UPSC CSE Mains Test Series 2019 Test 1 – GS Paper 3 & Ethics Case Study

Time: 1 hours Date:05.07.2020 Maximum Marks: 95

Syllabus:

- ➤ Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Sovernment Budgeting. Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers
- ➤ Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security;

General Instructions

- > There are Seven Questions Printed in English only.
- > From Question number 1 to 6 write answers for any five questions.
- > Question number 7 (Ethics case study) is compulsory question.
- > The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it
- > Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

- 1. What are the three themes of the union Budget 2020-21? How it will achieve the inclusive development for all? (15 marks) (250 Words)
- 2. What are NBFCs and discuss its significance in economic growth? What are the challenges faced by NBFCs in India? (15 marks) (250 Words)
- 3. What are the objectives of APMC act? What are the constraints for the farmer in getting fair price in agriculture mandis? Discuss recent steps in addressing these constraints. (15 marks) (250 Words)
- **4.** What are the advantages of farm diversification? Discuss the challenges to farm diversification? **(15 marks) (250 Words)**

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- 5. One nation one ration card scheme is designed to alleviate the crisis of migrants. In this context, evaluate the challenges in the implementation of National Food security Act and discuss how far the one nation one ration card would help in addressing it. (15 marks) (250 Words)
- **6.** Fiscal deficit and economic slowdown are twin challenges of present-day Indian Economy. Analyse. **(15 marks) (250 Words)**

Ethics Case Study

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