

**THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Core Course—Economics

**ECO 3B 03—QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS—I**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer all questions.**½ marks each.*

1. If  $\log_2 x = 5$ , then  $x$ 
  - (a) 16.
  - (b) 32.
  - (c) 8.
  - (d) 25.
2. The number of elements of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix :
  - (a) 3.
  - (b) 6.
  - (c) 9.
  - (d) 3.
3. The value of determinant is :
  - (a) Real number.
  - (b) A matrix.
  - (c) A symmetric matrix.
  - (d) Zero matrix.
4. The equation of a straight line which cuts both axes at a distance of 2 units from the origin is :
  - (a)  $x + y = 2$ .
  - (b)  $x - y = 2$ .
  - (c)  $-x + y = 2$ .
  - (d)  $-x - y = 2$ .
5. Which of the following is not one to one function in  $\mathbb{R}$  :
  - (a)  $|x|$ .
  - (b)  $2x$ .
  - (c)  $2x + 3$ .
  - (d)  $x$ .
6. If two rows of a determinant are identical, then its value :
  - (a) 1.
  - (b) 0.
  - (c) -1.
  - (d) None of these.
7. Gini coefficient is associated with :
  - (a) Income.
  - (b) Price.
  - (c) Wage.
  - (d) Labour.

8. Lack of symmetry means :
- (a) Positive skewness. (b) Negative skewness.  
(c) Skewness. (d) Kurtosis.
9. Points of inflexion of ogives correspond to :
- (a) Mode. (b) Median.  
(c) Mean. (d) Geometric mean.
10. Rank correlation is associated to :
- (a) Any data. (b) Qualitative data.  
(c) Quantitative data. (d) Discrete data.
11. The maximum value of correlation coefficient is :
- (a) 1. (b) 0.  
(c) 2. (d) 10.
12. The Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation is :
- (a) Dr.V.K. Singh. (b) Rahul Gandhi.  
(c) Rajnadh Singh. (d) Vasan.

(12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  = 6 marks)

### Section B (Very Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any ten questions.  
Each carries 2 marks.*

13. Solve the quadratic equation  $10x^2 - 9x - 1 = 0$ .
14. Solve  $\log_2 (x^2 - 4) = 5$ .
15. State any four laws of exponents.
16. Define rank of a matrix.
17. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $2A + 3B$ .
18. Distinguish between one to one function and many one function.
19. Find the cofactor of the element 2 in  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$
20. Define parallel lines with examples.
21. The number of elements of a matrix is 12. What is the possible orders of the matrix ?

22. State any two limitations of Statistics.
23. What are deciles ?
24. Mention any two methods for measuring correlation.

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

### Section C (Short Essay/Problem Type)

*Answer any six questions.*

*Each carries 5 marks.*

25. Define the following with examples.  
(i) Transpose of a matrix ; (ii) Inverse of a matrix.
26. Explain the construction of a Pie diagram.
27. Solve the following system of linear equations using Cramer's Rule :  
 $x + 2y + z = 8$  ;  $2x - y + 2z = 6$  ;  $3x + 4y + z = 14$ .
28. Define Geometric mean (G) and Harmonic mean (H). Compute G and H for 10, 20, 20 and 40.
29. Explain the Principle of least squares.
30. Distinguish between Regression and Correlation.
31. Define determinant of a matrix and state any four properties.
32. Obtain the equation of a straight line which passes through (1, 2) and (3, 4). Also find slope and intercept.

(6 x 5 = 30 marks)

### Section D (Essay Questions)

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each carries 12 marks.*

33. (i) Find the inverse of the following matrix :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ & 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

(ii) Evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix}$$

34. Explain any four measures of central tendency.

35. Calculate equation or regression lines, regression coefficients and correlation coefficient from the following data :

|          |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |    |    |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Purchase | 62  | 72  | 98  | 76  | 81  | 56 | 76  | 92  | 88 | 49 |
| Sale     | 112 | 124 | 131 | 117 | 132 | 96 | 120 | 136 | 97 | 85 |

36. (i) Compute mean deviation from the mean for the following data :

|                 |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Marks           | 0-10 | 10-20 | 20-30 | 30-40 | 40-50 | 50-60 | 60-70 |
| No. of students | 6    | 5     | 8     | 15    | 7     | 6     | 3     |

- (ii) Find the variance of first 10 natural numbers.

(2 x 12 = 24 marks)