

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

Economics

Optional Paper II—AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weightage of 1.

A. Multiple Choice :

1. _____ is the backbone of our economy.

(a) Agriculture.	(b) Industry.
(c) Banking.	(d) None of the above.
2. Tenth Five Year Plan period :

(a) 1990-1995.	(b) 1995-2000.
(c) 2002-2007.	(d) 2000-2005.
3. Green Revolution is related to :

(a) Cotton and Oil seeds.	(b) Jute.
(c) Wheat and Rice.	(d) Pulses and corn.
4. Agricultural price commission was setup in the year :

(a) 1955.	(b) 1965.
(c) 1975.	(d) 1985.
5. Agricultural price policy is related to :

(a) Support price.	(b) Procurement price.
(c) Fair price.	(d) All of these.
6. The contribution of agriculture sector to national income at present is :

(a) 18 %.	(b) 20 %.
(c) 30 %.	(d) 40 %.
7. Regulated markets are meant to serve the :

(a) Industrialists.	(b) Agriculturalists.
(c) Exporters.	(d) Importers.

Turn over .

8. Which middlemen do not take title to goods ?

- (a) Wholesalers. (b) Retailers.
(c) Agents. (d) None of the above.

B. Fill in the blanks :

9. AGMARK refers to _____.
10. FCI refers to _____.
11. HYVP means _____.
12. Investment in agricultural production means _____.

C. State True or False :

13. Agricultural marketing is totally organised.
14. The main aim of establishing a regulated market is to issue a fair price for the products.
15. The Regulated markets are established by the Central Governments.
16. Standardisation is the process of determining of the classes or grades of a product.

(4 × 1 = 4 weight)

Part B

Answer any ten questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 2.

17. What is agriculture ?
18. What are the objectives of marketing ?
19. What are factors influencing supply of agriculture commodities ?
20. Mention the objectives of price stabilisation policy.
21. What is buffer stock operations ?
22. What are the classification of cost in agriculture ?
23. What is farm budgets ?
24. What is marketing ?
25. Explain the advantages of co-operative marketing societies.
26. Evaluate the agriculture policy in India.
27. Describe the arguments for trade about agriculture sector.
28. What is agricultural price policy ?
29. What is Green Revolution ?
30. Describe the production of agriculture in the post green revolution period.

(10 × 2 = 20 weight)

Part C

Answer any three questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 4.

31. Point out the achievements of Green Revolution.
32. Describe the main defects of agricultural marketing in India.
33. Explain the advantages of regulated markets.
34. Explain the methods of agricultural price determination in India.
35. Describe the various production functions used in agriculture.

(3 × 4 = 12 weightage)