



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A.DEGREE EXAMINATION –ECONOMICS

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2019

17/18PEC2ES01– AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Date: 12-04-2019
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

Part – A

Answer any FIVE questions in about 75 words each.

(5 x 4 = 20 marks)

1. What are the consequences of instability in agriculture?
2. What are the determinants of Minimum Support Price?
3. State the significance of micro nutrients in agriculture.
4. Write a short note on Soil health card scheme.
5. What is meant by dry-land farming?
6. What are Blue box and Green box subsidies?
7. What is 'Tariffication'?

Part – B

Answer any FOUR questions in about 300 words each.

(4 x 10 = 40 marks)

8. Bring out the characteristics of modern agriculture.
9. Analyse the need for agricultural subsidy and the efficiency of input subsidy in India.
10. Explain the various sources of agricultural finance in India.
11. Examine the strategies for improving water use in agriculture.
12. Elaborate on the significance of the quantitative restrictions and the GATT provisions.
13. Explain the opportunities and challenges for sustainable agricultural development.
14. Analyse the agricultural output and productivity growth in India.

Part – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

15. Discuss in detail the instability in agriculture in India and the reasons for instability.
16. Critically examine the working of Public Distribution System in India.
17. Elaborate on the issues and challenges of water use in agriculture. Highlight the strategies for improving water use efficiency.
18. Elucidate the different types of crop insurance schemes introduced in India.
