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B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2007
BRANCH IV - ECONOMICS
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE   : **MAJOR – OPTIONAL**
PAPER   : **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS**
TIME   : **3 HOURS.**   MAX. MARKS :   100
SECTION – A
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 50 WORDS:
                                                    (10 X 3 = 30)

1. Point out the contribution of agriculture to Indian economy.

2. Explain the law of variable proportions.

3. List out the types of uncertainty.

4. Point out the factors for instability in agricultural output.

5. Write note on land leasing in India

6. What is Explain mechanization of agriculture.

7. Define disguised unemployment.

8. Name the institutions which provide short term agricultural credit.

9. Define poverty line for rural India.

10. Write a note an regulated markets.

SECTION – B
ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 300
WORDS.   **(5 x 6 = 30)**

11. Write a brief note on optimization of resource.

12. Explain the measures to reduce uncertainty in agricultural production.

13. Discuss optimum farm size.

14. Explain the causes for inelastic supply of agricultural output in the short term.

15. Point out warehousing facilities for agricultural products.

16. Explain rural poverty.

17. Assess the role of Government in agricultural development.

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 1200 WORDS. **(2 x 20 = 40)**

18. Discuss in detail Cobb-Dougles production function in agriculture.

19. Critically evaluate various land reform measures implemented in India.

20. Point out strategies of water management and control for achieving optimum use efficiency.

21. Evaluate the effectiveness of Government policies in reducing rural unemployment.

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