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SUBCONTRACTING AND GLOBAL ANCILLARISATION

Time Allotted: 3 Hours Full Marks: 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives of the following:

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- i) The globalization of businesses has gathered momentum because of
 - a) Open trading and financial systems
 - b) Intense competition and growing business independence
 - c) information technology application
 - d) all of these.
- ii) In the globalization era, "going international" used to be the domain of countries.
 - a) large

- b) medium
- c) exporrt-oriented
- d) private.

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- iii) SMEs going international usually have which of the following characteristics?
 - a) They are more often than not managed by family members
 - b) They are usually restricted to a narrow range of activities
 - c) Both (a) & (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b).
- iv) Which one of the following countries define SMEs on the basis of number of employees?
 - a) India

- b) Taiwan
- c) South Korea
- d) Singapore.
- v) The problems faced by SMEs going international does not include
 - a) language and culture differences
 - b) lack of appropriate suitors
 - c) disparate business environments
 - d) lack of supportive government policies for small industries.
- vi) The government's role in helping SMEs going international does not include
 - a) helping in supply chain formation and management
 - improving the business environment and infrastructure
 - c) acting as the guarantor for the SMEs
 - d) helping with cash grants or tax concessions.

- vii) Entente
 - a) means striking of an alliance
 - b) means sharing control
 - c) is a fallout of globalization
 - d) all of these.
- viii) In a subcontracting linkage, the relationship between the parent firm and its subcontractors is
 - a) unequal
 - b) skewed in favor of the latter
 - c) either (a) or (b)
 - d) neither (a) nor (b).
- ix) A major weakness of the development of small scale industries in India is the lack of a strong relationship between large and small firms.
 - a) supplementary
- b) complementary

c) ethical

- d) extra-legal.
- x) When the entire product is produced by the subcontractor and marketed by the parent unit under its brand name, the relationship is called
 - a) product subcontracting
 - b) activity subcontracting
 - c) reverse ancillarization
 - d) none of these.

GROUP - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any three of the following.



- 2. Comment on how ancillarization has been used by Japan for developing their small scale sector.
- 3. Differentiate between outsourcing and subcontracting giving suitable examples.
- 4. Which is a better option setting up a standalone business or going into subcontracting? Give reasons for your answer.
- 5. Write a short note on internationalization and the reasons thereof.
- 6. Briefly discuss the role of NGOs in promoting subcontracting exchanges in India.

GROUP - C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times$

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- 7. Analyze the magnitude and incidence of subcontracting in rural and urban India highlighting the sectoral pattern of subcontracting.
- 8. Elucidate the salient features of subcontracting firms with the help of an analysis of available secondary data.
- 9. How does subcontracting relationships affect and influence technology transfer and technological development? Discuss.
- 10. Explain and analyze subcontracting as a type of inter firm relationship.
- 11. What do you mean by global ancillarization? How does it help us to overcome the constraints to the growth of ancillarization?

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