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**Master of Arts (Economics) 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**1046**

**Opt. (i) : ECONOMICS OF AGRICULTURE-II**

**(In all Mediums)**

**Paper-MAECO-403 & 404**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 80**

**Note :-** Attempt **five** questions in all including question no. I which is compulsory and taking **one** from each Unit.

I. Write short notes on any **ten** of the following in about 25-30 words each :

- (a) What is meant by the term Agency relationship in the context of agricultural finance ?
- (b) Explain the term agri-business.
- (c) What do you mean by Option Markets ?
- (d) What does price stabilization signify in the context of agricultural markets ?
- (e) What is marketing margin ?
- (f) What do you mean by vertical market relationships in the case of agricultural marketing ?
- (g) Explain the term marketing efficiency.

- (h) Explain the rationale for Food Assistance Programme.
- (i) What do you mean by food insecurity ?
- (j) Define the term Green Revolution.
- (k) Define the term static credit.
- (l) What is meant by price spread ?
- (m) Explain the term investment credit.
- (n) Define the term non-tariff barriers.
- (o) Define sustainable agriculture.

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### UNIT-I

- II. Discuss the borrower's credit risks together with their coping up mechanisms. 7½, 7½
- III. What do you mean by segmented rural credit markets ? Make a critical appraisal of their working in the context of a developing economy such as ours. 3, 12

### UNIT-II

- IV. Discuss the nature and problems of instability in agricultural markets. What type of strategy would you recommend to deal with problems created by instability in the context of agriculture in a developing economy ? 7½, 7½
- V. What do you mean by farmers' cooperatives ? Discuss the problems and prospects of such cooperatives in developing economies like India. 3, 6, 6



### UNIT-III

- VI. Explain the main features of international trade in agricultural commodities. What major changes have occurred in this type of trade after the setting up of the WTO (World Trade Organisation)?

7½, 7½

- VII. Discuss the major threats to food security in developing economies like India. How can such threats be met effectively and enduringly? Elaborate.

7½, 7½

### UNIT-IV

- VIII. Give an account of various opportunities and challenges for Indian agriculture in the post-reform period.

7½, 7½

- IX. Do you subscribe to the view that the Green Revolution Strategy in India has proved to be a blessing as well as a curse? Elaborate your answer in detail in either case.

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### (हिन्दी माध्यम)

**Note :-** Attempt **five** questions in all including question No. I which is compulsory and taking **one** from each Unit.

- I. कोई दस प्रश्न करो। हरेक प्रश्न का उत्तर 25-30 शब्दों में दो :-
- (क) कृषि वित्त के संदर्भ में एजेंसी संबंध पद से क्या तात्पर्य है ?
  - (ख) कृषि कारोबार पद की व्याख्या करो।
  - (ग) आपका विकल्प मंडियों से क्या अभिप्राय है ?
  - (घ) कृषि मंडियों के संदर्भ में कीमत स्थिरीकरण का क्या अर्थ है ?