PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – December 2025

Date: 12-12-2025   **Time:** 01:00pm– 04:00pm

School: SOC	**Program:** B.Sc. Economics
Course Code: BSE2018	**Course Name:** Rural Economics
Semester: V	**Max Marks**:100 **Weightage**:50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4
Marks	28	20	26	26

Instructions:

    (i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
    (ii) *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.   **10Q x 2M=20M**

1.	Define rural development.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2.	State the meaning of by economic backwardness.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3.	Describe dilemma in rural development.	2 Marks	L2	CO1
4.	Explain Per Capita Real Gross National Product.	2 Marks	L1	CO2
5.	Elaborate the role of income inequality in the rural development.	2 Marks	L1	CO2
6.	Define per capita public expenditure.	2 Marks	L1	CO2
7.	Give central idea of modernization theory.	2 Marks	L1	CO3
8.	Explain the meaning of 'backwash effect'.	2 Marks	L1	CO3
9.	Name two poverty alleviation programs in India.	2 Marks	L1	CO4
10.	outline gender bias in rural development.	2 Marks	L1	CO4

Part B

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 7 marks.   **5Q x 7M = 35M**

11.	Discuss the basic elements necessary for rural development and describe any two.	07 Marks	L2	CO1
Or				
12.	Describe how rising expectations can influence rural development.	07 Marks	L2	CO1

13.	Examine the role of promotional measures in strengthening rural and cottage industries.	07 Marks	L4	CO2
Or				
14.	Explain the role of structural measures in rural development.	07 Marks	L2	CO2

15.	Describe the key argument of Dependency Theory from the Marxist school.	07 Marks	L2	CO3
Or				
16.	Discuss the features of Modernization Theory.	07 Marks	L2	CO3

17.	Describe the main features of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).	07 Marks	L2	CO4
Or				
18.	Explain the functions of Panchayat Raj Institutions in rural governance.	07 Marks	L2	CO4

19.	Explain the importance of rural and cottage industries in employment generation.	07 Marks	L2	CO2
Or				
20.	Describe the relationship between rural poverty and public expenditure on community facilities.	07 Marks	L2	CO2

Part C

Answer any three Questions. Each question carries 15marks   **3Q x 15M=45M**

21.	Discuss the meaning and concept of rural development. Explain the reasons for economic backwardness in rural areas, and elaborate on the need for rural development with suitable examples.	15 Marks	L2	CO1

22.	Elaborate on the measures used to assess the level of rural development.	15 Marks	L2	CO2

23.	Elaborately explain the Gandhian model of rural development	15 Marks	L2	CO3

24.	Discuss the various dimensions of rural unemployment and poverty in India. Explain how ongoing rural development programmes address these issues.	15 Marks	L2	CO4

25.	Explain 'Big Push' theory in detail.	15 Marks	L2	CO3