

BA III Year	BEC-S602: Economics of Rural Development		Semester 6
Marks Allotted for Internal Assessment	Marks Allotted for End Semester Examination (ESE)	Maximum Marks	Total Credits
30	70	100	4
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Student will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the nature and cause of problems of India's rural economy.</li> <li>• Analyze the various dynamics of work and employment in the rural economy of India.</li> <li>• Evaluate various measures of the government in tackling socio-economic problems of unemployment and poverty.</li> <li>• Appraise the various sources of credit in the rural economy as well as their complications.</li> <li>• Identify the various institutions operating at the rural level towards building the required infrastructure.</li> </ul>			
Unit 1	<b>INTRODUCTION OF RURAL ECONOMY:</b> Characteristics of rural economy, Social Aspects of India's Rural Areas, Barter System, Non-monetized Sector, Economic Characteristics Land and Asset Distribution. Agricultural Income, Vagaries of Monsoon, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Price Policy, Farm and Non-farm Income, Marketed and Marketable Surplus		
Unit 2	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT:</b> Rural Unemployment: Types and Magnitude, Agricultural Labour, Marginal Productivity. Agricultural Wages, Wage Fixation: Minimum Wages Act. Rural Employment programmes, Employment Guarantee Act: MGNREGA		
Unit 3	<b>POVERTY:</b> Rural Poverty: Nature, Trends, Causes and Consequences. Poverty Alleviation Programmes of Government.		
Unit 4	<b>RURAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b> Meaning of rural indebtedness, Rural Finance, Causes and magnitude of rural indebtedness, Sources of rural credit, Organized and unorganized, Money lenders, Indigenous Bankers, Co-operatives, Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks — NABARD.		
Unit 5	<b>DECENTRALISATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RURAL MARKETING:</b> Critical evaluation of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural development. Rural Infrastructure, Rural Industrialization. Agro-based Industries. Cooperative societies, Rural Marketing. Cooperative Marketing. Role of Self Help Groups.		
<b>Suggested Readings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I . Dhingra I.C., The Indian Economy, Sultan Chand, New Delhi, 2010.</li> <li>• Agarwal A.N., Kundan Lal, Rural Economy of India, Vikas, Delhi, 1990.</li> <li>• Singh, Katar. Rural Development — Principles, Policies and Management, Sage Publications. New Delhi</li> <li>• Reddy, Venkata, K. : Agriculture and Rural Development (A Gandhian Perspective), Himalaya Publishing House.</li> <li>• Sundaram, Satya, I. : Rural Development, Himalaya Publishing</li> </ul>			

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