

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 86
(For Candidates admitted during the academic year 2009 – 2010)**

SUBJECT CODE: EC/PE/AG33

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2010
BRANCH III – ECONOMICS
THIRD SEMESTER**

**COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
TIME : 3 HOURS**

MAX.MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

**ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 300
WORDS. (5 X 8 = 40)**

1. Explain the 'Poor But Efficient' Hypothesis.
2. What, according to Kuznets, is the contribution of agriculture to economic development?
3. What are the factors responsible for fluctuations in agricultural prices and incomes?
4. Argue briefly for and against mechanization of agriculture in India.
5. Write a note on biotechnology in agriculture.
6. What are the characteristics of agricultural labour?
7. What are the advantages of contract farming?

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 1200 WORDS EACH. (3 X 20 = 60)

8. Make a critical appraisal of Boserup's theory of agricultural development.
9. Discuss the reasons for poor implementation of land reforms in India.
10. Give a brief account of institutional sources of rural finance in India.
11. Highlight the findings of studies relating to distribution of income and wealth in rural India.
12. Explain the major constituents of agricultural price policy in India.

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