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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES :

- 1. All QUESTIONS are COMPULSORY.**

- 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :**

It is reported that the government is close to finalizing a system of dual pricing for the public procurement of food grains. There would be two basic elements to this system : A fixed Minimum Support Price (MSP) covering the cost of cultivation, as at present, recommended by the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), and variable procurement prices, at the discretion of the department of food , depending on market. For example, according to a working group of the Planning Commission, over the five year period ending 2001-02 where there was a steep rise in procurement price resulting in accumulation of embarrassing large stock of food grains of over 60 million tones with the government, consumption of food grains in the country was reduced, on this account, by at least five million tons per annum. The new system by assigning a greater role for private trade can improve the efficiency in the distribution of food grains and substantially cut down subsidies, which can help to step up much needed public investment in agriculture. The proposed dual pricing system is a better alternative than total marketisation of food grains trade by disbanding altogether public procurement at MSP.

Such a dismantling could lead to a crash in market prices of food grains in years of food harvest. Even though this may take exports competitive and raise domestic consumption of food grains in the short run, it may undermine food security by sapping producer incentives. The experience of green revolution underlines the importance of assured MSP including the farmers to step up their own investment and effort and derive full benefit from available infrastructure.

For the dual pricing system to yield desired results, it needs to be backed by several other policy measures. Since the impetus for crop diversification would be greater in the infrastructural - developed regions like the north-west, this can slow down the growth of foodgrains output in the country and, in particular, the surpluses procured, unless immediate measures are taken to strengthen public support for irrigation, technology, extension and credit in the rest of the country, especially in the central and eastern

regions where there is a large potential as the growth of food grains output has barely kept pace with population growth since the mid-90s. This also calls for more effective public procurement of food grains at MSP in these regions, as farmers have to often sell their produce immediately after the harvest at prices that are lower than MSP. Therefore, dual pricing system can be sustained only through non-price interventions such as infrastructural support for regional dispersal of growth in food grains output.

The new system requires better market intelligence forecasts as well as concurrent analyses on prices and sales in markets in India and abroad.

- a) What are the two elements of dual pricing system for procuring food grains?
- b) How will the above proposed system benefit the nation?
- c) Mention at least four non food grain item used by the consumer.
- d) What is the result of ecological degradation in the north-western region of India?
- e) Trace words from the passage that are the synonyms of the following :

Extract, Driving force (10)

2. a) Use the following words in meaningful sentences of your own
Environment, Sustainable, solitude, emphasis, organize (5)

b) Do as Directed ;

1. My heart is too full for words. (*Change simple to complex sentence*)
 2. Mother was annoyed and left the room. (*Change compound to complex sentence*)
 3. Do not steal. (*Change into passive voice*)
 4. One _____ do one's duty. (*Supply an appropriate verb*)
 5. China is the most populated country in the world. (*Interchange Affirmative into Negative sentence*) (5×1=5)
3. You have been asked to make a speech on Water Pollution in whole world. Develop a speech on the topic according to your views on it. (10)
 4. Write a letter to the manager of a company promoting the sale of computer software of your company. Invent necessary details. (15)
 5. Suppose you as Yogesh/Radha of ABC College. You visited the Exhibition recently. Write a brief report on what you saw, the exhibit you liked most and other special feature of the exhibition. (15)