

Paper 3: Agriculture & Microfinance (AM)

Full Marks: 100

Module A: Agriculture Finance

- Nature, Approaches and Need for Agricultural Finance, Institutional and Non-Institutional Sources, Types of Agri-finance-Crop and Non-Crop, Agro-Based Project Financing - Procedures and Collaterals in Agri-finance Problems of Agri-finance- Role of Commercial Bank and Bangladesh Bank in Agri-finance - Monitoring and Recovery of Agricultural Credit - Public Demand Recovery Act - Sector and Sub-Sector of Agricultural Finance - Methods of Agricultural Credits Disbursements - Use of IT in Agricultural Credits - Role of Banks in Agriculture Sector Financing - Regulatory Policies for Agricultural and Farm Sector Financing.

Module B: Micro Credit and Micro Finance: Evolution, Legal Framework and Products

- Historical Development of Micro Credit, Micro Credit and Micro Finance, Micro Credit and Poverty Alleviation. Government Policy and Legal Framework Regarding Micro Finance in Bangladesh, Micro Credit Regulatory Authority (MRA) in Bangladesh, Requirements of Collateral Security, Collateral Substitutes, Saving-Compulsory Deposit System, Insurance, Payment Services, Social Intermediation, Enterprise Development Services.

Module C: Micro Financial Institutions (MFIs)

- Micro Financial Institutions and their Objectives, Target Market and Impact Analysis, Formal, Semi-Formal and Informal Financial Institutions, Institutional Growth and Transformation, Linkages Among Different Types of MFIs and between Banks and MFIs. Social Services of the MFIs.

Module D: Working Capital, Special and Priority Sector Financing

- Working Capital Assessment for Fishery, Poultry, Dairy, etc. Finance in High Value Crops, Tissue Culture, Oil Palm Cultivation, Nursery, Salt Cultivation, Cereal Cultivation, Silk Cultivation, Roof-top Gardening, Mushroom Cultivation, Betel Leaf Cultivation, etc. Value Chain - Developing Commodity Markets.

Module E: Role of Specialized Banks (SBs) and MFIs in Rural Finance and Poverty Alleviation in Bangladesh

- Role of BKB, RAKUB, Grameen Bank, BRAC, ASA, PRASHIKA, BRDB and PKSF as the Micro/Rural Financial Institutions in poverty alleviation

Module F: Performance Assessment of SBs and MFIs

- Repayment Rates, Financial Viability, Profitability, Leverage and Capital Adequacy, Borrowers Viability and Poverty Alleviation.

References:

1. Bangladesh Bank, BKB, RAKUB & PKSF: Annual Reports.
2. Ledgerwood, Joanna. Micro Finance Handbook- An Institutional and Financial Perspective, The WorldBank Washington D.C
3. Wood, Geoffrey D and Sharif, Ifath A, (Ed.). Who Needs Credit-Poverty and Finance in Bangladesh, UPL,Dhaka.
4. Agricultural and Rural Credit Policy and Programme