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St. Clare College

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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-MAY 2025

BA-II SEMESTER

SO 224: RURAL SOCIETY IN INDIA

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TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 80

This paper contains TWO printed pages and FOUR parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions regarding the exam paper must be reported to the COE within one hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

Answer ALL questions. Each answer carries ONE mark.

[1 x 10 = 10]

1. Rural society is primarily characterised by:
a) High-tech industries b) Agrarian economy c) Skyscrapers d) Metropolitan culture
2. Which of the following is a traditional rural social structure?
a) Corporate hierarchy b) Caste system c) Digital economy d) Slums
3. The main cause of rural-urban migration is:
a) Better healthcare b) Lack of employment
c) Higher pollution d) More entertainment options
4. MGNREGA is a scheme related to:
a) Rural employment b) Rural housing c) Industrial growth d) Foreign trade
5. Which is an example of a rural cottage industry?
a) Automobile manufacturing b) Handloom weaving
c) IT services d) Home baking
6. The Panchayati Raj system was introduced to:
a) Centralise governance b) Decentralise power to villages
c) Abolish local bodies d) Promote urbanization
7. Farmer suicides in India are mainly due to:
a) Low profits in farming b) Debt and crop failure
c) Excess rainfall d) Government subsidies



8. Which is a major environmental issue in rural areas?
a) Air pollution b) Soil degradation c) Noise pollution d) Smog
9. Which of the following is NOT an allied activity of agriculture?
a) Dairy farming b) Poultry farming c) Mining d) Fisheries
10. Gender inequality in rural areas is seen in action as:
a) Equal wages for men and women b) Male-dominated decision-making
c) High female literacy d) Equal land ownership

PART-B

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[2 x 5 = 10]

11. What are the criteria for defining rural areas?
12. Name two types of villages based on settlement patterns.
13. How does the caste system affect rural employment?
14. Mention two key objectives of rural development policies.
15. What is the role of cooperatives in rural markets?
16. Define the concept of "feminisation of agriculture".
17. What are the causes of rural indebtedness?

PART-C

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[5 x 4 = 20]

18. Describe the rural social structure.
19. Discuss strategies for alleviating poverty in rural India.
20. Describe a successful intervention by civil society or NGOs in rural development.
21. What challenges do rural cottage industries face?
22. Analyze the role of women in rural agricultural activities.
23. How does climate change affect rural livelihoods?

PART-D

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries TEN marks.

[10 x 4 = 40]

24. Trace the historical evolution of rural society in India.
25. Critically examine the role of caste and class in rural economic stratification.
26. Analyse employment opportunities and challenges in rural India's non-farm activities.
27. Examine practices for sustainable rural development in India.
28. Explain the structure and significance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
29. Analyze the social and economic challenges faced by rural women in India.