

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024 and thereafter)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
BRANCH IV - ECONOMICS
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR ELECTIVE
PAPER : AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
SUBJECT CODE: 23EC/ME/AG45
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Q. No.	SECTION A PART – A (10 x 2 = 20) Answer all TEN questions in about 50 words each.	CO	KL
1	Define agricultural economics.	1	1
2	What is the nature of agricultural linkage with other sectors?	1	1
3	List two rabi and kharif crops.	1	1
4	State any two issues which persist in Indian agricultural sector.	1	1
5	What is agricultural credit?	1	1
6	Expand NABARD. When was it established?	1	1
7	Give the meaning of agricultural price policy.	1	1
8	State the two institutions which govern agricultural price policy in India.	1	1
9	Expand APMC and E-NAM.	1	1
10	State any two channels of distribution in agriculture.	1	1
Q. No.	PART – B (10 x 2 = 20) Answer any TEN questions out of TWELVE in about 50 words each.	CO	KL
11	What does paradox of plenty mean?	2	2
12	What are the conditions to be fulfilled to optimally solve the problem of 'what to produce'?	2	2
13	Depict in a diagram the effect of change in price of one input on iso-cost line.	2	2
14	Give two examples of institutional sources of credit to farmers.	2	2
15	Why is there a need for government intervention in providing agricultural credit?	2	2
16	What is co-operative farming?	2	2
17	What is the difference between short term and medium-term credit?	2	2
18	What is KCC? Is it a useful tool?	2	2
19	List the objectives of price policy.	2	2
20	Expand CACP. What is its role?	2	2
21	Define agricultural marketing.	2	2
22	State any two problems in the marketing of agricultural produce.	2	2
Q. No.	SECTION B PART – A (4 x 5 = 20) Answer any FOUR questions out of SIX in about 250 words each.	CO	KL
23	Explore the role of agriculture in Indian economy.	3	3
24	With the help of diagrams discuss how resources are optimally allocated in the agricultural sector.	3	3
25	How would institutional agricultural credit uplift farmer's livelihood? Explain.	3	3

26	Elaborate on the instruments of agricultural price policy.	3	3
27	Explain the tools used in strengthening the terms of trade for Indian agriculture?	3	3
28	What are the problems in Indian agricultural marketing? Explain.	3	3
Q. No.	PART – B (4 x 5 = 20) Answer any FOUR questions out of SIX in about 250 words each.	CO	KL
29	Analyse how the situation of a bumper harvest causes distress to farmers.	4	4
30	Discuss the role of agriculture in economic development of a developing nation.	4	4
31	How does the government's minimum support price act as a shield to protect the terms of trade?	4	4
32	How effective is the price policy implemented in India?	4	4
33	Elaborate role played by NABARD in providing credit to farmers.	4	4
34	Which marketing distribution channel is best for Indian agricultural sector? Explain.	4	4
	SECTION C (2 x 10 = 20) Answer any TWO questions out of FOUR in about 600 words each.	CO	KL
35	Subsistence farming or commercial farming – what must be the focus of India? Explain.	5	5
36	Critically assess India's production trends for major crops.	5	5
37	Agricultural finance still is a distant dream for small farmers. Validate the given statement.	5	5
38	Appraise and comment on the role played by APMC.	5	5
