

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Semester-3
Current Business and Economic Affairs
MBA 327

Maximum Marks: 100
External Marks: 80
Internal Assessment: 20
Time: 3 Hrs

Note: There shall be eight questions in all. Two questions will be asked from each unit. Students will have to attempt one question from each unit. Each question shall carry equal marks (20 marks).

Unit-I: Current Affairs in Finance

- Working capital cycle shortest in 25 years at 47.8 days, shows data.
- Demat accounts hit fresh high in August, surpass 171 million market.
- India aims for \$30 trillion economy by 2047 with focus on financial sector growth, says BCG report.
- India's private credit market hits \$6 billion in H1 2024, shows strong growth.
- DICGC introduces Daava Soochak for depositors to track claim status.
- RBI penalises Axis Bank, HDFC Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- Fixed deposits growth outpace savings deposits growth for last two years, raising cost of funds.
- ICRA ESG Ratings gives its first rating to InCred Financial Services.
- RBI's draft LCR norms could hit lending: Banks to FinMin.
- RBI MPC Oct meet: Repo rate to remain unchanged at 6.50%; Describe policy stance and other development measures announced.
- Over-reliance on AI poses financial stability risks: RBI Governor Das.
- Housing loan growth slows as interest rates and property prices surge.
- FinMin seeks comments from sponsor banks on proposed RRB amalgamation.

- India's GDP sees sharp growth trajectory.
- FM urges PSBs to carry out special drives to garner deposits; focus on efficient customer service.
- RBI asks banks to monitor credit-deposit gap to avoid liquidity issues.
- Key highlights of union budget 2024.
- Finance Ministry projects real GDP growth of 6.5-7% for FY25 despite erratic monsoon.
- Q1 GDP growth slips to 6.7%; slower than RBI's 7.1% projection, Core sector growth rises to 6.1% in July.
- Finance Ministry adds four new navratnas.
- India has trade surplus with 151 nations, deficit with 75, reveals GTRI data. •
- Outlook positive for India, says S&P Global MI, retains FY25 growth at 6.8%
- SEBI study finds 54% of IPO shares allotted to retail were sold within a week.
- RBI to launch unified lending interface to plug credit gap in MSME, agriculture and other sectors.
- Insurance for all': IRDAI urges cos to strategize making insurance affordable.

Unit-II: Current Affairs in Human Resources

- Loan limit under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) increased to Rs.20 lakh from the current Rs.10 lakh.
- Urban unemployment rate declines to 6.6% in Q1FY25: PLFS data.
- Finance ministry plans 'One State, One RRB' policy to boost efficiency.
- Aadhaar card not valid document to determine age: Supreme Court.
- Labour ministry's eShram portal achieves 300 mn registration milestone.
- FM Sitharaman urges regional rural banks to reduce high attrition rates.
- Employment crisis deepens, says survey: The periodic labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2023-24.
- RBI's Shaktikanta Das receives 'A+' rating for second year in global finance central banker report cards 2024.
- Centralised portal for internship scheme set to go live on October 3.

- World Bank: Raising female labour force participation rates in South Asia to increase regional GDP by up to 51%
- PM launches 'Karmayogi Saptah' - National Learning Week.
- Finance Minister approves raising of posts of CGMs public sector banks.
- RBI asks UPSC to cancel advertisement for lateral entry into civil services.
- Sebi proposes mandatory maintenance of communication record for eight yrs.
- 30 million new accounts: FM Sitharaman's PMJDY expansion plan for FY25.

Unit-III: Current Affairs in International Business

- World Bank raises India's growth forecast for FY25 to 7%
- Exports shrink 1.5% in July, trade deficit widens to \$23.5 billion.
- Forex reserves top \$700 bn, India becomes 4th country to cross this mark.
- Yes Bank's stake sale runs into RBI hurdle.
- India emerges as second-largest global 5G smartphone market, overtakes US.
- Pixxel becomes first Indian space startup to grab order from Nasa.
- PhonePe, Liquid Group tie up to expand UPI QR payment service in Singapore.
- India and Japan sign agreement for green ammonia export.
- US sensitises Indian firms on items not to be exported to Russia.
- China dominates steel imports into India amid growing trade deficit and falling exports.
- CCI approves Rs 70,350-crore Reliance-Disney India merger.
- India leading G20 in green growth, climate action: Honorable prime minister.
- India surpasses Japan to become 3rd largest power in Asia power index.
- Government selects Reliance Industries for 10-GWh ACC battery unit.
- Centre to extend sugar export ban to boost local supplies, ethanol output.
- iPhone exports from India surge 54% to \$5 bn for first 5 months of FY25.

- Cabinet approves India to Join International Energy Efficiency Hub by signing the Letter of Intent.
- Over 400,000 rooftop solar units installed under PM Suryaghar Yojana.
- India poised to be 3rd largest economy, rising population a challenge: S&P
- NSE market cap tops Rs 3.2 lakh crores.
- NSE tightens SME listing norms amid concerns over company quality
- Tata power solar systems, ICICI Bank partner to finance solar units.
- Sunset for Vistara brand, airline will merge with Air India on 12.11.2024.
- Fitch retains India's sovereign debt rating at 'BBB-' with stable outlook on strong growth, fiscal credibility.
- Govt removes cap on sugar diversion for ethanol production for 2024-25.
- Foreign investors go bullish on India, inject Rs 11,366 cr in debt market in August, inflow hits Rs 1 lakh crore.

Unit-IV: Current Affairs in Marketing

- Swiggy ties up with skill development ministry to provide jobs and train workforce.
- A bigger share of bank deposits comes at higher rates now.
- Microfinance institutions must refrain from reckless lending: DFS secretary.
- WhatsApp launches Meta Verified badges for small businesses in India.
- Govt launches digital platform to ease exports.
- Amazon Pay UPI surpasses 100 million customers, making a major milestone.
- Government and Meta join forces for "Scam se Bacho" Campaign to tackle rising online scams.
- Govt launches Rs 750 cr fund AgriSure for support to agriculture startups.
- Honorable Prime minister sets \$500-billion target for India's electronics sector by 2030. invites global companies to invest in India's green transition.
- Honorable Prime Minister launches 'SUBHADRA' - the largest women-centric scheme in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- One startup per district: Digital portal BHASKAR launched to push growth.

- Zomato to buy Paytm's entertainment and ticketing business for Rs 2,048 crore.
- Cabinet approves rolling out Private FM Radio to 234 uncovered new cities / town.
- Cabinet approves 12 Industrial nodes/cities under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- Mukesh Ambani targets 2x growth for Reliance by 2030; new energy, AI, and Jio to drive expansion.
- Rs 80,000 crore “Digital Bharat Nidhi” fund to boost urban telecom services.
- PSBs target healthcare, housing to boost deposits with new lucrative deals.
- Write a short note on PM E-Drive.
- BPCL plans Rs 1.7 lakh crore investment for green energy, expanding core refining business.
- Local manufacturing can offer Rs 25,000 crore annual opportunity to construction equipment vendors by FY2030.
- Krishnamurthy Subramanian of IMF estimates India to be a \$55 trillion economy by 2047.
- Karnataka govt orders state departments to close accounts in SBI & PNB.

Note:

1. This paper will be based on the leading business newspapers: ‘The Economic Times’, ‘The Financial Express’ and ‘Business Standard’ and the leading business magazine ‘Business Today’.
2. The duration for the course content (Newspapers and magazines) is August 2024 to November 2024.
3. Examiner is required to set two questions from each unit with equal marks i.e. 20 marks. A question may carry ‘n’ number of sub-parts, depending on Examiner’s discretion.
4. The student shall attempt one question from each unit.

Suggested Readings:

1. The Economic Times
2. The Financial Express
3. Business Standard
4. Business Today

