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**English Level – II**

**CC 1201**

**Index No.....**

**Time duration: One Hour**

**Instruction to the candidate:**

1. Time duration one hour.
2. Answer all the questions on this paper itself.
3. Marks will be deducted for wrong grammar and wrong spelling.
4. Read each question carefully and answer the question.
5. Write your Index Number clearly on the space given.
6. This paper consists of **FIVE (05)** pages.

**Examiner's use only**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Maximum marks</b>	<b>Marks obtained</b>
01	30	.....
02	20	.....
03	25	.....
04	25	.....
Total	100	.....

01 Choose the correct word given below to fill in the blanks meaningfully and write the answer in the space (blank table) given below. [15 X 2 = 30 marks]

basis	population	supports	genetics	cultivation
growth	science	development	necessity	yield
commonly	natural	significant	achieve	crop

1		6		11	
2		7		12	
3		8		13	
4		9		14	
5		10		15	

Agriculture is known to be one of the most [01] ..... economic activities. It involves the production of plants, livestock, fiber, fuel and more by utilizing [02] ..... resources such as water and land. The term agriculture is broader than it is [03] ..... anticipated to be. It includes forestry, fishery, livestock and most importantly [04] ..... production.

Introduction: Agriculture is basically the [05] ..... of plants for the production of food, fuel, fiber, medicines and many other things that have become a [06] ..... for the mankind. Agriculture also involves the breeding of animals. The [07] ..... of agriculture turned to be a boon for the human civilization as it also gave way to their development.

Agriculture is said to be an art, [08] ..... and commerce all at the same time as it suffices the factors involved in all three.

Art: It is said to be an art as it involves the [09] ....., development and management of crop and animal husbandry. It requires patience and dedication to [10] ..... good results in this field and only someone who possesses this art can [11] ..... it.

Science

The knowledge of breeding and [12] ..... is employed to come up with new improved methods of agriculture. Several inventions and explorations are being made in the field. It is ever evolving and thus qualifies as science.

Commerce: Agriculture [13] ..... the economy like no other sector and thus undoubtedly falls in this category too.

Conclusion: With around two-third of the Indian [14] ..... dependent directly or indirectly on agriculture, it is considered to be the [15] ..... of the country's economic development. It is not just known to be a source of livelihood in India but a way of life.

(Source: <https://www.indiacelebrating.com/essay/agriculture-essay/>)



02. Choose the correct preposition given below to fill in the blanks meaningfully and write the answer in the space (blank table) given below. A preposition can be used more than once.

[10 X 2 = 20 marks]

over	for	of	in
around	by	on	

1		2		3		4		5	
6		7		8		9		10	

The term agriculture comes from the Latin word *ager* which means field and *cultura* that means cultivation. Agriculture basically involves the cultivation and production of crops and livestock products. History of Agriculture: The history [01] ..... agriculture dates back several centuries. It began in different parts of the world independently about 105,000 years back mostly [02] ..... the collection of wild grains [03] ..... the purpose of eating. Here is how different countries were involved [04] ..... this activity: In Mesopotamia, pigs were domesticated around 15,000 years ago. They began domesticating sheep [05] ..... 2000 years later. In China, rice was cultivated around 13,500 years ago. They eventually began cultivating soy, azuki beans and mung. In Turkey, cattle were domesticated around 10,500 years ago. Beans, potato, coca, llamas and alpacas were domesticated around 10,000 years ago. Sugarcane and certain root vegetables were cultivated in New Guinea around 9,000 years ago. Cotton was domesticated [06]..... Peru around 5,600 years ago. Similarly, the domestication of various plants and animals is being done in many other parts of the country since thousands of years.

Impact of Modern Technology [07]..... Agriculture: The development in the field of science and technology led to the use of modern techniques in agriculture. While it has contributed a great deal to the development [08]..... the agriculture sector, the modern technology has also had certain negative repercussions on the sector. Here is the kind of impact it has had:

The use of fertilizers and pesticides as well as the use of technologically advanced equipment [09]..... the cultivation of crops has increased the yields drastically. However it has also been the cause of ecological damage and impacted the human health negatively. Selective breeding and the use of other modern practices in the rearing of animals has increased the supply of meat. However it has raised the concern about animal welfare.

Conclusion: Like every other sector, the agricultural sector has also evolved [10]..... the centuries and its development has brought about certain positive and negative repercussions to the society.

