

2015

( 5th Semester )

ECONOMICS

( Honours )

Paper No. : ECO-503 (a)

( **Agricultural Economics** )

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Explain the changes in land-use pattern in India. Suggest measures for optimal land-use pattern. 10+4=14

*Or*

Explain the importance, sources and problems of irrigation in India. 5+5+4=14

2. What is dry-land farming? Explain its significance in agricultural development.

4+10=14

Or

What is biotechnology? Discuss its merits and demerits in agriculture.

4+5+5=14

3. Explain the concept and objectives of cooperative marketing. Give factors for the success of a cooperative marketing society.

7+7=14

Or

Explain the problem of agricultural finance. Give suggestions to improve agricultural finance.

7+7=14

4. Explain the causes and effects of fluctuation in agricultural prices.

7+7=14

Or

What are the objectives of agricultural price policy? Explain the various instruments used to stabilize agricultural price.

6+8=14

5. Why is the productivity of forest low in India?  
What are the steps taken by the Government  
to improve the forests under various  
Five-Year Plans? 7+7=14

*Or*

Explain the growth and prospects of  
agro-based industries in India. 14

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