

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2015**

(CUCSS)

Applied Economics

Optional V—AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

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

1 The largest area under irrigation is under crop :

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| (a) Rice.     | (b) Wheat.  |
| (c) Oilseeds. | (d) Pulses. |

2 Mahalwari system of tenure was introduced by :

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| (a) William Bentick. | (b) Lord Cornwallis.   |
| (c) Lord Curzon.     | (d) None of the above. |

3 The IRDP was later renamed as :

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| (a) ISDP. | (b) SGSY. |
| (c) NREP. | (d) JRY.  |

4 The food corporation of India was set up on :

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| (a) 1964. | (b) 1965. |
| (c) 1975. | (d) 1967. |

**B. Multiple Choice :**

5 The National Agricultural Credit (Stabilization) Fund set up by the RBI extends :

- |  |
|--|
| (a) Short term loans to agriculture.           |
| (b) Medium term loans to agriculture.          |
| (c) Long term loans to agriculture.            |
| (d) Medium and long term loans to agriculture. |

6 The person who is regarded as the brain behind the Green Revolution :

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) Jawaharlal Nehru. | (b) Varghese Kurian. |
| (c) M. Swaminathan.   | (d) Dadabai Naoraji. |

**Turn over**

7 The term "Marketable Surplus" refers to the :

- (a) Excess of output in the agricultural sector over and above the subsistence consumption of the farmer.
- (b) Excess of industrial output over and above the total wage bill paid to the workers.
- (c) Both (a) and (b).
- (d) None of the above.

8 The share of agriculture in total export in 1990-91 was around :

- (a) 16 %.
- (b) 17 %.
- (c) 18 %.
- (d) 19 %.

C. Fill in the blanks :

9 'Operation Flood' is related to \_\_\_\_\_

10 Commercial banks were nationalized in \_\_\_\_\_

11 Land Development Bank provides rural credit for \_\_\_\_\_

12 The share of agriculture in India's export in 1999-2000 was \_\_\_\_\_

D. True or False :

13 the aggregate supply response of agriculture in India is weak.

14 National Policy on Agriculture, 2000 aims at attaining growth with equity.

15 The agricultural price commission was set up in 1965.

16 Public distribution system is one of the instruments of agricultural price policy.

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

### Part B

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

*Each question carries a weightage of 2.*

17 Explain the scope of Agricultural Economics.

18 Examine the farming system in India.

19 Discuss the production relationship in agriculture.

20 Discuss the problems of agricultural credit in India.

21 What are the problems of agricultural sector in Kerala ?

22 Discuss the stages of development by Mellor.

23 Write a note on Co-operative farming.

24 Critically evaluate the agricultural price policy followed by the Government of India.

25 What are the implications of a decline in public investment in agriculture ?

26 State "Dry Farming Technologies".

27 Give an account of "Organic Farming".

28 Discuss Cobweb theorem.

(10 x 2 = 20 weightage)

**Part C (Essay Questions)**

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

*Each question carries a weightage of 4.*

29 Discuss the common characteristics of Indian agriculture.

30 Explain the behaviour of agricultural prices in India.

32 Examine the emerging constraints and prospects of agricultural development in Kerala during the liberalized globalised era.

32 Discuss the impact of agricultural development on environment.

33 Examine the contribution of agriculture towards National Income since independence in India.

(3 x 4 = 12 weightage)