POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME
Term End Examination — December, 2024
ECONOMICS
Paper-XIXA : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INDIAN AGRICULTURE

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 the major disadvantage of small scale farming ?

   b) What is co-operative farming ?

   c) What are the different forms of attached labour in Indian agriculture ?

   d) What are the basic objectives of agricultural price policy ?

   e) Mention one major advantage of farmers from contract farming.

   f) What is the main tenet of the MFN clause of GATT ?

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

   a) Mention some basic weaknesses of Indian agriculture.

   b) What is A. K. Sen's argument to explain inverse relationship between farm size and productivity ?

   c) Give some suggestions to improve the economic condition of agricultural labourers of India.

   d) Analyse the effect of new technology in Indian agriculture on employment.

   e) Discuss the impact of climate change on food security.

   f) What are green box and blue box subsidies under the WTO system ?

3.   Answer any *two* of the following questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

   a)   Discuss the major causes of low productivity in Indian agriculture.

   b)   Mention the major reasons behind the appalling condition of agricultural labourers in India.

   c)   Briefly describe the land reform programmes in India.

   d)   Mention the main features of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) adopted in India. What are its major limitations ?   6 + 4

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