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ECONOMICS

CC15P EC04 E02 -AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 weightage

Part A

(Multiple Choices)

Answer all questions

1. Who among the following have studied about falling terms of trade in agriculture?
a) Raul Prebisch b) Gunnar Myrdal c) Hans Singer d) All the above
2. Which among the following is a food security scheme?
a) ICDS b) TRYSEM c) IRDP d) PDS
3. Agricultural Prices Commission was established in the year
a) 1965 b) 1982 c) 1964 d) 1975
4. Who is the father of green revolution?
a) M.S. Swaminathan b) Norman Borlaug c) Muller d) None
5. TPDS was started in India in the year.....
a) 1991 b) 1980 c) 1997 d) 1993
6. The headquarters of ICAR is at
a) Mumbai b) Delhi c) Kolkotta d) Hyderabad
7. 'Varsha Bhima Yojana' is a crop insurance against
a) Bird flu b) Excess rainfall c) Plant diseases d) Drought
8. Which is the apex institution of agricultural credit?
a) RRB b) NABARD c) ARFCI d) None of these
9. The average food inflation in India in the XII Plan period was around
a) 7% b) 9% c) 8% d) 10%
10. The futures trading in commodities is regulated by.....
a) Forward Market Commission b) ARCI c) CACP d) NABARD
11. Which of the following was an objective of land reforms?
a) Price stability b) Strengthening PDS c) Abolition of intermediaries
d) Full employment
12. The best measure to protect the farmer is to
a) Introduce crop insurance b) Give low interest loans
c) To give subsidy d) To arrange for a market

(12x ¼=3 weightage)

Part B

Very Short Answer Questions

Answer **any five** questions not exceeding one paragraph

13. Write a note on PDS.
14. What is an input subsidy?
15. What is Cobb-Douglas production function?
16. What is meant by food inflation?
17. Mention four defects of markets for agricultural commodities in India.
18. What is 'futures' trading?
19. What is meant by sustainable agriculture?
20. What is the contribution of agriculture to national income?

(5x1=5 weightage)

Part C

Short Answer Questions

Answer **any eight** questions not exceeding one page each.

21. Explain the interdependence between agriculture and industry.
22. What side do you take in the farm-size, productivity debate?
23. What is the role of public investment in agriculture?
24. Explain the nature of elasticity of demand for agricultural commodities?
25. What is the importance of crop insurance?
26. Distinguish between marketed and marketable surplus.
27. What do you know about the changing cropping pattern in Kerala?
28. What is your opinion about the need of a second green revolution in India?
29. What were the important objectives of land reforms in India?
30. What is the importance of ICAR?
31. What are the main reasons for rural indebtedness?

(8x2=16 weightage)

Part D

(Essay Questions)

Answer **any three** questions not exceeding three pages.

32. Explain the agricultural price policy in India.
33. What were the main characteristics of green revolution in India?
34. Explain the role and functions of NABARD.
35. What is the structure of agricultural marketing in India?
36. Explain the importance of farm planning and farm budgeting.

(3x4 =12 weightage)
