

2020

ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : SEC-A-2

(Rural Development)

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer **any ten** questions :

2×10

- (a) Mention two important characteristics of India's rural sector.
- (b) What are non-governmental organizations (NGOs)?
- (c) State two major functions of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- (d) What are Self-Help Groups (SHGs)?
- (e) What is subsistence farming?
- (f) Mention two major constraints faced by microenterprises in rural areas.
- (g) What are Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)?
- (h) What is Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)?
- (i) Mention two important reasons of school dropout in rural India.
- (j) What is the difference between microcredit and microfinance?
- (k) What is decentralized planning?
- (l) Why was the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched?
- (m) Mention two important factors contributing to the persistence of child labour in India.
- (n) What do you understand by rural non-farm sector?
- (o) What is the primary objective of MGNREGA?

Group - B

2. Write short notes on **any four** of the following :

5×4

- (a) Core values of rural development
- (b) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)

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- (c) Participatory approach to rural development
- (d) Role of microcredit in poverty reduction in rural areas
- (e) Significance of the non-farm sector in India's rural development
- (f) Role of SHGs in fostering women's empowerment in rural areas.

Group - C

Answer *any four* questions.

- 3. 'Agricultural development is one of the cornerstones of rural development'. Do you agree? Justify your answer. 10
 - 4. What were the primary objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in India? How far has it been successful in achieving its targets? Give a critical appraisal in the Indian context. 4+6
 - 5. Discuss some of the major problems of rural industrialization in India. 10
 - 6. Evaluate the role played by NGOs in India's rural development. 10
 - 7. Discuss the role of Panchayats in fostering rural development in West Bengal. 10
 - 8. Critically evaluate the following rural development programmes :
 - (a) Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY)
 - (b) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). 5+5
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