

M.A. Examination, 2015
Semester – IV
Economics
Paper : XVI (Group-A)
(Special Paper: Agricultural Economics-II)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. What are the three stages in transition from subsistence to specialised agriculture? What are the principal characteristics of these stages? 2+8
 2. Illustrate the role of women in Agricultural production particularly in Africa and Asia. 10
 3. Examine the view that there has been regional convergence of 'agricultural productivity growth in India during 1991-2011'. 10
 4. 'The agricultural sector in India has grown rapidly in the past decade but this has been associated with rising real prices and not productivity growth' – what may be the implications of such development? Assess the recent policies undertaken by the government to address this challenge. 5+5=10
 5. South Asian Countries are gradually diversifying in favour of high value commodities' – what has been the determinants of such diversification in India? 10
 6. What is food security? What are the factors that influence the notion of food security? Explain the role of agriculture in ensuring food security. 2+4+4
 7. Outline the prevailing agricultural marketing system in India. Suggest some measures to improve its functioning. 7+3
 8. 'Sustained agricultural growth may decisively improve rural income distribution'. Support the argument using experience of West Bengal. 10
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