

MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC POLICY)

Term-End Examination

July, 2013

MPP-005 : ISSUES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any five questions by selecting atleast two questions from each section in about 500 words each.

SECTION - A

1. Write short notes (250 words) on any two of the following : 2x10=20
 - (a) Adhaar
 - (b) National Population Register
 - (c) Perils of fertilizer subsidy
 - (d) Administered Price Mechanism

2. Elaborate the rationale behind MGNREGS and comment about its impact on society and economy at large. 20

3. Define Disaster Management and discuss the role of District Magistrate in effective coordination of different line departments in disaster management as per the Disaster Management Act 2005. 20

4. Comment upon the various models of land acquisition adopted in various states and highlight their efficacy in addressing the concerns of various stakeholders. 20

5. 'Grassroot development can be achieved only if democratic decentralization is made effective'. Examine the above statement in light of the various initiatives in different states in the area of Panchayati Raj. 20

SECTION - B

6. Discuss the measures necessary to bring about a holistic improvement in the quality of school education and reducing the drop-out rate especially in female students. 20
7. Discuss the main challenges in effective implementation of National Rural Health Mission. 20
8. Examine the practical difficulties in implementation of direct cash transfer and suggest possible means to address the difficulties. 20
9. Subsidy and welfare oriented approach can only address the problem of socio-economic development in the short run; to achieve an enduring development of the society and economy, sound investments have to be made in the infrastructure and capacity building. Comment on the above statement in the light of various centrally and state sponsored schemes of the Government and their outcomes of the last 2 decades. 20
10. 'One of the effective ways to address the issue of corruption in public service is reducing manual interface and individual discretion'. Elaborate on the above in the light of e-governance initiatives in public service delivery. 20