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ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : SEC-A-2

(Rural Development)

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Group – A

1. Answer *any ten* questions :

2×10

- (a) Distinguish between microplanning and macroplanning.
- (b) Mention two important characteristics of India's rural sector.
- (c) What does SIDBI stand for? What is its main objective?
- (d) What do you understand by rural non-farm sector?
- (e) Mention two problems faced by micro enterprises in rural areas.
- (f) What are the main functions of Land Development Banks?
- (g) What is MSME? In which year the MSME Act was passed in India?
- (h) Define child labour.
- (i) State two objectives of NABARD.
- (j) State two reasons for school dropouts in rural India.
- (k) Mention two objectives of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- (l) Distinguish between the concepts of microcredit and microfinance.
- (m) What are the different tiers of Panchayat System in West Bengal?
- (n) Who founded Grameen Bank in Bangladesh? What is its main objective?

Group – B

2. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :

5×4

- (a) Differences between Rural Development and Agricultural Development
- (b) Differences between Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)
- (c) Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in West Bengal

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- (d) The functions of NABARD
- (e) Role of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the context of rural development
- (f) Role of Regional Rural Banks on Rural Development.

Group – C

Answer *any four* questions.

- 3. Explain the role of NGOs in rural development with special reference to India. 10
- 4. Explain the concept of participatory development in the context of decentralized planning. Discuss the process of Participatory Rural Appraisal. 5+5
- 5. Explain the concept of microcredit. Discuss the role of Grameen Bank in the expansion of microfinance. 4+6
- 6. What are Self-Help Groups (SHGs)? Discuss the basic features of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Briefly mention the Self-Help Groups (SHGs)-Bank linkage programme in India. 2+4+4
- 7. What were the primary objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in India? How far has it been successful in achieving its targets? Give a critical appraisal in the Indian context. 4+6
- 8. Critically evaluate the roles of :
 - (a) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and
 - (b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). 5+5