

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

B.Sc. Honours Examination 2021

(CBCS)

1st Semester

ECONOMICS

PAPER-C1T

INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

THEORY : C1T

Answer any *four* questions. 4×12

 What do you mean by 'Change in quantity demanded' and 'Change in demand'? Derive the point elasticity of demand at a particular point on a linear demand curve. 3+3+6

- 2. Given utility function $U = q_1q_2$ and the budget constraint $Y = p_1q_1 + p_2q_2$, find the demand functions of the two commodities. Show that the demand functions are homogeneous of degree zero. Also derive the compensated demand functions for the two commodities. 4+4+4
- **3.** Write the characteristics of Indifference curve. Explain the consumer's equilibrium using the indifference curve and the budget line. 4+8
- **4.** Given the short run production function $q = f(x_1, \bar{x}_2)$ derive the average and marginal product functions. Define an isoquant and derive its slope. Explain why isoquants are assumed to be convex to the origin. 4+4+4
- Explain why the short run average cost curve is normally U-shaped? Derive and explain relationship between short run average cost curve and marginal cost curve.
- 6. Explain the short run equilibrium of a firm under perfectly competitive market.
- What do you mean by consumer's surplus and producer's surplus? Graphically explain the efficiency of a competitive market using the consumer surplus and producers surplus.
 3+3+6
- 8. Discuss the modern theory of determinetion of rent. 12

Answer any *six* questions. 6×2

- 9. Distinguish between positive and normative economics.
- 10. Distinguish between Cardinal and Ordinal utility.
- **11.** What is an indifference map?
- 12. What do you understand by the expansion path of a firm?

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- **13.** What is Giffer good?
- 14. State the law of diminishing marginal utility.
- 15. How will you derive the long run average cost curve of a firm?
- 16. What is production possibility curve?
- 17. What is marginal revenue product?
- .petiton. **18.** Write two characteristics of perfect competition.