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First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, May 2023

Economics

EC 211 - MICRO ECONOMICS I

(2018 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

SECTION - A

Define the Following in one or two sentences.

- 1. Typing and bundling
- 2. Constant Elasticity demand function
- 3. Collusive oligopoly
- 4. Pay off matrix
- 5. Barometric price leadership
- 6. Exogenous technical progress
- 7. Reserve capacity
- 8. Predatory pricing
- 9. Social costs of monopoly
- 10. Mark-up pricing

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - B

Answer any seven of the following. Each should not exceed 500 words.

- 11. Examine the Stock Adjustment Principle and Habit Creation Principle.
- 12. Discuss the Williamson's model of managerial discretion.
- 13. Examine the Bain's limit pricing model.
- 14. Discuss the difference between the joint profit maximizing cartel and market sharing cartel.
- 15. Write a short note on degrees of Price discrimination and dumping.
- 16. Make an analysis of economies of scale.
- 17. Explain the main features of modern theories of cost.
- 18. Assess different types of technical progress and its effects on production function.
- 19. Does the Kinky demand curve solution offer a satisfactory explanation of price output decision under oligopoly.
- 20. State and explain the characteristics of CES production function.

 $(7 \times 5 = 35 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - C

Answer any three of the following not exceeding 1200 words.

- 21. Critically evaluate the sales revenue maximization model.
- 22. Examine the salient features of classical non-collusive oligopoly models.
- 23. Discuss the implications of the model of monopolistic competition by Chamberlin.
- 24. Examine in what way does the game theory extend the analysis of oligopolistic behavior.
- 25. Explain the basic assumptions of the neo-classical theory in the context of Hall and Hitch Report and full cost pricing principle.

 $(3 \times 10 = 30 \text{ Marks})$

