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**Q.1 A] Read the following extract and do all the activities.**

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India's heart and soul resides in her villages. Unless rural India becomes socially and economically free there will be no true progress. The success of our democracy rests with the rural poor and if we want the rural economy to be liberalized, we must empower our farmers.

One of the best ways of achieving this is through co-operatives. Co-operatives comprise a special category of business organizations because their raison d'être is not profits for distant shareholders, but returns to farmers who invest in land and animals. Thus, to foist discordant and capitalistic decisions for the benefit of a few absentee shareholders will be detrimental to development. Instead, it's imperative to promote integrated co-operative combines as most significant instruments of development. After all, large numbers of people are dependent for their livelihoods on agriculture.

I have fought against the efforts to undermine the interests of our farmers by vested interests—those of unscrupulous politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen or institutions – all my life, and will continue to do so unless someone shows me a better way of helping our nation's producers to become productive members of our society. Till today, I have not found a better way.

The merit of the co-operative ideology is the co-ordination and balancing of fundamental principles of equality, democratic control and equality in institutions, and practices to maximize social welfare. It is my firm and unshakeable belief that the entire value chain from procurement to marketing is the sole and exclusive domain of the farmer. The moment the farmer loses or dilutes his right over it, being a small producer, he becomes nothing better than a contract labourer. Value addition in the procurement and processing functions is realized only at the time of marketing. If marketing is not in the hands of farmers' organizations, they will not get a good realization for their efforts as marketing is the only revenue earning part

of the value chain.

1. Complete the sentences in column A by matching them with the points in column B

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i. We must empower our farmer	a) because he is a small producer
ii. The former loses or dilutes his right over of value chain.	b) try to undermine the interests our farmers c) if we want to take economic freedom to rural India.

2. Pick out any two alternatives to give the reason to following statements.

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"Co-operatives comprise a special category of business organisations'."

- i) They profit distant share holders.
- ii) They profit the farmer
- iii) Their reason d'etre is real returns to the farmers investing in land and animal.
- iv) Large number of people can be beneficiaries of its outcome.

3. Read the following statement and write down two statements which are related to the passage.

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- i) Co-operative ideology is based on equality, democratic control and equality in institutions and practices to maximize social welfare.
- ii) Marketing is in the hands of farmers organisations.
- iii) Nation's producers are not the productive members of the society.
- iv) The purpose of co-operatives is gaining profits for distant shareholders.

