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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(PGD-SRD)

10th Batch (2018), 1st Semester

Course SRD – 501: RURAL SOCIETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

Total Marks: 30

Note:

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I. Block – 1: Understanding Rural Communities: Structure, Culture and Polity

1. What are the major institutions in the rural society and how are they influenced by social structure?
2. What are the features of caste system and how does caste support class system in the society?
3. Explain social inequality and social exclusion?
4. What is social change?
5. What is Social mobility? Explain its impact in the rural areas?

II. Block – 2: Development Theories

1. How do developing and industrial countries differ in their use of technological change, labour, capital and natural resources to produce economic growth? Why do these differences exist?
2. Is there conflict between equity and growth? Explain the nature of conflict?
3. What is Social development? And what are the major objectives of Social Development Programmes?
4. Explain how the policies for inclusive growth are an important component of most government strategies for sustainable growth.

III. Block – 3: Sustainable Development: An Overview

1. What are the essential ingredients for model of sustainable development?
2. Define sustainable human development? Explain its indicators?
3. Explain the difference between development and sustainable development
4. What are the indicator's data sources?

IV. Block – 4: Rural Development and Poverty: Concepts and Strategies

1. What are the different approaches to rural development in India?.
2. Discuss the various concepts of poverty?
3. What are the Millennium development goals?
4. Explain the role of CSR in rural development?

V. Block – 5: Decentralised Governance

1. What are the salient features of 73rd Amendment of Constitution of India
2. Narrate the features of cooperatives
3. What are the important features of SHGs and in what way it helps to empower the poor women?
4. Define NGO and give details of the kind of NGOs in Rural Development area?



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COURSE SRD – 502: DEVELOPMENT METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

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I. Block – 1: Approach, Theory and Methods

1. Explain Gandhian model of rural development?
2. Explain in detail Gunnar Myrdal's thesis of 'Spread and Backwash' effects?
3. Define Sustainable Development (SD) and trace the salient features of SD?
4. Explain Feldman-Mahalonabis Model of Development?

II. Block – 2: Quantitative Methods and Techniques

1. Define Quantitative and Qualitative data and give examples?
2. Give steps to construct frequency distribution?
3. Describe concept of probability and explain it with commonly occurring examples
4. What are the properties of correlation co-efficient ?
5. Explain different probability sampling methods
6. What is a Chi-square test? What are the conditions for using it?

III. Block – 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

1. Differentiate between structured and unstructured interviews? What are the ideal situations to use un-structured interview as data collection tools?
2. Case study method is most suited for in-depth understanding of social social reality, comment?
3. Explain in detail all the PRA techniques?
4. What is Qualitative data? Give at least three examples of qualitative data

IV. Block –4: Various Steps in Research Process

1. What are the different steps in conducting a research? Differentiate between pure and applied research?
2. What are the principles and procedures followed in review of research?
3. Describe the following : a) Database b)URL c)Storage devices d)Network ?
4. Differentiate between hypothesis and theory?

V Block- 5 :Project proposal Preparation and Unit writing

1. What is a Project? What are the characteristics of good project proposal?
2. How clarity and precision play a role in project proposal?
3. Write down the steps involved in organizing the content in report writing?
4. Explain the three classic formats used in report writing?



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COURSE SRD – 503: POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Block-1: Vision for India's Rural Development

1. What are the main suggestions made by Gandhiji on rural development?
2. Explain the concept of Mixed economy as a policy option? Was it best alternative for India in the context of Cold War? Give Reasons.
3. Explain in detail the necessity for reconstruction of Indian polity?
4. Describe Green revolution as a initiative taken up by the Government to obtain self sufficiency in agriculture?
5. Explain the role of NGOs in rural development with examples in your area?

II Block-2: Planned Rural Development

1. What is the role of V year plans in India for Rural Development?
2. Point out the features of 73rd constitutional amendment?
3. Explain what is rights based approach to development?
4. What is micro-finance? What are the models of delivering micro-finance services in India

III Block-3: Rural Development Programmes for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation

1. Explain MGNREGA as a mega wage employment programme?
2. Describe NRLM? Explain NRLM approach?
3. Critically evaluate the difference and importance of DPAP programme to control the drought and other natural disasters?
4. What are the programmes for destitutes?
5. Explain swajaldhara scheme?

IV Block-4: Vulnerable Groups and Rural Development

1. What are the existing programmes for women development & empowerment ?
2. What is gender based budget ? What do you understand by gender mainstreaming?
3. Briefly discuss the various approaches adopted for tribal development in India?
4. What is the impact of women reservation on local self-governance?

V Block-5: Rural Development and Quality of Life

1. Write an essay on major health policies in India?
2. Discuss the major education policies in India?
3. What are the objectives & functions of networking Self Help Groups (SHGs) ?
4. What is the role of Civil Society organizations in rural development?
5. Write a note on Stree Nidhi?

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I Block-1: Livelihoods

1. What are the four characteristics of livelihoods/ Identify five principles that help us to understand livelihoods better
2. What are the four arrows, six capitals and Four contexts based on which livelihood strategies can be framed.
3. Explain the Leap Tools? How do they contribute in poverty assessment?
4. How is value chain analysis done? Explain taking an example of one farm based livelihood.
5. Describe NRLM guiding principles or values?

II Block-2: Resources

1. What are common property resources? Explain with examples?
2. Detail the various categorizations of natural capital?
3. How does human capital help improve livelihoods?
4. How the contextual factors affect the social capital of an individual?
5. How does the financial capital get converted into livelihood outcomes?

III Block-3: Environment

1. Explain what a food chain is giving an example from your local environment?
2. Explain the terms Energy flow and Nutrient Cycling?
3. What are the concerns with respect to water, agriculture and energy in your state?

4. Explain the Chipko movement and how Ralegaon Siddhi became a model village?
5. Explain the impact of climate change on Agriculture and Vice-Versa?

IV Block-4: Farm-based Livelihoods

1. 'Farmers want to leave agriculture', give reasons as to why?
2. Discuss the issues in dry land agriculture?
3. Describe the importance of livestock in the lives of the poor?
4. Discuss the generic issues in forest based livelihoods?

V Block-5: Non-farm Livelihoods

1. What are the factors that are responsible to increase the non-farm economy in rural India?
2. Discuss the problems faced by artisans in unorganized sector?
3. Discuss some of the interventions made by government and non-government organizations for the welfare of wage labour?
4. What are the challenges faced by women in running small enterprises in rural setting?

VI Block-6: Value Addition and Marketing

1. Discuss how transportation helps in increasing the value of a product?
2. Discuss the factors affecting the value addition/processing activities?
3. Describe the objectives and salient features of regulated markets?
4. What is collective marketing? Describe the steps involved in collective marketing?
5. Explain the important features of Shandies?