

**POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
AGRICULTURAL POLICY (PGCAP)**

Term-End Examination

00251

December, 2014

**MNR-001: INDIAN AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss critically the role and importance of agriculture in the Indian economy. 10

2. (a) What are the implications of globalization on Indian agriculture ? Discuss. 5

- (b) Discuss the pros and cons of providing input based subsidies in agriculture. 5

3. (a) Explain the merits and demerits of targeted public distribution system adopted in India. 5
- (b) How are support prices for agricultural commodities determined ? Explain. 5
4. Explain the system of agriculture extension in India. How can the system be made more effective ? 10
5. (a) What are the different types of risks that farmers face ? How can each of these be managed ? 5
- (b) Write a brief note on the impact of ICT based initiatives on Indian agriculture. 5
6. (a) What do you understand by diversification ? Explain the various strategies that are being implemented to promote diversification. 5
- (b) What is meant by “rural non-farm sector” ? Explain the relationship between agriculture and industry. 5
7. Discuss the various schemes and programmes being implemented for betterment of agricultural labour in India. 10

8. Write short notes on any *five* of the following : 5×2=10

- (a) Concept of sustainable agriculture
 - (b) Plant breeders rights
 - (c) Sanitary and phytosanitary measures for product safety
 - (d) Role of biotechnology in the management of plant genetic resources
 - (e) Changes in land use pattern
 - (f) Inland fisheries
 - (g) Per-sowing cultivation practices in traditional agriculture
 - (h) Rural godowns
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