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B.A DEGREE (CBCS) PRIVATE(REGULAR/IMPROVEMENT/REAPPEARANCE/MERCY CHANCE) **EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025**

First Semester

Complementary Course - EC1CMT01 - PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (FORMERLY GENERAL ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES)

(Common to B.A History, B.A Political Science, B.A Sociology) 2017 Admission Onwards

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

Instructions to private candidates only: This question paper contains two sections. Answer **Section I** questions in the answer book provided. Section II internal examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instruction under Section II.

SECTION I

Part A

Answer any ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 1. Define macro economics.
- 2. Define positive economics.
- 3. What is alternate cost?
- 4. What is Giffen paradox?
- 5. Define law of demand
- What is more elastic demand? 6.
- 7. Define Law of Supply
- 8. Define the term utility
- 9. Bring out the realtionship between total utility and marginal utility.
- 10. What is constant returns to scale?
- 11. What is average fixed cost?
- 12. Explain the interdependence in oligopoly market.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

Part B

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 13. Economics is the science of wealth'. Discuss.
- 14. Discuss the central problems of any economy.
- 15. What are the demerits of Capitalism?
- 16. Explain the different types of market in an economy with examples.



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- 17. Explain shifts in demand with suitable diagram.
- 18. What are the determinants of supply?
- 19. Explain consumer's surplus with suitable illustrations.
- 20. Distinguish between pure competition and perfect competition.
- 21. Explain the features of Monopoly.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Part C

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries **15** marks.

- 22. What is economics? Explain the significance of economics?
- 23. What is meant by marginal rate of transformation? Illustrate it with the help of a diagrm.
- 24. How do the changes in demand and supply affect the market equilibrium? Show how the equal changes in both supply and demand affect equilibrium position?
- 25. Critically evaluate the Law of Variable Proportion.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$

