KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture – 2010 Admission IIIrd Semester Final Examination – January / February 2012

Title: Econ. 2102 Marks: 80

Course: Agricultural Finance and Co-operation (1+1)

Time: 3 Hours

I. State TRUE or FALSE:

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

- 1. Farm financial management is quite distinct from farm management.
- 2. The principle of production is one of the Ps of credit.
- 3. Short term agricultural loans are generally given to meet the annual recurring purchases of inputs.
- 4. The usual time limit for repayment of short term loans is 12 months.
- 5. Time classification of credit is based on the time taken by the lending agency to disburse credit.
- 6. In the case of hypothecated loans, the legal ownership of the asset financed remains with the lender.
- Crop loans from institutional agencies are expected to be unsecured loans.
- 8. 'Neither a borrower, nor a lender be; for borrowing blunts the edge of husbandry'
- 9. Before social control and nationalization major (14) commercial banks, banks were not financing agriculture.
- 10. The Crop Insurance Scheme now in operation in the country is called National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.

II. Write short notes on ANY TEN of the following:

 $(10 \times 3 = 30)$

- 1. Distinguish between short-term and medium term credit, with examples.
- 2. Distinguish between mortgage and hypothecation, with examples.
- 3. Distinguish between self-liquidating and non-self-liquidating loans, with examples.
- 4. Distinguish between direct and indirect agricultural finance.
- 5. Distinguish between micro and macro agricultural financial management.
- 6. 'Credit supports the farmer as the hangman's rope supports the hanged'
- 7. Distinguish between production credit and investment credit, with examples.
- 8. Marketing credit
- 9. Distinguish between secured and unsecured credit.
- 10. Distinguish between outstanding and over dues.
- 11. Co-operatives were considered ideal institutions for agricultural credit. Why?
- 12. Justification and purpose of refinancing.

III. Write short essays on ANY SIX of the following:

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

- 1. Role and importance of agricultural finance.
- 2. Classification of agricultural credit based on time.
- 3. Circumstances leading to the nationalization of 14 major commercial banks.
- 4. Five Cs of credit
- 5. Any three Ps of credit

- 6. Amortised repayment plans.
- 7. Lead Bank Scheme
- 8. Institutional structure and functioning of long-term co-operative agricultural credit.

IV. Write an essay on ANY ONE of the following:

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

- 1. Regional Rural Banks
- 2. NABARD
