

Mid-West University  
**Examinations Management Office**  
Birendranagar, Surkhet  
**End-Semester Examination -2082**

**Subject: RD 544 J - Cooperative and Rural Development**

FM: 60

Level/program: Master (M.A)

Semester: IV

Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

*Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.**

**10x1=10**

1. Define cooperative in your own words.
2. When was the first cooperative established in Nepal?
3. What is the main objective of a cooperative?
4. How do cooperatives help in rural development?
5. Mention two challenges faced by cooperatives in Nepal.
6. How do cooperatives support women empowerment in rural areas?
7. What are the main functions of the Cooperative Department?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of cooperatives?
9. What are the Rochdale Principles?
10. Which day is celebrated as International Day of Cooperatives?

**Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions.**

**3x8=24**

11. Describe the origin and the development of the cooperative movement in the world. Highlight the role of Rochdale Pioneers.
12. What is saving and credit cooperative? Describe its meaning, features, and objectives with suitable examples.
13. Discuss the principles of cooperatives as laid down by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).
14. Discuss the role of women in the cooperative movement of Nepal. How have cooperatives contributed to women empowerment?

**Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.**

**2x13 =26**

15. Discuss the challenges faced by cooperatives in the modern economy. How can these challenges be addressed?
16. Describe the importance of cooperatives in the context of developing countries. How do they contribute to poverty reduction and rural development?
17. Compare and contrast the cooperative movements in Europe and Asia during the 19th and 20th centuries.

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