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(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

B. A. Economics

ECO1CJ101 : PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS

2024 Admission Onwards

(Credits: 4)

Time: 2 Hours **Maximum Marks: 70**

Section A

*Answer **all**. Each question carries **3** Marks.* ***(Ceiling: 24 Marks)***

1. Write a short note on the scarcity definition of economics.
2. What is meant by laissez-faire in economics? Explain.
3. What are social safety nets? Explain.
4. Define perception in economics and give one example of how it may differ from reality.
5. How does economist function the role of policy advisor?
6. What is an economic model? State the purposes of using economic models.
7. Explain the relationship between unemployment and economic growth.
8. Give the meaning of competition and mention its importance in a market system.
9. Explain the relative significance of private property in a market economy.
10. What is meant by business risk in economics? State one way in which employees are shielded from business risk.

Section B

*Answer **all**. Each question carries **6** Marks.* ***(Ceiling: 36 Marks)***

11. Examine the role of trade in improving living standards in an economy.
12. Discuss the short-run trade-off between inflation and unemployment as explained by the Phillips Curve.
13. Discuss the role of assumptions in building economic models.
14. Evaluate the importance of the circular flow model in understanding the functioning of an economy.

Turn Over

15. Explain the relationship between scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost.
16. Discuss the nature of society's economizing problem in allocating scarce resources.
17. Discuss with examples how societies decide what to produce and how to produce.
18. Explain the concept of the invisible hand as given by Adam Smith.

Section C

*Answer **any one**. Each question carries **10** Marks.* ***(1x10=10marks)***

19. Analyse the significance of the Production Possibilities Frontier in explaining scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost.
20. Analyse the role of international trade as an "engine of growth and development" of nations, highlighting both benefits and limitations.

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