

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2004 – 2005 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE : EC/MO/AG44

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2009
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. What according to Kuznets are the four contributions of agriculture?
2. State the Cobb-Douglas Production Function.
3. What do you understand by market risk?
4. Define small and marginal holdings.
5. State the meaning of Double Cropping?
6. What is Green Revolution?
7. Classify agricultural credit needs.
8. What do you mean by Minimum Support Price?
9. Who are the rural poor?
10. How does the World Bank define absolute poverty?

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 300 WORDS.
(5 X 6 = 30)

11. Discuss the law of variable proportions.
12. Give arguments for and against ceiling on land holdings.
13. Argue in favour and against mechanization of agriculture in India.
14. Examine the problems of irrigation in India.

15. What are the functions of NABARD?
16. State the major thrust areas in Indian agriculture.
17. What are the causes of poor economic conditions of farm labour in India?

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 1200 WORDS.

(2 X 20 = 40)

18. Discuss the Agricultural Renewal Action Plan as suggested by the National Commission on Farmers.
19. State the kinds of warehouses. What are their benefits?
20. Write on the economic and sociological impact of Green Revolution.
21. State A. K. Sen's views on farm size, productivity and profitability.

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