2015

ECONOMICS

(Major)

Paper: 6.3

Full Marks: 60

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer as directed : $1 \times 7 = 7$

Identify the nonrenewable resource (a) from the following:

Forests; Fish stock; Petroleum

In the following equation, what does uc (b) stand for?

p = mc + uc

- What is sustainable development? (c)
- (d) What is opportunity cost?
- Free access resources and common (e) property resources are synonymous concepts.

(Write True or False)

- (f) What is maximum sustainable yield?
- (g) What do you understand by 'green accounting'?
- 2. Answer the following questions: 2×4=8
 - (a) What are speculative resources?
 - (b) Define augmented marginal cost.
 - (c) Distinguish between biotic resources and abiotic resources.
 - (d) Distinguish between production cost and extraction cost.
- **3.** Answer any *three* of the following questions: $5 \times 3 = 15$
 - (a) Distinguish between renewable resources and nonrenewable resources.
 - (b) Briefly state the concept of sustainable yield of renewable resources.
 - (c) What are backstop resources?
 - (d) Distinguish between current resources and potential resources.
 - (e) What are the indicators of sustainable development?

- **4.** Answer any *three* of the following questions : $10 \times 3 = 30$
 - (a) What are different types of natural resource? Describe their characteristics.
 - (b) Explain the conditions of optimal depletion of exhaustible resources in a competitive market.
 - (c) What is user cost? If user cost increases, what happens to the level of harvest? Explain.
 - (d) Explain the role of a backstop resource in price fixation of a nonrenewable resource.
 - (e) What is sustainable accounting? How is it related to integrated, environmental and economic accounting?
 - (f) What is integrated, environmental and economic accounting? How does it differ from the conventional system of national accounting?

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