

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2014

(CUCSS)

Applied Economics

Optional Paper V—AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A*Answer **all** questions.**Each bunch of **four** questions carries a weightage of 1.***A. Multiple Choice Questions :**

1 "Transforming traditional agriculture" is the classical work of :

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| (a) Lewis. | (b) Boserup. |
| (c) Schultz. | (d) Jorgenson. |

2 Price elasticity of supply of agricultural products is :

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| (a) Low. | (b) Medium. |
| (c) High. | (d) Very high. |

3 The main objectives of Land Reforms are :

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| (a) Abolition of intermediaries. | (b) Tenancy Reforms. |
| (c) Reorganization of agricultural. | (d) All the above. |

4 Golden revolution is associated with the production of :

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| (a) Fruits. | (b) Potato. |
| (c) Oil seeds. | (d) Egg. |

B. Multiple Choice Questions :

5 The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development was established in :

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| (a) 1980. | (b) 1981. |
| (c) 1982. | (d) 1983. |

6 The private enterprise on a small scale as applied in agriculture is stands for :

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| (a) Corporate forming. | (b) Family forming. |
| (c) Co-operative forming. | (d) State forming. |

Turn over

7 "The Economics of Agricultural Development" is the model of :

- (a) Lewis. (b) Schultz.
(c) Fei and Ranis. (d) Boserup.

8 The system in which the land was owned and cultivated by peasant proprietor is :

- (a) Zamindari system. (b) Ryotwari system.
(c) Mahalwari system. (d) Peasant farming.

C. Fill in the blanks :

9 The contribution of agriculture to GDP in India in 2011-11 was

10 The projected land requirement in India in 2020 A.D. is _____

11 Kisan Credit Card Scheme was introduced in the year _____

12 World's largest producer of coconut is _____

D. True or False :

13 In India agriculture is still the predominant economic activity.

14 The first agricultural census in India was conducted in the year 1970-71.

15 The highest proportion of area under HYV sector to the total area under that crops is for rice.

16 India's major agricultural product which is exported is tea.

(16 x $\frac{1}{4}$ = 4 weightage)

Part B (Short Answers)

Answer any **ten** not exceeding **one page** each.

Each question carries a weightage of 2.

17 Explain second Green Revolution in India.

18 Discuss the main objectives of tenancy reforms in India.

19 Write a note on distressed sale in Indian agriculture.

20 Explain the merits and demerits of diversified farming.

21 Discuss the instruments of agricultural price policy.

22 What are the necessary conditions for efficient agricultural marketing ?

23 Examine the current problems of the agricultural sector in Kerala.

24 Discuss the reverse supply response in traditional agriculture.

25 Write a note on organize farming.

26 Discuss the food security problem in India.

27 Examine the New Economic Policy and Indian agriculture.

28 Explain the rationale for input subsidies in Indian agriculture.

(10 x 2 = 20 weightage)

Part C (Essay Questions)

*Answer any **three** not exceeding **three pages** each.*

Each question carries a weightage of 4.

- 29 Discuss the major strategy to raise agricultural output during the 11th Plan period.
- 30 Explain the challenges of trade liberalization on agricultural exports in India.
- 31 Examine Shultz theory of agriculture development.
- 32 Explain the measures to minimize risk and uncertainty in Indian agriculture.
- 33 Explain the implications of WTO for Indian agriculture.

(3 x 4 = 12 weightage)