

# Rural Development

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## 1 Marks Questions

### 1. What is rural development?

**Ans.** Rural development is an action plan for the economic and social upliftment of rural areas.

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### 2. What is meant by agricultural diversification?

**Ans.** Agricultural Diversification means a major proportion of the increasing labour force in the agricultural sector needs to find alternate employment opportunities in other nonfarm sectors.

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### 3. What is TANWA?

**Ans.** TANWA (Tamil Nadu Women in Agriculture) is a project initiated in Tamil Nadu where rural women find employment in nonfarm jobs, as well as they are trained in latest agricultural techniques.

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### 4. What is 'Golden Revolution'?

**Ans.** The period between 1991-2003 is called 'Golden Revolution' because during this period the named investment in horticulture became highly productions and the sector emerged as a sustainable livelihood option.

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### 5. Write two instruments to safeguard the interests of farmers by the government.

**Ans.** Two instruments are fixation of minimum support price (MSP) buffer stock.

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**6. What is cooperative marketing?**

**Ans.** Cooperative marketing is a measure to ensure a fair price of farmers. Member farmers sell their surplus to the cooperative society which substitutes collective bargaining in place of individual bargaining and hence provides best advantages to the farmers.

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**7. What do you mean by 'Operation Flood'?**

**Ans.** From 1966 onwards operation flood is a system whereby all the farmers can pool their milk produce according to different grading (based on quality) and the same is processed and marketed to urban centers through cooperatives.

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**8. What do you mean by micro credit programmer.**

**Ans.** Credit provisions made by self help groups (SHG) to its different members is known as micro credit programme.

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**9. Define non institutional sources of agricultural credit.**

**Ans.** Noninstitutional sources include money lenders, traders, commission agents, landlords, relations and friends.

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**10. What is agricultural marketing?**

**Ans.** Agricultural marketing is a process of marketing in which farm produce are distributed through wholesalers and stockiest to ultimate consumers.

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**11. Mention two limitations of rural banking.**

**Ans.** Two limitations of rural banking are inadequate finance and large amount of over dues and default rate.

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**12. Name two institutional sources of agricultural credit.**

**Ans.** Two institutional sources of agricultural credit are cooperative credit societies and

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commercial banks.

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**13. Which state has an efficient implementation of milk cooperatives?**

**Ans.** Gujarat state has the efficient implementation of milk cooperatives.

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**14. When was NABARD established?**

**Ans.** NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) was established in 1982

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**15. What is sustainable development?**

**Ans.** Sustainable development is a system of a long period sustainable process along with an eco-friendly environment.