

M.A (ECONOMICS)
SEMESTER-III
(MAEC24304T) RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MAX. MARKS: 100

EXTERNAL: 70

INTERNAL: 30

PASS: 40%

CREDITS: 6

Objective:

Develop educated rural human resources having the skills and know-how required to promote the rural area.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any ten questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from sections A and B of the question paper and any ten short questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION A

UNIT 1: Introduction of Rural Sector in India, Nature, significance, features, factors affecting the rural sector

UNIT 2: Rural Development Planning, Planning Process, Types, Function and level of Planning, Multi-level Planning, District Planning

UNIT 3: Grassroots Level Planning (Block Level Planning), Grassroots Level Planning (Village Level Planning)

UNIT 4: Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Rural Development

SECTION B

UNIT 5: Cooperative Institutions: Concept and Principles of Cooperation

UNIT 6: Types and working of Rural Cooperatives: Credit Cooperatives, Marketing Cooperatives, Dairy Cooperatives

UNIT 7: Rural Development Programmes, Poverty Alleviation Programmes: Programmes for Self & Wage Employment

UNIT 8: Social Security, Women, Other Development Programmes and Startup India in the Rural Sector

Suggested Reading:

- Katar. Singh, Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management, SAGE Publications India Pvt Ltd. Publication year: 2009.
- A.R. Desai (Ed). Introduction of Rural Sociology in India.
- K.R. Gupta, Rural Development in India, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd.
- M. Soundarapandian, Rural Entrepreneurship: Growth and Potentials, Kanishka Publisher.
- C.B. Mammoria, Indian Social Problems, Kitab Mahal Publisher.