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**FIFTH SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021**  
(CBCSS-UG)

Economics

**ECO 5B 10—MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS**  
(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Short Answer Questions)**

*Answer at least ten questions.  
Each question carries 3 marks.  
All questions can be attended.  
Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. Define production function
2. Given the utility function  $u = xy + 4x + 5y$ , find the marginal utility of  $x$  and  $y$ .
3. What is meant by elasticity of demand ?
4. Define Mathematical Economics.
5. What do you mean by factor intensity ?
6. Distinguish between homogenous products and heterogeneous products.
7. What is meant by economic model ?
8. Define Marginal Rate of Substitution.
9. Distinguish between primal and dual problem in linear programming.
10. Explain homogeneous production function.
11. What is meant by linear programming ?
12. State Euler's theorem.
13. What is optimal solution ?
14. What do you mean by a production possibility curve ?
15. Calculate MPC :

Income	Consumption
200	150
300	220

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

Turn over

### Section B (Short Essay/Paragraph Questions)

Answer at least five questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. What is meant by discriminating monopoly? Briefly explain the necessary conditions for discrimination.
17. Define AR and MR. Illustrate the relationship between AR and MR with the help of a diagram.
18. Explain utility function. Show the first and second order conditions for consumer equilibrium given utility function  $U = f(Q_1, Q_2)$  and the budget constraint  $M = P_1Q_1 + P_2Q_2$ .
19. Explain the meaning and significance of Lagrange multipliers.
20. Solve the following linear programming problem using graphical method :  
 Maximize  $z = x_1 + 1.5x_2$   
 subject to the constraint  $2x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 16$   
 $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 12$   
 $4x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 28$   
 $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ .
21. Discuss the economic applications of optimization technique.
22. The demand curve of a monopolist is given by  $p = \frac{50-x}{5}$ . Find the marginal revenue output. What is marginal revenue when  $x = 25$ ?
23. Explain input output analysis. What are the features of input-output analysis?

(5 × 6 = 30)

### Section C (Essay Questions)

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Explain Cobb Douglas production function. State and prove the properties of Cobb production function.
25. Discuss the conditions for profit maximization. Consider  $TC = Q^3 - 8Q^2 + 120Q$   
 $TR = 1200Q - 5Q^2$ . Find the profit maximizing output.
26. Explain the meaning and characteristics of perfect competition. Assume that a perfectly competitive firm faces a price of Rs. 9 and has a total cost function  $C = 2Q^2 + 2Q + 15$ . What quantity will the firm produce in the short run?
27. Explain price elasticity of demand. What are the degrees of elasticity? Suppose price rises from 40 to 45 and demand falls from 200 to 150. Calculate price elasticity of demand.

(2 × 10 = 20)