

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

Applied Economics

Optional V – AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(2012 Admissions)

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 Minimum Needs programme was started in :
(a) 1774. (b) 1975.
(c) 1979. (d) 1980.
2. The system in which land is held under the joint ownership of the entire village community is :
(a) Zamindari System. (b) Ryotwari System.
(c) Mahalwari System. (d) Village economy.
3. The committee which recommended tax on agricultural holding :
(a) Bhootlingam Committee. (b) Wanchoo Committee.
(c) Raj Committee. (d) None of these.
4. Green gold is denote for :
(a) Tea. (b) Coffee.
(c) Gold . (d) Rice.

(B) Multiple Choice :

5. Comprehensive crop insurance scheme was introduced in :
(a) 1985. (b) 1988.
(c) 1992. (d) 1993.
6. National agriculture policy aims the growth rate :
(a) Above 4% p.a. (b) Above 3% p.a.
(c) Above 2.5% p.a. (d) Above 5% p.a.

Turn over

7. The share of and agriculture and allied sector to total exports during 2009-10 is :

- (a) 25%. (b) 30%.
(c) 35%. (d) 38%.

8. Grey Revolution is associated with :

- (a) Fertilizers . (b) Fish.
(c) Oilseeds. (d) Tomato.

(C) Fill in the blanks :

9. The growth rate in agricultural production since the first plan has been around _____
10. The pioneer of Operation Flood in India is _____
11. Green Revolution has mostly been confined to _____ crops.
12. The nodal agency which undertakes the procurement and distribution and storage of food grains is _____

(D) True or False :

13. India stands first in the world in milk production.
14. Silver Revolution is associated with the production of Oilseeds.
15. Minimum Support price is announced by the Union Government.
16. NAFED is the Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation at national level.

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

Part B (Short Essays)

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

Each question carries 2 weightage.

17. Explain the Government measures to improve the agricultural Marketing system in India.
18. Discuss the challenges faced by Indian agriculture in the last two decades.
19. Explain factor-factor relationship in agriculture.
20. Examine the reasons for price instability in agriculture.
21. Explain Ever Green Revolution
22. Account for perverse supply response in agriculture.
23. Give an account of organic farming.
24. Discuss the role of agriculture in economic development .
25. Discuss the prospects of lease land farming in Kerala.
26. Explain the rationale behind the support prices to agricultural products.
27. Examine the institutional changes in Indian agriculture.
28. Distinguish between marketed and marketable surplus.

(10 x 2 = 20 weightage)

Part C (Essay Questions)

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

*Each question carries **4** weightage.*

29. Explain the instruments of price policy.
30. Examine the agricultural growth in Kerala.
31. Critically examine the Agricultural price policy in India.
32. "Agricultural development is central to economic development of the country". Elucidate.
33. Examine the theories of agricultural development.

(3 x 4 = 12 weightage)