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(CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022.

Fourth Semester

Economics — Allied

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(For those who joined in July 2020 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

The share of agriculture in National Income has been _____.

- a) increasing
- b) decreasing
- c) remaining constant
- d) (a) or (b)

The state of _____ covers the largest forest area in India.

- a) Kerala (b) Haryana
- c) Assam (d) Odisha

The _____ labourers are highly migratory in character.

- a) agricultural (b) industrial
- c) service sector (d) (a) and (b)

Problems of agricultural labourers

- a) Low wages
- b) Seasonal employment
- c) Indebtedness
- d) All the above

_____ came to be known as the father of crop insurance in India.

- a) Mahadev Govind Ranade
- b) V.M. Dandekar
- c) Jai Prakash
- d) Boothalingam

- 2. Which of the following is not a characteristic of Indian agriculture?
 - (a) over dependence on nature
 - (b) low level of productivity
 - (c) predominance of large farms
 - (d) multiplicity of crops
- 3. Which of the following land reforms was first instituted in India?
 - (a) abolition of intermediary land tenures
 - (b) regulation of rent
 - (c) ceiling on land holdings
 - (d) security to tenants
- 4. Land reforms refer to
 - (a) preservation of land
 - (b) reclamation of land
 - (c) protecting land from soil erosion
 - (d) abolishing the defective structure of land holding
- 5. _____ started the white revolution in India.
 - (a) G.R. Saini
 - (b) A. Sengupta
 - (c) Dr. Verghese Kurien
 - (d) Ashok Rudra

- 10. Public Distribution System in India is an important instrument of _____.
 - (a) Consumption management
 - (b) Demand management
 - (c) Supply management
 - (d) Import substitution

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choosing either (a) or (b). Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- 11. (a) Explain the scope of agricultural economics.
Or
(b) List the problems of small farmers.
- 12. (a) Elucidate the importance of land reforms in India.
Or
(b) What are the difficulties in the abolition of intermediaries?
- 13. (a) State the main features of Green Revolution.
Or
(b) Mention the advantages of White Revolution.

14. (a) Enumerate the characteristics of agricultural labour.

Or

(b) Why are wages low in the agricultural sector?

15. (a) Examine the importance of marketable surplus.

Or

(b) Explain the features of public distribution system.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choosing either (a) or (b). Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Assess the role of agriculture in Indian economy.

Or

(b) Discuss the causes for low productivity in Indian agriculture.

17. (a) Analyze the arguments for and against land ceiling.

Or

(b) Explain the causes for the poor achievement and shortcomings of land reforms in India.

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18. (a) Point out the favourable and unfavourable impact of green revolution.

Or

(b) List the benefits of forests.

19. (a) Analyze the problems of agricultural labourers in India.

Or

(b) Discuss the methods adopted by the Government of India for the improvement of agricultural labourers.

20. (a) Narrate the objectives of agricultural price policy.

Or

(b) Analyze the benefits and drawbacks of the objectives of New Agricultural Policy, 2020.

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