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First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2019 First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Complementary Course - I

Common for Philosophy, History, Islamic History, Political Science and Sociology

EC 1131 - FOUNDATIONS OF ECONOMIC THEORY

(2014 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION - A

I. Answer all questions in one word to a maximum of two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

Explain the following in one or two sentences.

- Welfare definition.
- 2. Inductive method.
- Marginal utility.
- 4. Elasticity of demand.
- Market.
- Law of supply.

- 7. Division of labour.
- Opportunity cost.
- 9. Equilibrium.
- Marginal productivity.

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

SECTION - B

- II. Answer any eight questions. Each answer should not exceed one paragraph. Each question carries 2 marks.
- 11. Explain the scarcity definition of economics.
- 12. What are the criticisms against the wealth definition?
- 13. Define Micro economics.
- Explain marginal physical product.
- 15. What is production possibility curve?
- 16. What is law of supply?
- 17. What is consumer's surplus?
- 18. Define substitution effect.
- 19. What is loanable fund theory of interest?
- 20. Explain quasi rent.
- 21. What are the determinants of supply?
- 22. Explain Laws of returns.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - C

- III. (Short Essay) Answer any six questions not exceeding 120 words. Each question carries 4 marks.
- 23. Explain the classical theory of interest.
- 24. What are the types of elasticity of demand?
- 25. What is a production function?
- 26. What are the central problems of an economy?
- 27. Examine the marginal productivity theory of distribution
- 28. Explain the law of equi-marginal utility.
- 29. Explain the properties of an indifference curve.
- 30. What are the features of perfect competition?
- 31. Explain the innovation theory of profit.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - D

- IV. Long Essay. Answer any 2 questions not exceeding 4 pages. Each question carries 15 marks.
- 32. Critically examine the Ricardian theory of rent.
- 33. Define Law of Demand and examine the limitations of the law of demand.
- 34. Critically examine the various definitions of economics.
- 35. Critically examine the Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$