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Ph.D. PRELIMINARY QUALIFYING EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2021

Economics

Paper II—"EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AND TENDENCY TO DROPOUT : A
STUDY ON COASTAL FISHER FOLK COMMUNITY IN KERALA"

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 70 Marks

*Answer any seven of the following questions.**Answers should not exceed **six pages** each, legibly written.**Each question carries equal marks.*

1. Give an account of the importance of the coastal fishing sector and fisher communities in the development of Kerala economy with respect to contribution to trade, employment, nutritional health and well-being ?
2. Present an assessment of the tendency to drop out from education among the coastal fisherfolk communities in Kerala against rest of the communities. Discuss the important factors contributing to the problem of education dropouts among the fisher communities ?
3. Do you think that being a welfare-oriented state, the government policies and interventions have adequately addressed the problems of high rates of dropout from education amongst fisher folks in Kerala ? Justify your answer in any case.
4. Describe the existing educational infrastructure and facilities available for the coastal fisherfolk communities across coastal districts of Kerala. Explain the scope and significance of public and private investments and support systems in enhancing the educational attainments of coastal fisherfolk communities ?
5. As a researcher intending to influence policy on education, what strategies and recommendations that you will propose to improve the expenditure on education and reduce dropout rates among the coastal fisherfolk community in Kerala, taking into consideration the unique socio-cultural and economic context of the communities ?
6. What according to you, are the major factors that contribute to the increasing vulnerability of coastal communities in Kerala, which have significant impact on their educational attainments and high levels of school dropouts ?
7. What specific recent policies and development programmes offered by the national and state governments have significant potential in improving the socio-economic conditions and well-being of the coastal communities with a bearing on improved educational status and job opportunities in Kerala ?

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8. Present a case for improving the educational status of fishermen communities from a holistic perspective of improved secondary and higher education status as well as vocational and technical education to mainstream the coastal regions as harbingers of Kerala's development ?
9. How do you assess the importance of sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the specific context of coastal communities in Kerala ? Elaborate your answer with special reference to SDGs that are critical for improving the educational status, socio-economic vulnerability, nutritional cum food security and gender equality among the fisherfolk communities.

(7 × 10 = 70 marks)