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M.A. / M.Sc.

1st Semester Examination

ECONOMICS WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PAPER-III

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.

Group-A

1. Answer any five questions:

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- (a) Define product mix optimality.
- (b) Define the concept of Pareto optimality.
- (c) What do you mean by technological deintegration?
- (d) Do you agree with the view that there is no technological limit to the size of a firm?
- (e) Define survival optimality of a firm.
- (f) What is the interpretation of the Langrangean multiplier in case of cost minimisation subject to output constraint.
- (g) Define the concept of (market) failure of existence.
- (h) What do you mean by 'take over'?
- (i) What do you mean by 'balance of processes' in the technology of a firm?
- (j) Explain the concept of technological optimality.

Answer any two questions.

- 2. Show that pecuniary externality is a derived form of externality.
- 3. Show how market system fails in case of ownership externality.
- 4. Explain two major tools to raise the size of optimum managerial unit of a firm.
- 5. Explain the mechanisms that prohibit the factor owners from shirking in a classical firm.

Group-C

Answer any two questions.

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- 6. Define 'team production'. Explain how the concept of 'team production' is used for the existence of 'firm'.
- 7. Define an 'optimum firm'. Explain different factors determining the size of an 'optimum firm'.
- 8. Explain in details the relation between different types of externality and different types of market failure.
- Explain the concept of the firm as a coalition group of conflicting goals. Discuss in this context the behavioural model of the firm, based on goal-setting.