

**Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla – 05**  
**Centre for Distance and Online Education**  
**Department of Economics**

**MA (Economics) IV Semester**  
**Paper: Economics of Development and Planning**  
**Course Code: ECON 243 (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. A sample of the title page is also attached.

**Assignment – I**

**Maximum Marks – 07**

**Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:**

- Q1. Explain the concepts of economic growth and development and highlight their differences and interrelations.
- Q2. Discuss measures of poverty and income inequality.
- Q3. Critically examine the classical theory of economic development.
- Q4. Explain the relevance of Lewis model for the development of developing countries.

**3.5 × 2 = 7**

**Assignment – II**

**Maximum Marks – 7**

**Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:**

- Q1. What is the Big Push Theory and how does it aim to promote economic growth in underdeveloped countries?
- Q2. Discuss the use of input-output and linear programming techniques in planning.
- Q3. What is the rationale of economic planning? Explain the relevance of economic planning in the post-liberalization era.
- Q4. Explain the Harrod-Domar model underlying plan formulation in India.

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### Assignment – III

Maximum Marks – 6

**Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:**

- Q1. Explain how far Indian planning has successfully achieved its objectives during the planning regime.
- Q2. Explain dual gap analysis for the mobilization of external resources.
- Q3. What do you mean by decentralization of planning? How people's participation is ensured in decentralized planning?
- Q4. Critically examine the disinvestment process in public sector undertakings in India. What are the advantages and disadvantages associated with this approach?

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