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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. What are the factors cause an increase in labour supply?
2. Define the break -even level of income.
3. Distinguish between potential and actual labour force.
4. What do you mean by Gross substitutes?
5. Explain dead weight loss.
6. Differentiate piece rate and time rate.
7. Define dual labour market.
8. Mention some of the advantages of Social security benefits.
9. Write a short note on Implicit Contract.
10. What do you mean by Unemployment insurance?

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. How the reservation wage affects labour supply? Explain how the reservation wage is determined.
12. Examine the labour supply effects of social insurance.
13. Suppose the govt. changes the Social security law to allow workers to earn as much they wanted with no reduction in benefits. Use the worker-leisure model to explain its predicted effects on labour supply.
14. Why is the short-run demand curve for labour downward sloping?





15. Explain the wage and employment determination in a perfectly competitive labour market.
16. Derive a demand curve of labour for individual firms.
17. What are the disadvantages of tournament in the labour market?
18. Briefly explain the asymmetric information model.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight **5** each.*

19. Explain the nature and scope of labour Economics.
20. Explain graphically how isoquant–isocost analysis can be used to derive a long run labour demand curve. Distinguish between the substitution and output effects.
21. Give a detailed note on nature of the employment contract between the worker and the firm.
22. Examine the role of trade unions in the wage determination process.

(2×5=10 weightage)

