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(CBCS)

(1st Semester)

ECONOMICS

FIRST PAPER

(Microeconomics—I)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(*Marks* : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. Welfare definition of economics was given by

(a) J. M. Keynes ( )

(b) Marshall ( )

(c) Robbins ( )

(d) Adam Smith ( )

2. The word 'economics' is derived from Oikonomos which is a/an

(a) French word ( )

(b) Latin word ( )

(c) Greek word ( )

(d) Italic word ( )

3. Indifference curve analysis is based on

(a) cardinal utility analysis ( )

(b) ordinal utility analysis ( )

(c) marginal utility analysis ( )

(d) None of the above ( )

4. The amount of satisfaction which a person derives from consuming a commodity is known as

(a) scarcity of a commodity ( )

(b) supply of a commodity ( )

(c) demand for a commodity ( )

(d) utility of a commodity ( )

5. When elasticity of demand is equal to zero, it is called

(a) perfectly elastic demand ( )

(b) perfectly inelastic demand ( )

(c) inelastic demand ( )

(d) elastic demand ( )

6. The slope of isoquants represents

(a) increasing marginal rate of technical substitution ( )

(b) increasing marginal rate of substitution ( )

(c) diminishing marginal rate of substitution ( )

(d) diminishing marginal rate of technical substitution ( )

7. The marginal cost curve intersects the average cost curve when the average cost is

(a) rising ( )

(b) maximum ( )

(c) minimum ( )

(d) None of the above ( )

8. Which of the following is not a feature of perfect competition?

(a) Differentiated product ( )

(b) Many sellers ( )

(c) Perfect knowledge ( )

(d) No transport cost ( )

9. Large number of buyers and sellers with product differentiation is one of the features of

(a) monopoly ( )

(b) perfect competition ( )

(c) oligopoly ( )

(d) monopolistic competition ( )

10. Kinked demand curve was introduced by

(a) Chamberlin ( )

(b) Mrs. Robinson ( )

(c) P. A. Samuelson ( )

(d) Paul Sweezy ( )

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(*Marks* : 15)

Write short notes on the following : 3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Law of demand

OR

2. Determinants of supply

UNIT—II

3. Budget line

OR

4. Price effect

UNIT—III

5. Expansion path

OR

6. Economies of scale

UNIT—IV

7. Meaning of price discrimination

OR

8. Administered prices

UNIT—V

9. Monopsony market

OR

10. Duopoly

(Section : C—descriptive)

(*Marks* : 50)

Answer the following questions : 10×5=50

Unit—I

1. Critically discuss Robbins' definition of economics. 10

OR

2. What is price mechanism? Discuss the role of price mechanism in a capitalist economy. 3+7=10

Unit—II

3. Show how a consumer attains equilibrium under indifference curve analysis. 10

OR

4. What do you mean by elasticity of demand? Explain different kinds of elasticity of demand. 3+7=10

Unit—III

5. What are average, marginal and total costs? Explain the relationship among them. 6+4=10

OR

6. State and explain the law of variable proportions. 10

UNIT—IV

7. Explain the short-run equilibrium under perfect competition. 10

OR

8. What is monopoly market? Show how a monopolist can maximize profit. 10

UNIT—V

9. Define oligopoly. What are the characteristics of oligopoly? 2+8=10

OR

10. Explain how price is determined under monopolistic competition in the long run. 10

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