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SECOND SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

(CUCBCSS-UG)

Core Course-Economics

ECO 2B 02-MICRO ECONOMICS-II

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Answers may be written either in English or in Malayalam

Part A

Answer all twelve questions.

			Each question carr	ries ½ mark.
1.	The sh	ape of an average fi	xed cost curve is :	
	(a)	U shape.	(b)	L shape.
	(c)	Saucer Shape.	(d)	Rectangular Hyperbola.
2.	Which	of the following cur	ve is also known as 'l	Planning Curve' ?
	(a)	SAC.	(b)	LAC.
	(c)	AVC.	(b)	LAVC.
3.	Which	of the following cur	ve accommodates the	reserve capacity of the firm?
	(a)	SAVC.	(b)	SAFC.
	(c)	SFC.	(d)	SRAC.
4.	Block I	Pricing is an exampl	e of which type of pri	ce discrimination :
	(a)	First degree.	(b)	Second Degree.
	(c)	Third Degree.	(d)	All the above.
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5. Pricing intended to drive out competitors out of the market and to discourage new entrants is called:

(a) Predatory Pricing.

(b) Block pricing.

'(c) Peak load pricing.

(d) Inter-temporal pricing.

6. A market where there is only one seller and one buyer is :

(a) Monopsony.

(b) Duopoly.

(c) Oligopsony.

(d) Bilateral Monopoly.

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7.	Lerner's	Index	is	used	to	measure:
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(a) Inflation.

(b) Monopoly power.

(c) Terms of Trade.

(d) Cost of Living.

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

- (a) No Transport Cost.
- (b) No Restriction on entry into market.
- (c) Selling costs.
- (d) Price taker.

9. Cartels are usually formed by firms in which of the following markets:

- (a) Monopolistic Competition.
- (b) Perfect Competition.
- (c) Pure Competition.
- (d) Oligopoly.

10. In a perfect competitive market, the market demand for good X in the industry is :

(a) A vertical line.

- (b) A Horizontal Straight line.
- (c) An upward sloping curve.
- (d) A Hyperbola.

11. The marginal cost (MC) curve intersects the

- (a) ATC and AFC curves at their minimum points.
- (b) TC and AFC curves at their minimum points.
- (c) ATC and AVC curves at their minimum points.
- (d) ATC, AVC, and AFC curves at their minimum points.

12. A monopolistically competitive firm is able to influence the price of what it sells because of :

- (a) Barriers to entry.
- (b) Economies of scale.
- (c) Inelastic demand.
- (d) Product differentiation.

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

Part B (Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 13. What is meant by Envelop Curve?
- 14. Distinguish between pure competition and perfect competition.
- 15. Write a note on short run cost curves.
- 16. What is meant by duopoly?
- 17. What is dumping?
- 18. What are the features of an oligopolistic market?

- 19. What is meant by price discrimination?
- 20. What is Kinked Demand Curve?
- 21. What is Marginal Revenue Product?
- 22. Distinguish between explicit cost and implicit costs?
- 28. What is meant by cartels?
- 24. What do you mean by Economic rent of an input?

 $(10 \times 2 \times 20 \text{ merks})$

Part C (Short Essay Questions)

Answer any six questions.

Each question carries 5 marks.

- 25. Explain about various types of long run costs curves.
- 26. Briefly the product exhaustion theorem.
- 27. Explain the market demand curve for inputs.
- 28. Explain the price leadership model of oligopoly.
- 29. Explain the features of monopolistic competition.
- 30. Discuss the measures to regulate the monopoly.
- 31. Distinguish between Monopsony and Monopoly?
- Briefly explain the Cournot's Model of Duopoly.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30 \text{ mark})$

Part D (Essay Questions)

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 12 marks.

- 38. Explain how a multi-plant monopolist firm makes its output decisions.
- 34. Explain the nature of short run and long run cost curves.
- 35. Explain the Price and Output determination in collusive oligopoly.
- Explain the determination of wage under perfect competition.

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