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**Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati  
MA Development Studies  
Entrance Test - 26 May 2023**

**Total Marks: 50**

**Time: 2 pm to 4 pm**

**Instructions to Candidates**

1. The examination consists of two sections.
2. Section A is multiple-choice questions. Write your answer (a/b/c/d) inside the box provided for each question. There is no negative marking for wrong answers.
3. Section B consists of **FIVE** analytical questions. You should answer **ANY THREE** of them in the space provided in the question paper. If more than three questions are answered, only the first three will be evaluated.
4. You should return this question paper to the invigilators only.
5. Write your application number on the top right corner of the question paper inside the box in each page. **DO NOT** write your name on the question paper.
6. For any rough work, **USE PAGE Nos. 17–18.**

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Invigilator's Signature

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**Section A**  
**Answer All Questions (20 Marks)**

1. In which state is Donyi Polo Airport located?

[1 Mark]

- a) Mizoram
- b) Sikkim
- c) Nagaland
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

2. The First Battle of Panipat (1526) was fought between the forces of which two rulers?

[1 Mark]

- a) Babur and Ibrahim Lodi
- b) Humayun and Ibrahim Lodi
- c) Babur and Sikander Lodi
- d) Babur and Alauddin Khilji

3. Who served as the last Governor-General of India?

[1 Mark]

- a) Louis Mountbatten
- b) C Rajagopalachari
- c) VP Menon
- d) Archibald Wavell

4. Which of the following economists associated closely with MK Gandhi?

[1 Mark]

- a) I. G. Patel
- b) V. K. R. V. Rao
- c) J. C. Kumarappa
- d) Lodhi Karim Hyder

5. Report published by the Hindenburg Research in January 2023 alleged the financial irregularities of which Indian corporate group?

[1 Mark]

- a) Reliance
- b) Adani
- c) Tata
- d) Wipro

6. Who is the author of *The Last Heroes: Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom*?

[1 Mark]

- a) Arundhati Roy
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) P. Sainath
- d) Jean Dreze

7. Promulgated by the Supreme Court in 1997, what did the Vishaka Guidelines deal with?

[1 Mark]

- a) Domestic violence
- b) Anti-dowry cases
- c) Sexual harassment at the workplace
- d) Gender-based disparity in pay

8. Which of the following is an example of indirect tax?

[1 Mark]

- a) Income tax.
- b) Goods and services tax.
- c) Corporate profit tax.
- d) Wealth tax.

9. Which of the following is a Bretton Woods institution?

[1 Mark]

- a) ILO
- b) WTO
- c) IMF
- d) European Union

10. As per the Human Development Index of 2022 prepared by the UNDP

[1 Mark]

- a) India fares worse than Bangladesh.
- b) India fares better than Bangladesh.
- c) India fares worse than Pakistan.
- d) India and Pakistan have the same ranking.

11. If two propositions “(a) All dogs are mammals (b) No birds are dogs” are taken to be correct, which of these conclusions follow?

[1 Mark]

- a) No birds are mammals
- b) All birds are mammals
- c) Some birds can be mammals
- d) Some dogs can be birds

12. What is the next term in the following series: 1, 4, 10, 22, \_\_\_\_?

[1 Mark]

- a) 32
- b) 42
- c) 46
- d) 48

13. Restaurant A serves 15 items, restaurant B serves 36 items. Both restaurants serve 5 common items. Hari prefers all the items served by only restaurant A and Sheetal prefers all the items served by only restaurant B. How many items are preferred by Hari or Sheetal?

[1 Mark]

- a) 51
- b) 41
- c) 46
- d) 40

14. Prior to Covid, a country's GDP per capita was 1000. During Covid times, it went down to 900. In order to get back to the pre-Covid levels, it must increase by

[1 Mark]

- a) 10%
- b) Less than 10%
- c) More than 10%
- d) 9%

15. Who wrote *Annihilation of Caste*?

[1 Mark]

- a) Jyotiba Phule
- b) E. V. Ramasamy
- c) Dayananda Saraswati
- d) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

16. Section 377 IPC is related to which set of laws?

[1 Mark]

- a) Farm laws
- b) Drugs control laws
- c) Anti-Corruption laws
- d) Laws on gender violence

17. In 2018, which group of people were forced to mass migrate from Myanmar?

[1 Mark]

- a) Tamils
- b) Afghans
- c) Pashtuns
- d) Rohingyas

18. Which set of states are in Northeast India?

[1 Mark]

- a) Goa, Bengal, Assam
- b) Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura
- c) Meghalaya, Assam, Bihar
- d) Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Delhi

19. In 2022, the United Nations Climate Change Conference was held in:

[1 Mark]

- a) Egypt
- b) India
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Kenya

20. In India, reservation for marginalized groups in educational institutions is a part of:

[1 Mark]

- a) Affirmative action
- b) Negative Discrimination
- c) Communalism
- d) None of the above.

**Section B**

**Answer any three questions. Each question carries 10 marks. If more than three questions are answered only the first three will be evaluated.**

1. In the changing demographic context of India, critically discuss some of the key challenges faced by its aging population. [250 words maximum]

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2. Elaborate on how capitalism and underdevelopment complement each other in the Third World. [250 words maximum]

(10 Marks)

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3. What is currency devaluation? Explain how a currency devaluation can help or hurt the development prospects of an economy. [250 words maximum]

(2+8 = 10 Marks)

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4. Discuss how the extractive economic policies of the colonial state affected tribal communities in India who were largely dependent on forest resources. [250 words maximum]

(10 Marks)

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5. Climate change will pose a challenge to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Explain this in reference to a few SDGs and suggest ways to reduce the impact of climate change. [250 words maximum]

(5+5 = 10 Marks)

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**Rough Work**  
**(Do not use this space for answering questions)**

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