

ECONOMICS, PAPER-II

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	(PART-I MCQs)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 20
PART-I (MCQs) : MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	(PART-II)	MAXIMUM MARKS: 80
NOTE: (i) First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes . (ii) Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit. (iii) There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.		

PART-I (MCQs)(COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the **OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)**
(ii) Answers given anywhere else, other than OMR Answer Sheet, will not be considered.

- Which economist is associated with the concept of “Development as Freedom”?**
 (A) Paul Samuelson (B) Amartya Sen (C) Milton Friedman (D) None of these
- Which of the following was a key objective of Pakistan’s land reforms?**
 (A) Increasing urbanization (B) Encouraging large-scale industrialization
 (C) Improving agricultural marketing (D) None of these
- A key criticism of Pakistan’s privatization policy is:**
 (A) Reduced tax revenues (B) Lack of transparency and accountability
 (C) Over-regulation of privatized sectors (D) None of these
- The Agreement on Agriculture under the WTO primarily affects:**
 (A) Industrial subsidies (B) Export regulations
 (C) Domestic support and market access for agriculture (D) None of these
- Which of the following factors is most responsible for Pakistan's persistent balance of payments crisis?**
 (A) High reliance on remittances (B) Low export diversification and competitiveness
 (C) Inadequate foreign direct investment inflows (D) None of these
- The tax-to-GDP ratio in Pakistan has historically remained low due to:**
 (A) High reliance on indirect taxes (B) Over-dependence on agriculture
 (C) Lack of tax base documentation and enforcement (D) All of these
- Which of the following is a major constraint on Pakistan’s industrial growth?**
 (A) Lack of skilled labor (B) Energy shortages (C) Weak infrastructure (D) All of these
- In terms of poverty alleviation, the main challenge for Pakistan has been:**
 (A) Ensuring equitable access to resources (B) Improving microcredit availability
 (C) Reducing rural-urban disparities (D) None of these
- The informal economy in Pakistan is estimated to contribute approximately what percentage to GDP?**
 (A) 10-20% (B) 30-40% (C) 45-55% (D) None of these
- Which of the following is the most significant factor affecting Pakistan’s food security?**
 (A) Land ownership inequalities (B) Poor agricultural productivity
 (C) Climate change and water scarcity (D) None of these
- The Chinn-Ito index, often used in research on Pakistan’s economy, measures:**
 (A) Industrial productivity (B) Capital account openness
 (C) Exchange rate stability (D) None of these
- Pakistan’s economy is categorized as a:**
 (A) Low-income developing economy (B) Upper-middle-income economy
 (C) Lower-middle-income developing economy (D) None of these
- Pakistan’s energy mix is heavily dependent on:**
 (A) Renewable energy sources (B) Imported oil and gas (C) Nuclear energy (D) None of these
- Water scarcity in Pakistan is primarily caused by:**
 (A) Mismanagement of water resources (B) Population growth and urbanization
 (C) Climate change impacts (D) All of these
- The primary reason for inefficiency in Pakistan’s energy sector is:**
 (A) Overcapacity in energy generation (B) Transmission and distribution losses
 (C) High energy tariffs (D) None of these

16. Which of the following best explains Pakistan's rising public debt burden in recent years?
- (A) High interest rates on domestic borrowing
 (B) Excessive reliance on concessional foreign loans
 (C) Continuous primary deficits and depreciation of the Rupee
 (D) All of these
17. A major implication of exchange rate misalignment in Pakistan has been:
- (A) Rising export competitiveness and FDI inflows
 (B) Improved remittance inflows
 (C) Reduction in external debt burden
 (D) None of these
18. Which of the following is a major criticism of foreign aid to Pakistan?
- (A) Aid dependency discourages economic reforms
 (B) It increases corruption and political instability
 (C) Most aid is spent on non-productive sectors
 (D) All of these
19. Foreign aid programs, such as the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Act, were designed to:
- (A) Promote military cooperation between the US and Pakistan
 (B) Support development in Pakistan's education and energy sectors
 (C) Increase Pakistan's export potential in global markets
 (D) None of these
20. Which SDG is particularly challenging for Pakistan, given its energy mix and economic structure?
- (A) SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
 (B) SDG 13: Climate Action
 (C) SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
 (D) All of these

PART-II

- NOTE: (i)** Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
- (ii)** Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- (iii)** All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- (iv)** Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.
- (v)** No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- (vi)** Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

- Q. No. 2.** Critically evaluate why Pakistan's economic growth has been inconsistent over the decades. How do political stability and governance quality influence long-term growth prospects? **(20)**
- Q. No. 3.** "Pakistan's industrial policy has favored protectionism over competitiveness." Critically analyze this statement with examples from key industries. **(20)**
- Q. No. 4.** "Rising public debt in Pakistan is more a symptom of weak fiscal management than economic necessity." Discuss this statement critically. **(20)**
- Q. No. 5.** Discuss the role of exchange rate policy in stabilizing Pakistan's economy. What are the trade-offs involved? **(20)**
- Q. No. 6.** "Land reforms in Pakistan have been more symbolic than substantive." Critically examine this statement, with reference to their design, implementation, and outcomes. **(20)**
- Q. No. 7.** Pakistan's energy crisis is often termed as a governance failure rather than a resource issue. Critically evaluate this perspective. **(20)**
- Q. No. 8.** Write Notes on Any **Two** of the following (w.r.t. Pakistan): **(10 each) (20)**
- Digital Transformation and Economic Future
 - Foreign Aid vs Foreign Trade Debate
 - Interest Free Banking
