MBR
(SEM. IV) EXAMINATION. 2006 – 07
AGRI-BUSINESS & RURAL INDUSTRIES

Time : 3 Hours] [Total Marks : 100

Note : (1) Attempt all the questions.
(2) All questions carry equal marks.

1 a) Explain clearly the importance of agri-business 10 in the economic development of a country with special reference to India.

b) How is the agricultural production system 10 different from the industrial production system? Explain giving some examples.

OR

1 a) Give an outline of the various challenges and constraints to agri-business in India and suggest measures to remove them.

b) Describe, in brief the important laws relating 10 to agri-business in India, highlighting their main objectives.

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2  a) Elaborate, in brief, the nature, scope and objectives of the industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.  

b) With a critical notes on the 'consumer Protection Act, 1986.'  

OR  

a) What are the important provisions of the Food Adulteration Act, 1954 in regard to ‘Standard of Quality of Food Articles’.  

b) Discuss the importance of Agri-business and rural industries in a country like India. What are their problems of growth and development?  

3  a) What are the various aspects of Product Development? Outline briefly the problem of the purchase of inputs in this regard.  

b) Discuss the steps that have been taken by the Government in regards to the upgradation and modernization of technology for rural industrialization in India during the plan period.  

OR  

3  a) Assess the importance of inventory management and quality control in the field of rural industries.  

b) Who is an Entrepreneur? Bring out the important qualities that a successful entrepreneur is expected to possess.
4 a) Explain the merits and demerits of equity shares and debentures as the sources of financing the agri-business and rural industries.

b) What is working capital and what are its components? How should the working capital be managed effectively in the small scale and village industries?

OR

4 Examine the role of any two of the following as the sources of financing the agri-business and rural industries:

   a) Village money lenders
   b) Cooperative societies
   c) Financial institutions like IDBI and ICICI.

5 Write notes on any two of the following:

   a) Modern Agri-business System
   b) Importance of Feasibility Studies
   c) Intellectual Property Rights
   d) Capital Market Instruments
   e) Cost Composition of Rural Industries.

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