HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. What were the limitations of Green Revolution?

OR

What are the ill-effects of Green Revolution?

- **Ans. (i)** Loss of soil fertility due to increased use of chemical fertilizers.
- (ii) Continuous use of groundwater for tubewell irrigation has reduced the water table below the ground.
- (iii) The chemical fertilizers, easily soluble in water, can dissolve in the groundwater and pollute it.
- (iv) They can kill bacteria and other micro-organisms helpful for the soil.
- (v) Excessive use of fertilizers can also make the soil alkaline and unfit for cultivation.

Q.2. State three reasons of the variation in the wages of farm labourers all over India.

- **Ans. (i)** Employment is less and farmers are more and therefore, farmers have to be content with what they are earning.
- (ii) Land is owned by landlords who desire to earn more and more profits by giving minimum wages.
- (iii) The farmers are illiterate and unaware of the minimum amount set by the government.

Q.3. Explain any three efforts which can be made to increase non-farming production activities in villages?

- **Ans. (i)** Collection centres for collecting milk can be developed in village for supplementing income of poor farmers.
- (ii) Small-scale manufacturing can be introduced where family members of farmers can work together to produce goods which can be sold in the market.
- (iii) Education and health of the people should be improved, so that they can become self- dependent and can open computer centre or school in the village.