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14th Batch (2022-23), 1st Semester
Course SRD-501:Rural Society and Sustainable Rural Development

ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

Total Marks: 30

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Block-1: Understanding Rural Communities: Structure, Culture and Polity

1. What is social mobility? Explain various types of mobility with examples
2. What is the role of caste in Indian political system today? Explain with examples.
3. What is social inequality and social exclusion? Discuss how social exclusion has affected the growth of Rural Economy?
4. What were the causes of social conflict in rural areas? Explain with examples

Block -2: Development Theories

1. What are the key differences between economic growth and economic development? Give examples.
2. What is the difference between Gross National Product (GNP) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and explain their significance.
3. What is the significance of social development? Discuss key methods for social development.
4. Discuss the key anchors of inclusive growth strategy with examples.

Block -3: Sustainable Development

1. Why is there so much emphasis on sustainable development for any community/society?
2. What is the role of economic development in improving the livelihoods strategies of rural women?
3. Write a note on synergy between ecology and economic growth?
4. What is human Development Index and discuss its importance in determining the overall development of a country.

Block -4: Rural Development and Poverty: Concepts and Strategies

1. How does poverty affect the capacity of a person in earning livelihood? How are the Poorest of Poor (PoPs) identified in a village?
2. What is sustainable development? Discuss the underlying principles of sustainable development.
3. What are the important challenges being faced by government in implementing different schemes and programmes in rural areas? Explain with examples.
4. What is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)? Discuss few import schemes introduced by corporate sector under CSR.

Block -5: Decentralised Governance

1. What is Democratic Decentralisation? How Democratic Decentralisation has been put into practice for past few decades?
2. What do you understand by participatory governance and how does it help rural society?
3. What is the concept of Cooperation? What are the main causes of success and failure of cooperative movement?
4. Discuss the importance of NGOs in in taking an active part in Rural Development.

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Course SRD-502: Development: Methods and Techniques

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Block-1: Approach, Theory and Methods

1. Explain in brief about the Harrod-Domar Growth Model.
2. Explain Gunnar Myrdal's Thesis of 'Spread and Backwash' Effects.
3. Explain the Human Capital Model of Development.
4. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for Sustainable Development.
5. Elucidate how land use planning and its implications for easing out the relevant natural resources constraints

Block-2: Quantitative Methods and Techniques

1. Define quantitative and qualitative data and give examples.
2. What are the uses of Histogram. Explain with two examples.
3. What are additive and multiplicative rules of probability when two events are independent? Give the mathematical formula to calculate them.
4. What is point and interval estimates and how to calculate interval estimate for population mean in case of large sample?
5. What are the differences between correlation and regression, Explain with example?

Block-3: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods & Techniques

1. Define Programme Implementation Case Study. What are the advantages of undertaking multisite studies.
2. Explain the merits and de-merits of questionnaire and Case-Study methods. Why is it advisable to use a mix of more than one method of data collection ?
3. What is "Handing over the stick? Why is it important in PRA ?

4. What is difference between RRA and PRA? Identify three situations best suited to use RRA and PRA.
5. Social Scientists generally use a mix of Quantitative and Qualitative research methods. Why?

Block -4 : Various Steps in Research Process

1. Differentiate between Pure and Applied Research.
2. What are the objectives of a review of literature and enumerate the functions of a review of literature.
3. Write a short note on the following and explain how they help us in understanding the role of internet. (a) Database, (b) URL, (c) Storage devices, (d) Network.
4. How do you define a research problem and why title justification in research proposal is so important?
5. Give two examples for official publications from government and cite the examples of data sources from unpublished sources.

BLOCK-5: Project Proposal Preparation and Report Writing

1. What is a project? Write in brief about the characteristics of a good project proposal.
2. Write a note on general format for project proposal. How clarity and precision play a role in project proposal?
3. What are three classic formats in writing reports ? Explain the uses of numbering in report writing.
4. What are the types of reports? Give the basic role of writing reports.
5. What is the purpose of concept note in a project proposal and describe in brief the essential parts of concept note of any organization.

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Course SRD–503: Policies and Programmes for Rural Development

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Block-1: Vision for India's Rural Development

1. Mahatma Gandhi's Swaraj (Self-rule) is still relevant today – Discuss.
2. Explain PL 480 – Food aid for India.
3. How is the Nehruvian approach different from the Gandhian approach?
4. What are the merits and demerits of the Green Revolution?
5. Write a note on Community Development Programmes

Block -2 : Plans for Rural Development

1. Briefly discuss Niti Aayog. How is it different to Planning Commission?
2. How far had India's Five-year plans succeeded in attaining their objectives?
3. Explain the importance of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment.
4. What is democratic decentralisation? Explain the evolution of Panchayati Raj Institutions during the post-independence era.
5. Define Microfinance. Explain the different models for delivering microfinance services in India.
6. Write a note on Sustainable Development Goals.

Block – 3 : Rural Development Programmes for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation

1. What is the need for employment guarantee for the rural poor? Discuss the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and its features.

2. Explain the connection between employment guarantee and asset creation under MGNREGA.
3. Describe the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana.
4. Define the concept of Drought. Explain the various initiatives taken by the Government to tackle the drought.
5. What is ageing? Discuss various supporting systems for elderly persons.
6. How are the different safety-net programmes helping the poor?

Block 4 – Vulnerable Groups and Rural Development

1. What is gender budgeting? What is its role in empowering women?
2. What are the different approaches to women's development? Discuss various initiatives set up for women's development.
3. Explain the role of women in Rural Development.
4. Discuss the various approaches to tribal development. What are the Constitutional arrangements for tribal development?
5. Write a note on the Tribal Sub Plan. What is its role in tribal development?

Block 5 – Rural Development and Quality of Life

1. Explain the major challenges to access health care in India.
2. In what way does the government address health care challenges?
3. Discuss the role of the government in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. Write a note on different state-specific initiatives related to primary education.
5. Explain the structure of Self-Help Groups and their linkages. What are the reasons behind the success of the Kudumbashree mission in Kerala?
6. Elucidate the importance of assessing the rural development programmes? What are the different methods and approaches to assess the programmes?

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1. Write short note on Four Characterises of livelihoods in detail?
2. Write short note on LEAP Tools?
3. Write short note on DAY-NRLM and its framework?

Block-2: Resources

1. Explain the Importance of Natural and Financial Capital for livelihoods promotion?
2. Write short note components of Human Capital and its importance?
3. Write short note on factors affecting Physical capital?

Block-3: Environment

1. Write short note on Environmental Pollution and explain about Water and Air Pollution?
2. Write short note on Environmental Policies in India?
3. Explain Environmental Opportunities and Risks?

Block-4: Farm based Livelihoods

1. What do you understand by crop rotation and its Importance?
2. Explain Importance of Livestock Farming in India?
3. List out different kinds of factors that are influencing farming system?

Block-5: Non-Farm based Livelihoods

1. Explain Non-farm livelihoods and their importance?
2. Write short note on MGNREGA?
3. Write short note on Organized Vs Unorganized Employment?

Block-6: Value addition and Marketing

1. Discuss some of the Acts and Rules that are exists in the country related to processing?
2. Describe important features of regulated markets?
3. What are the pre-requisites for success of collective marketing?

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