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RECE-009

RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS

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RECE-009: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Time: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Answer the questions from each section as directed.

SECTION A

Answer any two questions from this section.

 $2 \times 20 = 40$

- 1. Explain the salient features of Ricardian Comparative Cost Advantage Theory of international trade. How does it differ from Adam Smith's Absolute Advantage Theory of international trade?
- **2.** How do economies of scale facilitate international trade? Identify some specific sectors to illustrate your answer.
- **3.** Explain fixed exchange rate mechanism under the Bretton Woods system. Why was there a shift to floating exchange rate system?
- 4. Critically examine the case for trade protection. Explain the difference in the impact of the use of tariff and that of a quota.

SECTION B

Answer any **five** questions from this section.

 $5 \times 12 = 60$

- **5.** What is Leontief paradox? How does it challenge the overall applicability of the factor-endowment model?
- **6.** Discuss the Marshall-Lerner conditions.
- 7. Explain the trade diversion effect of a regional trading block.
- **8.** What does capital account convertibility imply? Why has India been slow in adopting capital account convertibility?
- **9.** Critically evaluate the Foreign Direct Investment flows in India during the last two decades.
- **10.** What is dumping? Why do countries impose anti-dumping duties?
- 11. What do you understand by Prebisch-Singer thesis? Have the terms-of-trade deteriorated for developing nations in the post-Second World War period? Critically discuss.
- **12.** Explain the following:
 - (a) Rybczynski Theorem
 - (b) Gravity Model of Trade