect the HDI and the Happiness Index within a country. What measures can be taken to bridge these disparities and improve overall well-being?
12. Apply the concept of goal-setting theory to the objectives of NITI Aayog. How can the institution ensure that its objectives are met effectively across various states in India?
13. Analyze the correlation between microcredit programs and women's empowerment in reducing poverty. What evidence supports or contradicts this correlation?

14. Evaluate the role of people's participation in the success of the Kerala Model of Development. How has it strengthened local governance?

Section C

Answer any 1 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Evaluate the impact of globalization on developing economies like India, focusing on both opportunities and challenges. Propose a strategic framework for optimizing globalization benefits while mitigating its adverse effects.
16. (a) Evaluate the role of the NSDC in addressing the skill gap in India. How can the scope of its programs be expanded to ensure wider impact? 7
- (b) Propose a national strategy for reducing unemployment through public-private partnerships. 7

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