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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM

MGU-UGP (HONOURS) REGULAR EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2026

FIFTH SEMESTER

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE) – MG5DSEECO00

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND RURAL GOVERNANCE

(2024 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Duration:2 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 70

Remember(K), Understand(U), Apply(A), Analyse (An), Evaluate(E), Create(C), Skill(S),
Interest(I) and Appreciation (Ap)

Students should attempt at least one question from each course outcome to enhance their overall outcome attainability.

Part A

One or Two Sentences

Answer any 10 questions

1. Define community organization and state one of its major objectives in rural development. [K]/[CO1]
2. What is meant by democratic participation in community organization? [K]/[CO1]
3. What is the Ecological Perspective of community organization? [U]/[CO1]
4. Explain the concept of Gram Swaraj in Gandhian philosophy. [U]/[CO1]
5. What is meant by conscientization in Paulo Freire's participatory education? [U]/[CO1]
6. What is Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)? Mention one of its field techniques. [K]/[CO1]
7. What is group cohesion? Why is it important in rural community development? [U]/[CO2]
8. What is a Self-Help Group (SHG)? Mention one important function of an SHG. [K]/[CO2]
9. What is meant by the SHG–Bank Linkage Model? [K]/[CO2]
10. Define microfinance and mention one of its major objectives. [U]/[CO2]
11. What is meant by financial inclusion in rural areas? [U]/[CO2]
12. What is Grama Sabha? State its significance in local governance. [U]/[CO3]
13. Name the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system in India. [K]/[CO3]
14. What was the major contribution of the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee (1957) to Panchayati Raj? [U]/[CO4]
15. What is e-Gram Swaraj? Mention one benefit of its use in rural administration. [U]/[CO4]

Part B

Short Answer Questions (50 Words)

Answer any 4 questions

Each question carries 5 marks

16. Explain the major principles of community organization. [U]/[CO1]
17. Explain the major stages in the process of community organization. [U]/[CO1]
18. Describe the structure and functioning of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). [U]/[CO2]
19. Explain the role of microfinance in rural development and financial inclusion. [An]/[CO2]
20. Explain the three-tier Panchayati Raj system in India. [U]/[CO3]
21. Explain the major recommendations of the Balwant Rai Mehta and Ashok Mehta Committees. [An]/[CO4]
22. Explain the major applications and challenges of e-Governance in rural administration. [An]/[CO4]

Part C

Short Essay Questions (100 Words)

Answer any 2 questions

Each question carries 10 marks

23. Discuss the major theories and philosophical foundations of community organization and their relevance to rural development. [An]/[CO1]
24. Discuss the role of group work, Self-Help Groups and microfinance in rural community development. [An]/[CO2]
25. Examine the evolution and functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions in India, with special reference to Kerala. [An]/[CO3, 4]
26. Evaluate the role of institutional innovations in strengthening rural governance. [E]/[CO4]