PAPER 1

CRDCE1T Foundations of Rural Society and Development

MAX. MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this paper, learners will be able to:

CO1: Explain the basic characteristics and structure of rural society in India.
CO2: Analyse socio-economic institutions shaping rural life.
CO3: Discuss major theories and approaches to rural development.
CO4: Examine rural governance structures and decentralised institutions.
CO5: Evaluate key rural development policies and programmes in India.

SECTION A

Understanding Rural Society

Unit I: Concept and Structure of Rural Society: Meaning and characteristics of rural society**,** Rural–urban differences and rural–urban continuum**,** Demographic features of rural India

Unit II: Social Institutions in Rural Areas: Caste and class in rural society**,** Family, kinship and gender relations**,** Agrarian structure and land relations

Unit III: Rural Economy and Livelihoods: Agriculture and allied activities, Rural poverty and unemployment, Migration and changing occupational patterns

SECTION B

Rural Development and Governance

Unit IV: Theories and Approaches to Rural Development: Concept of rural development**,** Modernisation and growth-oriented approaches**,** Participatory and sustainable development models

Unit V: Rural Governance and Decentralisation: Panchayati Raj Institutions: structure and functions**,** Role of Gram Sabha**,** Decentralised planning and community participation

Unit VI: Rural Development Policies and Programmes in India: Poverty alleviation programmes**,** Rural employment and livelihood schemes**,** Rural infrastructure and social welfare initiatives.

Suggested readings:

1. Desai, A. R. (1969). *Rural sociology in India*. Popular Prakashan.
2. Singh, K. (2009). *Rural development: Principles, policies and management* (3rd ed.). Sage Publications.
3. Srinivas, M. N. (1966). *Social change in modern India*. University of California Press.
4. Srinivas, M. N. (1976). *The remembered village*. Oxford University Press.
5. Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. (Latest edition). *Annual report*. Government of India.