

2013

M.A/M.Sc.

4th Semester Examination

ECONOMICS

PAPER—XIV (ECO-402)

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 five of questions : 2×5
- (a) Distinguish between NREGP and earlier wage employment programmes.
 - (b) State the important features of JRY.
 - (c) Define 'food security' and what are its four main dimensions?
 - (d) State the five principles of rights based approach to food security.
 - (e) What was the 'home charges'?
 - (f) Discuss the main features of the Permanent Settlement Act of 1793.
 - (g) What is SEWA? What are its objectives?
 - (h) Give the full form of SVA and discuss its objectives.

(Turn Over)

- (i) Explain, in brief, the causes of rural indebtedness in India.
- (j) Discuss the effects of environmental degradation on agricultural growth in India.

Group—B

Answer any *two* questions : 5×2

2. Briefly explain the structural changes that were witnessed by Rural Non-Farm Employment (RNFE) during the post-reform period in India.
3. Discuss the effects of infrastructural factors on RNFE across the states in India referring to the previous economic studies on this issue.
4. Discuss any two decentralized planning models in India mentioning briefly their objectives, process of implementation, strengths and weaknesses.
5. Examine the role of institutional credit in the rural development of India in the post-financial reforms period.

Group—C

Answer any *two* questions : 10×2

6. Discuss the challenge of food security in India. In this context, suggest some remedies of food insecurity. 7+3
7. Explain the important features of MGNREGP in India.
8. Critically assess the Zamindari system that prevailed in India during the British rule.
9. Give recent estimates of rural poverty in India. Explain how rural poverty is interlinked with inequality and low productivity in agriculture.