7. Answer **all** *parts* of the question.

(a) Explain the genesis and rationale behind the Self-Help Group (SHG) movement in India.

(b) Discuss how gender issues influence the participation of women in SHGs and microfinance programmes.

(c) Suggest policy measures to strengthen the institutionalization of SHGs under NGO or government support. (6,6,6)

8. Write short notes on any **three** *out of the* **four** parts.

(a) Pros and Cons of Micro-Credit Programmes in India.

(b) Role of NGOs in Entrepreneurship Development.

(c) Impact of MUDRA Yojana on Micro-Enterprise Promotion.

(d) Financial Inclusion and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). (6,6,6)

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1. Answer *any* **two** *out of the* **three** parts of the question.

   (a) Define *Microfinance* and discuss its core components and objectives in the Indian context.

   (b) Trace the evolution and growth of Microfinance in India, highlighting key phases, institutions, and policy shifts since the 1970s.

   (c) Evaluate the contribution of Microfinance to poverty reduction and women's empowerment in rural India. Support your answer with examples from any government or NGO-led programme. (9,9)

2. Answer *both parts* of the question.

   (a) Discuss various rural financial products. What are the constraints in the provision of rural financial services in India?

   (b) Why do the poor need microfinance? What are some key principles of microfinance? (9,9)

3. Answer *any* **two** *out of the* ***three*** parts of the question.

   (a) Discuss the various credit lending models.

   (b) How to form a Self-Help Group? Discuss the stages of forming a Self-Help Group.

   (c) Why has Grameen Bank been more successful in Bangladesh, and why have Self-Help Groups been more successful in India? (9,9)

4. Discuss in detail the various strategies of risk minimisation for MFIs. (18)

5. Answer **all** *parts* of the question.

   (a) Define social rating and credit rating in the context of Microfinance Institutions (MFIs).

   (b) Discuss two major challenges faced in rating MFIs in India.

   (c) What are the lending abuses by MFIs, and what are the protective measures from donors? (6,6,6)

6. Answer **all** *parts* of the question.

   (a) State the objectives and core features of the MUDRA Yojana.

   (b) Discuss how PMJDY has supported micro-enterprises and financial inclusion for low- income households in India.

   (c) Evaluate the complementarity between MUDRA Yojana and other government initiatives, such as Deendayal Antodaya Yojana. (6,6,6)