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Q.1 Write a Précis of the following passage and Suggest a Suitable title. (20+5=25)

Rural development lies at the heart of any meaningful development strategy. This is the only mechanism to carry the message to the majority of the people and to obtain their involvement in measures designed to improve productivity levels. Rural population exceeds 70 percent of the total population of the country, despite a rapid rate of urbanization. Average rural income is 34 percent less than per capita urban income. A large part of unutilized employment is still concealed in various rural activities particularly in the less developed parts of the country. For centuries, the true magnitude of poverty has been concealed from view by pushing a large part of it to the rural areas. This set in motion a self-perpetuating mechanism. The more enterprising and talented in the rural society migrated to the cities in search of better opportunities which were seldom realized. Such migrants added to urban squalor. The relative more prosperous in the rural society opted for urban residence for different reasons. The rural society itself has in this way systematically been denuded of its more enterprising elements as rural areas developed the character of huge and sprawling slums. Development in the past has touched rural scene mainly via agricultural development programmes. These are essential and would have to be intensified. Much more important is a large scale rural water supply and village electrification as a part of the change in the physical environment and primary education and primary health care as the agents of social change. The task is to provide modern amenities as an aid for bringing into motion the internal dynamics of the rural society on the patch leading to increase in productivity and self-help, changing the overall surrounding, while preserving coherence, integrated structure and the rich cultural heritage of the rural society.

Precis:-

Everyone should be made aware of the fact that rural development is the part and parcel of development of state. Despite urbanization, rural population is increasing rapidly but their income is much less (as compared) than that of urban income. Poverty and unemployment is very common in rural areas especially in backward far-reaching areas. Most of the rural people are moving towards cities which further added to the urban filthiness.

Rural areas are filled with large dirty slums. Main aim of rural life is agricultural productivity which should be increased. Basic facilities like water, electricity, healthcare and education should be installed properly.

Rural system should be charged with modern techniques to increase productivity besides keeping a hue of cultural heritage of rural society.

Title:- Rural advancement: important for development of society
- Rural development: A prospect of developed society.