Rural Development & Co-operation (Subject Code -25)

PAPER - I

Social & Economic Aspects

The concepts of Rural Sociology-Nature, Scope and importance of Rural Sociology, Rural Social structure, Family & Kinship. Caste and class system, Religion-Traditional practices, Community leadership, Religious and Political leadership, Promotion of Traditional and Cultural Values, Beliefs and practices for stability and development of Rural Society. Historical development of rural community, Tribal Community, Factors that influence social change, Rural & Urban disparities, Social problems or Rural economy, Agrarian relations and reforms, Poverty, unemployment and inequality, Population, Rural Education, health and sanitation and rural housing, Social problems of Weaker Sections, Rural indebtedness.

The conceptual background of development, Distinction between development & growth, The concept of Rural Development. The role of agriculture in rural development, watershed programme, Command Area Development Programme, Rural resources, Rural Income, Income difference between Rural and Urban Sector, Causes for low level Rural Income.


Agricultural problems of Indian Economy, Land reforms-Farm technology, Special Problems of Small and Marginal farmers-problems of Agricultural labourers, Agricultural price structure-GATT & Agricultural sector.

Rural Industrialization in India, Cottage & Rural Industries, Programmes of Rural & Cottage Industries, Problems and Perspective, Development of Rural Industries during Plan period, Source of Finance to Rural Industries, Appropriate technology for industries.

Rural infrastructures-Rural Transport & Communication, Rural electrification, Bio-gas Programme, Social Forestry, Rural ecology, Rural Banking, Role of Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks.

Problems of Rural unemployment, Remedial measures, migration of Rural population to Urban Area.
Poverty in Rural India, Causes & magnitude, Anti Poverty programmes, impact of Anti-poverty programmes during plan periods.

Planning for Rural Development, Plans at different levels, National, State, District, Block & Village, Importance of decentralized planning for Rural Development in India.

PAPER – II

The role of Panchayathi Raj institutions in Rural Development, Structure, Constitution and functions of Panchayati Raj institutions, Various legislations on Panchayati Raj Institution, Democratic decentralisation, Report of various Committees on Panchayati Raj, Role of institutional agencies in Rural Development, Rural Development Administration, Administrative accountability, Administration of special services to the weaker sections, Gandhian concept of Grama Swarajya, Peasant movement in India, Panchayati Raj experiment in Karnataka, Extension education in Rural India, Origin & Growth of extension programme, Training & various extension systems, Extension personnel, Leadership & extension. Development issues in Karnataka, Trend in growth of agricultural sector in Karnataka, Rural industries in Karnataka, Area Development authorities in Karnataka such as Malnadu development Authority, Western Ghat Development authority Karnataka, Hyderabad development Authority, Maidan Development Authority, etc.

Co-operation:

Meaning of Co-operation main features, Principles, Comparison with other forces of organization, Idea of Co-operative Common wealth.

Co-operative credit movement in India, Historical development Co-operative credit structure in India, District Central Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Apex Bank, Agriculture and Rural Development Banks, NABARD, Problems of various types of Co-operative Credit organization, Recommendations of Royal commission on Agriculture, Co-operative Planning Committee, Committee on Co-operative credit, All India Rural Credit Revten Committee, CRAFTCARD, and Khusro Committee, Solutions to reform Co-operative Credit institutions in India Non-Credit Co-operatives; meaning of Non-Credit Co-operatives, Structure and Progress of Consumer Co-operatives, Marketing Co-operatives, Industrial Co-operatives. State participation in Co-operation: State and Co-operation, States Financial participation in Different types of credit co-operatives, Problems of State participation.

Co-operative Education: Importance of Co-operative Education Present structure which exists in India for Co-operative education, Progress and Problems.