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Economics

ECO 1B 01-MICRO ECONOMICS-I

(Common for Development Economics, Foreign Trade and Economics with Islamic Finance)

Time : Three Hours

Answers may be written either in English or in Malayalam.

Part A

Answer all twelve questions. Each question carries 1/2 marks.

- 1. The elasticity of substitution between factors of production of a fixed proportion production function is:
 - (a) 0.
 - (c) 1. (d) Indeterminate.
- 2. A right angled or L shaped isoquant exists for the inputs which are :
 - (a) Perfect Substitutes. (b) Prefect Complementary.
 - (c) Non complementary. (d) Limited Substitutes.
- 3. Which of the following stands for the slope of an isoquant?
 - (a) MRS. (b) MSR.
 - (c) MRP. (d) MRTS.

4. The elasticity calculated over a range of prices is :

- (a) Point elasticity. (b) Cross price elasticity.
- (c) Arc elasticity. (d) None of these.

5. Which of the following is usually considered as the slope of the Total Product curve?

- (b) MP. (a) AP.
- (c) Both MP and AP. (d) MRP.

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(b) 00.

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- 6. Who is the author of the book. "Value and Capital"?
 - (a) Henderson. (b) Marshall.
 - (c) Hicks. (d) Harvey.
- 7. Which among the following is an example of complementary goods?
 - (a) Rice and Wheat. (b) Tea and Coffee.
 - (c) Jeans and Pants. (d) Car and petrol.
- 8. The income effect for an inferior goods is
 - (a) Positive. (b) Negative.
 - (c) Uncertain. (d) Neutral.
- 9. If all inputs are increased by 10 percent and output increases by 10 percent, it must be the case that there exists :
 - (a) Diminishing Returns to Scale.
 - (b) Increasing Returns to Scale.
 - (c) Constant Returns to Scale.
 - (d) Diseconomies of Scale.
- 10. Economists use the phrase "Cetris Paribus" to express the assumption :
 - (a) Everything depends upon every other things.
 - (b) All clsc are equal.
 - (c) Scarcity is a fact of life.
 - (d) There is no such thing as a free lunch.
- 11. The cross price elasticity of complementary goods is :
 - (a) Positive. (b) Negative.
 - (c) Zero. (d) None of these.
- 12. Which of the following relates the quantity of a good consumed to consumer's income ?
 - (a) Price Consumption Curve. (b) Demand curve.
 - (c) Engel Curve. (d) Indifference curve.

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

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Part B (Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 13. Distinguish between Substitute and complementary goods.
- 14. What is an indifference curve ?
- 15. What is meant by demand function ?
- 16. What do you mean by consumer surplus?

17. What is price elasticity of demand?

- 18. Write a note on marginal utility and total utility.
- 19. What is meant by cross elasticity?
- 20. Write a note on Marginal product and Average product.
- 21. What is a ridge line ?
- 22. What is Giffen's paradox?
- 23. What is meant by an isocost line?
- 24. What do you mean by a model?

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

Part C (Short Essay Questions)

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 25. Explain the Law of Diminishing Marginal Returns.
- 26. Distinguish between Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.
- 27. Explain the properties of isoquant
- 28. Explain the Law of Variable proportions.
- 29. Explain the price elasticity of supply.
- 30. Explain the Marshall's concept of consumer surplus
- 31. Explain the derivation of demand curve using price consumption curve.
- 32 Explain the factors influencing the increase and decrease in demand.

Part D (Essay Questions)

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 12 marks.

- 33. Explain the different methods of measuring price elasticity of demand. Examine the relationship between price elasticity of demand and Marginal Revenue, Average Revenue and Total Revenue
- 34. Explain the applications of Indifference curve analysis
- 35. Critically examine the laws of returns to scale
- 36. Explain Hicksian and Slutski's methods of Decomposition of Price Effect

 $(2 \times 12 = 24 \text{ marks})$

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