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**III Semester M.S.W. Degree (Regular/Supplementary) Examination,
December 2010**

**Optional – II : RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
O II – RUCD II : Development Economics**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

PART – I

Answer **any six** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks. Answer to a question is limited to **100** words.

Write short notes on :

1. Economic Development.
2. Poverty line.
3. Feminisation of poverty.
4. Farm mechanisation.
5. Cottage Industries.
6. Rural Unemployment.
7. Micro-enterprises.
8. Economic Planning.
9. New Economic Policy.

(6×3=18)

PART – II

Answer **any five** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks. Answer to a question is limited to **200** words.

10. Discuss the indicators of economic development.
11. Write a note on the current economic scenario of our country. How is it different from the past structure of our economy ?

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12. Describe the importance of rural credit and the major institutions providing rural credit. What are the obstacles faced by farmers and artisans in accessing credit ?
13. Write a note on the condition of landless agricultural labourers.
14. Define sustainable development. Explain its features.
15. Explain the problem of rural unemployment. What are the remedial measures undertaken by government agencies ?
16. Briefly explain the role of small scale industries in economic development.
17. Write a note on the impact of new economic policy on agriculture and social sectors like health and education. (5×6=30)

PART – III

Answer **any two** questions. **All** questions carry **equal** marks. Answer to a question is limited to **900** words.

18. Explain in detail the characteristics and importance of Indian agriculture. Discuss the causes for low productivity in agriculture.
 19. Explain the concept of poverty. How is poverty measured ? Discuss the various poverty alleviation programmes currently implemented.
 20. “Kerala economy presents many a paradox”. Bring out the uniqueness of the Kerala Model of development and its reasons. (2×16=32)
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