

2025

(NEP—2020)

(1st Semester)

ECONOMICS (MAJOR)

(Rural Development)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. Which of the following is not included in the basic elements of rural development?

- (a) Capital ()
- (b) Basic necessities of life ()
- (c) Self-respect ()
- (d) Freedom ()

2. The Rural Female Labour Force Participation Rate as per PLFS, 2023-24 was

- (a) 43.6% ()
- (b) 45.4% ()
- (c) 47.6% ()
- (d) 49.4% ()

3. The important factor that accounts for economic development is
- (a) natural resources ()
 - (b) human resources ()
 - (c) technology ()
 - (d) All of the above ()
4. The main aim of Self-Help Group is to
- (a) provide microfinance to group ()
 - (b) provide medium-term loan to group ()
 - (c) provide long-term loan to group ()
 - (d) All of the above ()
5. A cooperative society needs to be registered under the
- (a) Cooperative Societies Act, 1914 ()
 - (b) Cooperative Societies Act, 1912 ()
 - (c) Cooperative Societies Act, 1910 ()
 - (d) Cooperative Societies Act, 1911 ()
6. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was established in the year
- (a) 1985 ()
 - (b) 1982 ()
 - (c) 1980 ()
 - (d) 1975 ()
7. A medium-term loan is a loan that has a repayment duration of
- (a) 1 year ()
 - (b) 2 to 5 years ()
 - (c) more than 10 years ()
 - (d) None of the above ()

8. Which of the following provide zero-interest credit facility?
- (a) Regional Rural Banks ()
- (b) Cooperative Banks ()
- (c) Friends or Relatives ()
- (d) Moneylenders ()
9. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a flagship scheme of the Indian Government on
- (a) rural electricity ()
- (b) 100 days employment ()
- (c) rural housing ()
- (d) Self-Help Groups (SHGs) ()
10. Lewis' Model of Economic Development is associated with
- (a) Self-sufficient Economy ()
- (b) Khadi and Village Industries ()
- (c) Nai Taleem ()
- (d) Unlimited Supply of Labour ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Define rural development.
2. What do you mean by rural economy in the context of India?

UNIT—II

3. What are the needs for rural infrastructure?
4. Write the three functions of self-help groups.

UNIT—III

5. What are the non-institutional sources of rural credit in India?
6. What is Kisan Credit Card?

UNIT—IV

7. What are the goals of rural development policies in India?
8. Write a short note on National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit : 10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Explain the needs and importance of rural development. 10
2. Examine the major problems of agricultural sector in rural economy. 10

UNIT—II

3. Discuss the determinants of rural development. 10
4. Outline the problems and challenges of rural infrastructure. 10

UNIT—III

5. Discuss the various institutional sources of rural credit in India. 10
6. What is rural credit? Discuss the various problems of rural credit in India. 2+8=10

UNIT—IV

7. Discuss the Gandhian model of rural development. 10
8. Discuss the objectives, implementation and impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on rural development in India. 10
