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First Semester
M.A. ECONOMICS
Rural Economics

(For those who joined in June 2025 onwards)

Time : 3Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART - A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer :

- CO:1 1. The term rural economy primarily refers to
K:1
- (a) The economy of urban industrial areas (b) The economy based on agriculture and allied activities in villages
(c) The financial system of cities (d) The global trade and export economy
- CO:1 2. Which of the following is not a characteristic of the rural
K:1 economy?
- (a) Low level of industrialization (b) Agricultural dependence
(c) Seasonal employment (d) High urban employment
- CO:2 3. The Gandhian Approach to Rural Development mainly
K:2 emphasizes:
- (a) Heavy industrialization (b) Self-sufficiency and self-reliant villages
(c) Centralized planning and control (d) Urban migration and modernization
- CO:2 4. Which is the first stage in Rostow's model of economic growth?
K:1
- (a) Traditional society (b) Take-off stage
(c) Drive to maturity (d) Age of high mass consumption

- CO:3 5. The term 'population density' refers to
K:1
- (a) The number of people living per square kilometer of land area (b) The ratio of males to females in a population
- (c) The total population of a country (d) The percentage of literate people in a population
- CO:3 6. Which of the following is not a major population problem in rural India?
K:1
- (a) Overpopulation (b) Unemployment and underemployment
- (c) Balanced occupational distribution (d) Low literacy rates
- CO:4 7. Unemployment in rural India primarily arises due to
K:1
- (a) Overemployment in factories (b) Seasonal nature of agriculture
- (c) Rapid urbanization (d) High industrial growth
- CO:4 8. Disguised unemployment is commonly found in
K:1
- (a) Industries (b) Agriculture sector
- (c) Service sector (d) Transport sector
- CO:5 9. The PURA (Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) scheme was conceptualized by
K:1
- (a) Dr. Manmohan Singh (b) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru (d) Indira Gandhi
- CO:5 10. Which of the following is a government agency for rural development in India?
K:1
- (a) NABARD (b) CARE India
- (c) SEWA (d) PRADAN

PART - B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

- CO:1 11. (a) List out the objectives of Rural Economy.

K:3 **(OR)**

- (b) Explain the main Indicators of the Rural Economics.

- CO:2 12. (a) Describe the scope of technology in Rural Development.

K:3 **(OR)**

(b) Illustrate the Gandhian Approach to Rural Development.

CO:3 13. (a) Explain the significance of sex and age composition in
K:3 analyzing the rural population.

(OR)

(b) Describe the objectives of Family Welfare Measures implemented in rural India.

CO:4 14. (a) What are the causes of rural poverty?

K:3

(OR)

(b) List the national programmes for rural development.

CO:5 15. (a) Discuss the main objectives of Bharat Nirman Programme.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Analyse the characteristics of voluntary agencies involved in Rural Development.

PART - C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

CO:1 16. (a) Examine the characteristics of rural economy.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Explain the key challenges in achieving sustainable development in Rural Areas.

CO:2 17. (a) Discuss the nature of rural resources.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Explain the Rostow's model of economic growth.

CO:3 18. (a) Mention the main challenges associated with population
K:3 growth in rural India.

(OR)

(b) Discuss the Occupational Distribution Pattern in Rural India.

CO:4 19. (a) Elaborate the different types of unemployment.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Explain the objectives and key features of Employment Guarantee Schemes.

CO:5 20. (a) Evaluate the features of Provisions of Urban Amenities in
K:3 Rural Area (PURA).

(OR)

(b) Identify the various agencies involved in rural development and explain.