POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME
Term End Examination — December, 2024
ECONOMICS
Paper-XVIIA : AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Time : 2 hours]   [Full Marks : 50

Weightage of Marks : 80%

Special credit will be given accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.

Use of scientific calculator is strictly prohibited.

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$

    a) What is Corn law ? Briefly explain.

    b) Define product and market contribution of agriculture.

    c) Mention two limitations of Nurkse's analysis on disguised unemployment or a saving potential.

    d) What is meant by tenancy reform ?

    e) Briefly explain the Laissez Faire policy.

    f) Mention two distinguishing features of a peasant economy.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

    a) Write a note on the system of Collective Farms in Russia.

    b) Briefly mention the difficulties of measuring different contributions of agriculture to non-agriculture sectors.

    c) Discuss the situation of Scylla and Charybdis in Lewis model.

    d) Discuss the problems of sub-division and fragmentation of agricultural land holdings in India.

    e) Briefly explain the Prebisch-Singer thesis and its implication.

    f) Briefly describe the main features of a peasant economy.

3.   Answer any *two* of the following questions :   10 × 2 = 20

   a)   Discuss the complementary relation between Agricultural revolution and Industrial revolution in Great Britain.

   b)   Derive the balanced growth path between agriculture and industry in the Ranis-Fei model.

   c)   Do you think that land reform is a condition for economic development ? Judge from the historical aspects of land reform.

   d)   Discuss different types of peasants and their adoption of suitable technology.

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