

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008 – 09 & thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: SC/MC/RD54

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
BRANCH III – SOCIOLOGY
FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : RURAL DEVELOPMENT
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX.MARKS:100**

SECTION – A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN 50 WORDS EACH. (10X2=20)

1. Define rural society.
2. Mention any two special features of rural families.
3. What is BPL?
4. State two important reasons for rural unemployment.
5. Define caste.
6. Write a short note on women SHGs.
7. What is community development?
8. What is meant by digital divide?
9. Define rural development.
10. Write a short note on the importance of rural development in India.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS IN 250 WORDS EACH. (5X8=40)

11. Describe the changes in the field of education and health in rural society.
12. Explain the special components of religion in rural India.
13. Describe the causes and consequences of indebtedness in rural areas.
14. Highlight the problems of rural women with special emphasis to education and health.
15. Discuss the causes of inter caste conflicts in villages.
16. What are village cooperatives? Explain its importance in rural society.
17. Highlight the role and importance of NGOs in rural development.
18. Describe the methods and tools of rural development.

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN 1000 WORDS EACH. (2X20=40)

19. Explain the salient features of rural society and differentiate it from urban society.
20. Describe the agrarian social structure and discuss agrarian distress in rural India.
21. Examine the extent of the problems of poverty, unemployment and illiteracy in rural areas. Suggest suitable remedies.
22. Write an essay on Panchayat raj.
