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M.A/M.Sc.

3rd Semester Examination ECONOMICS WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PAPER—IX (EC-2301 AGEC)

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.

Spl. Paper – Agriculture Economics – I

Group--A

1. Answer any five of the following:

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- (a) Define economic class.
- (b) Define new technology in agriculture.
- (c) What constitute transaction costs?
- (d) Define capitalist farming.
- (e) Define peasant farm household.
- (f) What do you mean by mode of production?
- (g) What do you mean by technological change in agriculture?
- (h) Define redistributive institutional change.
- (i) Define gender division of labour.
- (j) Define imperfect information.

Answer any two questions.

- 2. Discuss the criteria that are used for identification of a capitalist farm.
- **3.** Distinguish between risk and uncertainty with examples from agriculture.
- 4. Define and distinguish between peasant-biased technology, landlord-biased technology and ultra superior technology with reference to agriculture.
- **5.** Discuss the criteria that is used to identify landlord, big farmer, medium farmer, poor farmer and landless labourer.

Group-C

Answer any two questions.

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- **6.** Analyse the factors that explain landlord-biased technological change in agriculture in developing economics.
- **7.** Discuss the concept of Chayanav for analysing the peasant economics in terms of the labour-consumer balance.
- **8.** Discuss the economic behaviour of drudgery-averse peasant.
- **9.** Discuss the alternative theories for the formation of institutions.