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MBA III Semester Examination - December 2025

Subject Name: Regional Trade Blocks

Max. Marks: 60

Subject Code: MBA-GE-IB-01

Time: 2.5 Hours

Attempt any Five Questions. All questions carry equal marks

(5 x 12 = 60)

Q1: Analyze the proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs). What motivates India to engage in RTAs, and how do these agreements create business opportunities and challenges?

Q2: Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) have expanded significantly across the global economy. Using relevant theoretical perspectives, critically analyze whether RTAs function as “building blocks” or “stumbling blocks” for the multilateral trading system.

Q3: What is meant by economic integration? Discuss the various stages of economic integration, illustrating your answer with suitable examples.

Q4: Assess the history, institutional structure, and economic impact of the European Union (EU) as a supranational regional trade bloc. Explain how its governance mechanisms promote deeper integration among member states.

Q5: Distinguish between “trade creation” and “trade diversion.” How do these concepts help in understanding the welfare effects of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs)?

Q6: Examine the origin and development of the BRICS grouping, highlighting its strategic role in the global system. Discuss the major factors that led to its formation, especially in the context of the North–South divide.

Q7: Evaluate the evolution and economic relevance of any major regional trading blocs, such as the NAFTA/USMCA, ASEAN, MERCOSUR, and CARICOM. How do these blocs impact global trade patterns?

Q8: Discuss India’s role in the formulation of WTO policies. How has the WTO’s regulatory framework influenced the Indian economy, and what are the implications for international business managers?