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FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2024

Economics

ECO 5B 10-MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Short Answer Questions)

Maximum marks in this Section is 25. Students can attempt **all** questions. Each question carries a maximum of 2 marks.

- 1. What is $MRTS_{LK}$?
- 2. Define production function.
- 3. What do you mean by factor intensity ?
- 4. Define economic model.
- 5. Distinguish between primal and dual problem in linear programming.
- 6. Point out relationship between AC and MC.
- 7. Define market equilibrium.
- 8. Differentiate between autonomous and induced consumption.
- 9. What is optimal solution ?
- 10. Given a consumption function, C = 100 + 0.5 Y, find MPC and MPS.
- 11. Define feasible solution.
- 12. Find the Average Product for the production function $Q = 40 \text{ K}^{0.7} \text{L}^{0.1}$.
- 13. What is meant by input output table ?
- 14. Determine the shapes of AR and MR curves under monopoly
- 15. What are Giffen goods and their elasticity?

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Section B (Short Essay/Paragraph Questions)

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Maximum marks in this Section is 35. Students can attempt **all** questions. Each question carries a maximum of 5 marks.

- 16. What do you mean by Marginal Rate of Substitution ? Find MRSxy for the function U = 12x + y.
- 17. Define discriminating monopoly. What are the necessary conditions for price discrimination?
- 18. Distinguish between AR and MR. Illustrate the relationship between AR and MR with the help of a diagram
- 19. Define perfect competition. Assume that a perfectly competitive market faces P = Rs. 4 and $TC = X^3 7X^2 + 12X + 5$. Find the best level of output of the firm. Also find the profit of the firm at this level of output.
- 20. Maximize $Z = 3x_1 + 4x_2$ Subject to the constraints $4x_1 + 2x_2 \le 80$ $2x_1 + 5x_2 \le 180$ $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$
- 21. Explain the meaning and applications of Lagrange multipliers.
- 22. Illustrate the input output matrix of technical co-efficients in $X = (I A)^{-1} B$ format.
- 23. Explain the meaning and significance of production possibility curve.

Section C (Long Essay Questions)

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries a maximum of 10 marks.

- 24. Differentiate between optimization of single variable function and multivariable function. Describe the problem of constrained minimization of cost, C = wL + rK.
- 25. Discuss meaning and significance of Mathematical Economics. Derive the mathematical applications in economics using examples of Utility function and Profit function.

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- 26. Explain linear homogeneous production function. State and prove any *four* properties of Cobb Douglas production function
- 27. Explain various degrees of price elasticity of demand.

Given Q1 = 100 - P1 + 0.75P2 - 0.25P3 + 0.0075Y

At P1 = 10, P2 = 20, P3 = 40 and Y = 10,000, find the different cross elasticities of demand.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$