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**POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
AGRICULTURAL POLICY (PGCAP)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

**MNR-001 : INDIAN AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt any five questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Explain the various types of risks in agriculture. 5
- (b) Explain the meaning of and the rationale for diversification in agriculture. 5
2. (a) How does a favourable structure of prices provide incentives for increasing production in agriculture ? 5
- (b) Explain the importance of capital formation for the growth of the agricultural sector. 5
3. Agricultural research that does not have linkages with the extension system and an extension system that is not based on research are meaningless. Discuss. 10

4. (a) Discuss the main features and objectives of the comprehensive crop insurance scheme. 5
- (b) Explain the difficulties in imposing a progressive tax on agricultural income in India. 5
5. (a) Discuss the salient features of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005. In your opinion, should the scheme be continued ? 5
- (b) The development of rural industries is a prerequisite for the development of the agricultural sector in India. Discuss. 5
6. (a) Discuss the impact of various ICT-enabled initiatives in the agricultural sector in India. 5
- (b) Explain what kind of institutional support is available in India for the development of rural industries ? 5
7. Discuss the importance of the Public Distribution System in India. Explain some of the innovative measures that have been attempted to make the system effective. 10

8. Write short notes on *any five* of the following : 5x2=10

- (a) Plant quarantine.
 - (b) Krishi Vigyan Kendras
 - (c) De minimis levels of subsidy
 - (d) Land policy reforms for diversification
 - (e) Green Box subsidies
 - (f) Administered prices in agriculture
 - (g) Globalization of Indian agriculture
 - (h) Canal Irrigation.
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