LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ECONOMICS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2007

EC 1951 - AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

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Date : 07/11/2007   Dept. No. _____   Max. : 100 Marks
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

PART – A

Answer any FIVE questions in about 75 words each.   **(5 x 4 = 20 marks)**

1. Define crop and cropping pattern. What are the factors determining cropping pattern?
2. What is disguised unemployment?
3. State the importance of marketable surplus.
4. Distinguish IAAP, IADP and package Programme?
5. Define production function.
6. "Land to the tiller of soil" – Discuss.
7. Why are farmers sensitive towards price changes?

PART – B

Answer any FOUR questions in about 250 words each.   **(4 x 10 = 40 marks)**

8. Define social forestry. What are the new forest policies?
9. Discuss the role of agriculture in economic development.
10. Justify agricultural taxation in the Indian context.
11. Discuss Cobb-Douglas production function.
12. Discuss the various problems of agricultural sector. Suggest your own way to rectify the same.
13. Examine the working of NBFI and banking institutions for the development of agriculture sector in India.
14. Bring out the debate on farm size and productivity?

PART – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 900 words.   **(2 x 20 = 40 marks)**

15. Bring out the superiority of Raj Krishna model over the Nerlovian model.
16. "Green Revolution techniques are highly in favour of the rich land lords and not the marginal and small farmers" – Discuss.
17. "Land reform policies are not having practical validity" – Critically Evaluate.
18. Describe the importance of law of returns and law of variable proportions in agricultural sector.

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