Glossary

- **1.** labour laws: mediates the relationship between workers, employing entities, trade unions and the government.
- **2.** trade unions: an organized association of workers in a trade, group of trades, or profession, formed to protect and further their rights and interests.
- **3.** social security: assistance from the state for people with an inadequate or no income.
- 4. disguised unemployment: exists where part of the labor force is either left without work or is working in a redundant manner where worker productivity is essentially zero.
- 5. seasonal unemployment: occurs when people are unemployed at certain times of the year, because they work in industries where they are not needed all year round.
- 6. cash reserve ratio: is a specified minimum fraction of the total deposits of customers, which commercial banks have to hold as reserves either in cash or as deposits with the central bank.
- 7. equity market: is the market for trading equity instruments.
- 8. monetary policy: It involves management of money supply and interest rate and is the demand side economic policy used by the government of a country to achieve macroeconomic objectives like inflation, consumption, growth and liquidity.
- **9.** Outsourcing: refers to the practice of exporting work to companies in less-developed countries, where there tends to be lower labour costs.
- **10.** current account convertibility: s a feature of a nation's financial regime that centers on the ability to conduct transactions of local financial assets into foreign financial assets freely or at country determined exchange rates.