2009

M.A/M.Sc.

4th Semester Examination

ECONOMICS WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PAPER—XIII (EC-2401)

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.

Answer *all* questions.

1. Answer any *five* of the following :   2×5

    (a) Distinguish between economic development and rural development.

    (b) What do you mean by rural industrialisation ?

    (c) What is food security ?

    (d) What is percolation theory of economic development ?

    (e) What do you mean by target group ?

    (f) What is microfinance ?

    (g) Distinguish between plan and planning.

    (h) What do you mean by economic structure ?

    (i) What is meant by intregrated rural development ?

    (j) What are the limitations of market economy ?

2. Answer any *two* questions of the following :   5×2

   (a) Discuss the rationale for expansion of rural non-farm employment.

   (b) Discuss the merits and limitations of self-help approach to rural development

   (c) Discuss different approaches to rural poverty.

   (d) Examine whether commercialisation of agriculture endangers food security.

3. Answer any *two* of the following :   10×2

   (a) Discuss the justifications for rural development. What are the merits and limitations of structuralist approach to rural development ?

   (b) Distinguish between positive and normative measures of inequality. Discuss why Lorenz ratio is better than their positive measures of inequality.

   (c) Discuss the rationale for decentralised planning. What are the conditions for its success ?

   (d) What are the limitations of Lewis Model of rural-urban linkage. Discuss how Ranis-Fei model attempts to remedy these limitations.

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