

2022

**ECONOMICS — HONOURS**

**Paper : SEC-A-2  
(Rural Development)**

**Full Marks : 80**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

**Group – A**

1. Answer **any ten** questions :

2×10

- (a) Distinguish between microplanning and macroplanning.
- (b) Mention two important characteristics of India's rural sector.
- (c) What does SIDBI stand for? What is its main objective?
- (d) What do you understand by rural non-farm sector?
- (e) Mention two problems faced by micro enterprises in rural areas.
- (f) What are the main functions of Land Development Banks?
- (g) What is MSME? In which year the MSME Act was passed in India?
- (h) Define child labour.
- (i) State two objectives of NABARD.
- (j) State two reasons for school dropouts in rural India.
- (k) Mention two objectives of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- (l) Distinguish between the concepts of microcredit and microfinance.
- (m) What are the different tiers of Panchayat System in West Bengal?
- (n) Who founded Grameen Bank in Bangladesh? What is its main objective?

**Group – B**

2. Write short notes on **any four** of the following :

5×4

- (a) Differences between Rural Development and Agricultural Development
- (b) Differences between Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)
- (c) Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in West Bengal

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- (d) The functions of NABARD
- (e) Role of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the context of rural development
- (f) Role of Regional Rural Banks on Rural Development.

**Group – C**

Answer *any four* questions.

3. Explain the role of NGOs in rural development with special reference to India. 10
  4. Explain the concept of participatory development in the context of decentralized planning. Discuss the process of Participatory Rural Appraisal. 5+5
  5. Explain the concept of microcredit. Discuss the role of Grameen Bank in the expansion of microfinance. 4+6
  6. What are Self-Help Groups (SHGs)? Discuss the basic features of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Briefly mention the Self-Help Groups (SHGs)-Bank linkage programme in India. 2+4+4
  7. What were the primary objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in India? How far has it been successful in achieving its targets? Give a critical appraisal in the Indian context. 4+6
  8. Critically evaluate the roles of :
    - (a) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and
    - (b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). 5+5
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