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Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Instructions : *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 instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

Part A (Objective Type Questions)

Answer all questions in this part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

I. Choose the correct answer :

1 If $(y = 2x + 5)$, the value of (y) when $(x = 3)$ is :

- (A) 8. (B) 9.
(C) 11. (D) 12.

2 The union of two sets A and B contains :

- (A) Only elements common to A and B.
(B) Elements belonging to A or B or both.
(C) Elements outside A and B.
(D) Only elements of A.





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- 3 Two matrices can be added only when they have :
- (A) Same determinant.
 - (B) Same order.
 - (C) Same diagonal elements.
 - (D) Same number of elements in each row only.
- 4 The base year index number is usually assigned a value of :
- (A) 0. (B) 1.
 - (C) 10. (D) 100.
- II. 5 If the determinant of a square matrix is zero, the matrix is :
- (A) Non-singular. (B) Singular.
 - (C) Identity. (D) Diagonal.
- 6 Fishers Ideal Index is the :
- (A) Arithmetic mean of Laspeyres and Paasche indices.
 - (B) Geometric mean of Laspeyres and Paasche indices.
 - (C) Harmonic mean of the two indices.
 - (D) Difference between the two indices.
- 7 CPI stands for :
- (A) Consumer Price Index.
 - (B) Capital Price Indicator.
 - (C) Cost Production Index.
 - (D) Consumer Production Indicator.
- 8 Which of the following methods is most appropriate for identifying the long-term movement in annual GDP data ?
- (A) Moving average.
 - (B) Trend analysis.
 - (C) Simple frequency distribution.
 - (D) Set intersection.





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III. 9 Laspeyres price index uses :

- (A) Current-period quantities as weights.
- (B) Base-period quantities as weights.
- (C) Average quantities as weights.
- (D) No weights.

10 If the price of a commodity rises from Rs. 20 to Rs. 25, the simple price relative is :

- (A) 80.
- (B) 100.
- (C) 125.
- (D) 150.

11 Long-term movement in a time series is called :

- (A) Seasonal variation.
- (B) Trend.
- (C) Irregular variation.
- (D) Cyclical variation.

12 A Fisher price index is preferred as an ideal index because it :

- (A) Uses only base-year quantities.
- (B) Uses only current-year quantities.
- (C) Satisfies both time reversal and factor reversal tests.
- (D) Does not require prices.

IV. Fill in the blanks :

13 The slope of the linear equation ($y = 5 + 3x$) is _____.

14 If a universal set contains 50 elements and A contains 30 elements, then the number of elements in (A') is _____.

15 A matrix having the same number of rows and columns is called _____.

16 An index number of 125 indicates that the measured variable has increased by _____ %.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Turn over





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Part B (Short Answer Questions)

*Write a short note on any **five** questions, not exceeding 50 words each.*

Each question carries a weight of 1.

- 17 Primary and secondary data.
- 18 Pie diagram.
- 19 Variables and constants.
- 20 Venn diagrams.
- 21 Components of time series.
- 22 Population and sample.
- 23 Steps in tabulation of data.
- 24 Quadratic functions.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C (Short Essays)

*Write short essays on any **four** questions, not exceeding 150 words each.*

Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 25 Describe sampling. Explain various sampling techniques.
- 26 Define a function. Examine various economic functions.
- 27 Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Find $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$.
- 28 Examine various problems in the construction of index numbers.
- 29 Describe matrices. Examine various types of matrices.
- 30 Explain family budget method of the construction of index numbers.

(4 × 2 = 8)





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Part D (Long Essays)

*Answer any **two** questions, not exceeding 300 words each.*

Each question carries a weight of 4.

31. Describe index numbers. Explain various types of index numbers and various uses of index numbers.
32. Fit a time series trend for the population data (in Millions) using the method of semiaverages.

Year : 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986

Population : 412 438 446 454 470 483 490

33. Calculate Laspeyres's and Paasche's index numbers for the following data :

Commodity	Price		Quantity	
	2002	2010	2002	2010
A	12	14	18	16
B	15	16	20	15
C	14	15	24	20
D	12	12	29	23

(2 × 4 = 8)

