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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026
Third Semester
M.A. Economics
M23EC02DE – Agricultural Economics
(2024 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. State the meaning of agricultural economics.
2. Identify one feature of traditional agriculture.
3. State the concept of organic farming.
4. Identify the principle of land utilisation.
5. State the meaning of a production function in agriculture.
6. Identify the factor–product relationship.
7. State the concept of supply response in agriculture.
8. Identify opportunity cost in farm management.
9. State the meaning of agricultural credit.
10. Identify the role of NABARD in rural finance.
11. State the concept of regulated markets.
12. State the meaning of rural indebtedness.
13. Identify one cause of farmers' distress.
14. State the concept of land degradation.
15. Identify the objective of PM-Kisan scheme.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Explain the role of agriculture in economic development.
17. Distinguish between subsistence farming and commercial farming.
18. Describe the concept of Zero Budget Natural Farming.
19. Explain the concept of efficient use of resources in agriculture.

20. Describe labour absorption in agriculture with reference to gender issues.
21. Explain the basic idea of the Cobweb production model.
22. Explain the major sources of rural credit in India.
23. Describe the factors influencing agricultural price behaviour.
24. Explain the credit problems faced by farmers in India.
25. Describe infrastructural constraints in Indian agriculture.

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Explain the nature and scope of agricultural economics.
27. Analyse the interdependence between agriculture and industry.
28. Discuss the principles of land utilisation in India.
29. Analyse the different relationships among factors and products in agricultural production.
30. Discuss the Nerlove model of supply response.
31. Explain the principles of factor substitution in farm management.
32. Discuss the demand and supply conditions of agricultural products in India.
33. Discuss the effects of climate change on agriculture.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Discuss the different farming systems. Highlight their characteristics and relevance in the process of agricultural modernisation.
35. Examine the principles, relevance and limitations of farm management in improving agricultural productivity.
36. Examine the challenges and strategies of agricultural credit in strengthening rural finance.
37. Analyse the agricultural marketing system in India, highlighting institutional support and regulated markets.
38. Examine the causes, effects and countermeasures of rural indebtedness in India.
39. Analyse government initiatives such as National Warehousing Facility, Kisan Rail and Kisan Credit Card in supporting farmers.

(10X3=30)