

QP Code : 23/PT/11/XIXA

**POST-GRADUATE COURSE**  
**Term End Examination — June, 2023/December, 2023**  
**ECONOMICS**  
**Paper-XIXA : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INDIAN**  
**AGRICULTURE**

Time : 2 hours ]

[ Full Marks : 50  
Weightage of Marks : 80%

**Special credit will be given for precise and correct answer. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and illegible handwriting. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**

**Use of scientific calculator is strictly prohibited.**

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions :  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$
- a) What are the main causes of low productivity in Indian agriculture ?
  - b) What is the relationship between farm size and productivity in modern farming of Indian agriculture ?
  - c) What is contract farming ?
  - d) What is the objective of Food Security Act of 2013 ?
  - e) Define sustainable growth in Indian agriculture.
  - f) Define terms of trade between agriculture and industry.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions :  $5 \times 4 = 20$
- a) Explain the importance of crop insurance in Indian agriculture.
  - b) Write a note on the need for crop-diversification in Indian agriculture.
  - c) What are the main features of the agreement on agriculture under WTO system ?
  - d) Explain the role of FDI in Indian agriculture.
  - e) What are the arguments in favour of ceiling on land holdings ?

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f) What are the major arguments in favour of cooperative farming in India ?

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 10 × 2 = 20

a) What are the major problems of agricultural marketing in India ? Do you think that the entry of corporates into the agricultural system can solve the problems ? Explain. 4 + 6

b) Discuss the effect of new technology on agricultural production in India. How does it affect the well-being of the farmers ? 6 + 4

c) Explain, in detail, the effect of WTO system on Indian agriculture.

d) What are the problems to the sustainability of growth in Indian agriculture ? Suggest some measures to solve those problems. 6 + 4

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