

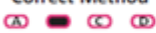


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PART – II Essay

- This part is to be answered only by the applicants of MA Economics.
- Both the Essay Questions must be answered.
- The Essay must be written only in English.
- Use the space provided in this booklet to answer the questions. Additional sheets will not be provided.

Essay Questions:

Question 1.	It was observed this year during the months of June, July, and August that the demand for MGNREGA work in villages went up substantially compared to the same time last year. What do you think were the likely reasons for this increase? How would you go about designing a study to test your hypothesis?
Question 2.	Over the years, there have been many calls to replace the in-kind distribution of grains via the Public Distribution System with a cash transfer programme. Do you think this step should be taken? Justify your answer either way. In addition, outline a study that can help you answer the question, which works better, cash or in-kind transfers.

Notes: MGNREGA stands for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee act and is a scheme under which rural households are ensured/guaranteed 100 days of work in a year at mandated minimum wages.

PDS stands for Public Distribution System and refers to food purchases (mainly, rice and wheat) from ration shops at subsidised rates.

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