

M. Sc. 2nd Semester Examination, 2025

GEOGRAPHY

(Rural Geography)

PAPER — GEO-205

Full Marks : 25

Time : 1 hour

Answer all questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

GROUP—A

Answer any two questions : 2 × 2

1. What is a Self-Help Group (SHG) ?
2. What are PURA Clusters ?

(Turn Over)

3. Define financial literacy.
4. Differentiate between start-up India and stand-up India.

GROUP – B

Answer any two questions : 4 × 2

5. What are the key methods employed to measure rural development and explain their relevance in assessing progress ?
6. How do the provisions and implementation of MGNREGA contribute to eradicate rural poverty in India ?
7. How did NABARD promote financial inclusion in rural areas through the Self-Help Group (SHG) model ?

8. What is women's empowerment and why is it essential for achieving overall social and economic development ?

GROUP—C

Answer any **one** question : 8 × 1

9. Critically examine the principal objectives of land reform in India and the strategies adopted to achieve them.
10. Explain the roles of rural industries in mitigating socio-economic problems with special reference to Food Processing in India.

[Internal Assessment — 05 Marks]

