

Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla-5
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MA (Economics) III Semester
Paper: Economics of Population
Course Code-ECON 234 (DSC)

Last Date of Submission: April 30, 2026

Important Instruction: All the students are required to prepare all three assignments separately. These assignments are compulsory to submit in a time bound manner, otherwise admit card for the exams will not be generated. Answers to the following questions should be on 5 to 6 pages. A sample of the title page is also attached.

Assignment- I

Maximum Marks – 7

Note: Attempt any two questions out of following:

- Q1. Discuss Malthusian theory of population and its relevance in the modern world.
- Q2. Analyze Ricardo's views on population growth and its impact on economic development.
- Q3. Examine the effects of pre-industrial technological and institutional changes on population growth.
- Q4. Explain the stages of demographic transition theory and its implications for economic development.

3.5 × 2 = 7

Assignment- II

Maximum Marks – 7

Note: Attempt any two questions out of following:

- Q1. Discuss Leibenstein's new household economics theory of fertility and its economic implications.
- Q2. Critically evaluate Gary Becker's economic approach to fertility and household decision-making.
- Q3. Discuss in detail various socio-economic factors affecting fertility.
- Q4. Discuss the cost and values of children and their effects on fertility decisions in households.

3.5 × 2 = 7

Assignment – III

Maximum Marks – 6

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:

- Q1. Critically explain Gary Becker's economic analysis of fertility.
- Q2. Evaluate the economic consequences of population growth according to Malthus, Marx, and Simon Kuznets.
- Q3. Examine the effects of population growth on savings, investment, and labour supply.
- Q4. Critically examine Todaro's Model of Rural-Urban Migration particularly in the case of India.

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