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M.A./M.Sc. 2nd Semester Examination

GEOGRAPHY

Paper : GEOE454A0/B0

Full Marks : 50 Time : Two Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Paper : GEOE454A0

(Rural Development)

Group - A

Answer any ***four*** questions : 2×4=8

1. What do you understand by a welfare state?
2. Define Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
3. Mention two objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
4. What is Eco-tourism?
5. State two importances of political empowerment.
6. How abolition of Zamindari system helped in land reforms in India?

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Group - B

Answer any ***four*** questions : 4×4=16

7. Discuss the functions of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural development.

8. Briefly explain the significance of the PURA programme in rural infrastructure development.

9. Write a short note on the relationship between welfare programmes and social justice.

10. Write a short note on the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme initiated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

11. Explain the role of natural capital and human capital in rural development.

12. Briefly explain why rural poverty remains even after execution of numerous income-generation schemes since Independence.

Group - C

Answer any ***two*** question : 8×2=16

13. Discuss the role of government infrastructural development programmes in promoting sustainable rural development in India.

14. Examine how different land reform strategies have influenced the post-independence agricultural development in India.

15. Discuss the role of rural microfinance initiatives in promoting women's empowerment and rural entrepreneurship in India.

16. Comment on the gradual disconnect between the nature of welfare schemes and parameters of development.

[Internal Assessment - 10 marks]

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Paper : GEOE454B0

(Agricultural Geography)

Group - A

Answer any ***four*** questions : 2×4=8

1. What is meant by climate-smart agriculture?

2. Mention the role of GPS in precision farming.

3. Mention two harmful effects of excessive use of fertilizers.

4. What is Integrated Pest Management?

5. What is agro-marketing?

6. What is meant by agricultural regionalization?

Group - B

Answer any ***four*** questions : 4×4=16

7. Discuss the factors affecting agricultural intensification.

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8. Write a note on the Public Distribution System in India.

9. Analyze the interrelationship between agro-marketing efficiency and farmer welfare.

10. Explain the concept and significance of protein farming.

11. Discuss the role of organic farming in environmental conservation.

12. Explain the significance of the scheme – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions : 8×2=16

13. Discuss the agro-climatic zones of India and their significance in regional agricultural development.

14. Critically examine sustainable agricultural practices and their role in ensuring environmental sustainability.

15. Discuss the environmental challenges associated with the Green Revolution in India.

16. Discuss how modern farming systems can contribute to achieving food and nutritional security.

[Internal Assessment - 10 marks]

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