



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2022

ARDACOR13T-AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CC13)

RURAL LIVELIHOOD STUDIES AND POVERTY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **six** from the following: 5×6 = 30
- (a) Distinguish between employment and livelihood. What are the major livelihood opportunities in rural India? 3+2
- (b) Discuss the major characteristics of rural livelihoods in India.
- (c) What is the importance of the agricultural sector with reference to rural livelihoods in India?
- (d) Discuss with suitable example the role of land ownership in determining livelihood strategies and outcomes.
- (e) Discuss briefly the major causes of rural poverty in India.
- (f) Distinguish between absolute poverty and relative poverty.
- (g) Discuss the major challenges of estimating poverty line.
- (h) What is Head Count Ratio (HCR)? What are the major drawbacks of the HCR method?
- (i) What is meant by 'vicious cycle of poverty'?
2. Answer any **one** from the following: 10×1 = 10
- (a) What is the meaning of livelihood diversification? Explain the different models that seek to explain rural livelihood diversification. What kind of rural livelihood diversification is evident in the Punjab region? 3+6+1
- (b) What are the major rural poverty alleviation programmes in India? Evaluate the performance of any one rural poverty alleviation programme in India. 3+7

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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