

2008

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. Write notes on any five of the following : 2×5

- (a) Growth and development.
- (b) Traditional Sector and modern sector of a developing economy.
- (c) Non-agricultural employment and non-farm employment.
- (d) Food security.
- (e) Centralised planning and decentralised planning.
- (f) Rural development.
- (g) Poverty and inequality.
- (h) Concept of unemployment.

- (i) Rural industrialisation
- (j) Commercialisation of agriculture.

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

- (a) Discuss the rationale for rural development.
- (b) Discuss the arguments for and against commercialisation of agriculture.
- (c) Discuss the rationale for rural industrialisation.
- (d) Discuss alternative hypotheses concerning expansion of rural non-farm employment.

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

- (a) Discuss critically alternative approaches to rural development
 - (b) Develop a critique of standard measures of poverty. What are the unique features of Sen's Index of poverty?
 - (c) Discuss in what respects Ranis-Fei model is an improvement over Lewis model of economic development.
 - (d) Discuss the rationale for decentralised planning and the issues concerning it.
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