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Economics

ECO 1C 01—MICRO ECONOMICS : THEORY AND APPLICATIONS—I

(2019 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

Part A (Short Answer Type)

Answer any **four** out of seven questions. Each carries 2 weightage.

- 1. What is Cobb-Douglas production function?
- 2. Distinguish between short run and long run production function.
- 3. Define Collusion.
- 4. What is Insurance?
- 5. What do you mean by Snob effect?
- 6. Define the term 'economies of scope'.
- 7. What do you mean by sequential game?

 $(4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

Part B (Short Essay Type)

Answer any four out of seven questions.

Each carries 3 weightage.

- 8. How does prisoner's dilemma in game theory employ Nash equilibrium?
- 9. Briefly explain von Neumann-Morgenstern utility theory.
- 10. "The demand curve facing an oligopolists has a kink at the level of the prevailing price". Explain.
- 11. How price of a firm is determined in an industry using price leadership model?
- 12. Define CES production function. State its properties.

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- 13. Explain technological progress and production function.
- 14. Discuss briefly Linear expenditure system.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Part C (Essay Type)

Answer any two out of four questions.

Each carries 5 weightage.

- 15. Explain various attitudes towards risk based on expected utility theory.
- 16. Elucidate Cournot's duopoly model.
- 17. Show that the existence of the dominant strategy equilibrium implies existence of a Nash Equilibrium.
- 18. Critically examine Houthakker and Taylor dynamic demand functions.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$