

2016

M.A. / M.Sc.

4th Semester Examination

ECONOMICS

PAPER—ECO-401

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group—A

1. Answer any *two* questions of the following : 2×2
 - (a) What are the different strategies for rural development? 2
 - (b) How does social welfare function approach help us in the choice of investment project in a developing economy? 2
 - (c) Briefly explain the problem of choice of technique in a developing economy. 2
 - (d) Write down the main features in Lewis model. 2
2. Answer any *one* of following questions : 1×6
 - (a) Examine the view that in Rural India inequality in the distribution of expenditure has increased in the reform period.
 - (b) Explain the various problem of Panchayats.

(Turn Over)

3. Answer any *one* the following questions : 1×10
- (a) Define (i) absolute change in income (ii) proportionate change in income and (iii) proportionate change in population criteria in inequality measurement. Show that an index measure of inequality fails to satisfy criteria (i) and (iii) and succeeds to satisfy only criteria (ii) of the above three. 10
- (b) Present a detailed mathematical formulation of Harris-Todar model of migration in a developing economy. 10

Group—B

4. Answer any *two* question from the following : 2×2
- (a) What are the rationalities of rural industrialisation ?
- (b) What do you mean by distress diversification ?
- (c) Define social protection floor.
- (d) What is direct benefit transfer (DBT) ? 2
5. Answer any *one* question from the following : 1×6
- (a) What is the trend of rural industrialisation in India during recent years. Explain the factors that are accounted for the slow growth rural industry. 1+5
- (b) Discuss the social security measures provided by the government in rural areas in India.
6. Answer any *one* question from the following : 1×10
- (a) Explain the factors that explain the variation of rural non-farm employment accross states of India and find out their emperical evidences. 7+3
- (b) Write the different components of measuring food security of a country ? What is the status of food security in India ? 10