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**SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
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Economics

ECO 2B 02—MICRO ECONOMICS—II

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Answer may be either in English or in Malayalam.

Part A

Answer all twelve questions.

Each question carries ½ mark.

1. If a firm sells its output on a market that is characterized by few sellers and many buyers and limited long-run resource mobility, then the firm is :
 - a) A monopolist.
 - b) An oligopolist.
 - c) A perfect competitor.
 - d) A monopolistic competitor.
2. Which of the following is an implicit cost ?
 - a) Depreciation in the value of a company-owned car as it wears out.
 - b) The salary earned by a corporate executive.
 - c) Property taxes.
 - d) None of these.
3. In perfect competition :
 - a) The price charged by a firm equals the marginal revenue.
 - b) The price charged by a firm equals the average variable cost.
 - c) The fixed cost equals the variable costs.
 - d) The price charged by a firm equals the total costs.
4. Price discrimination is an essential feature of :
 - a) Perfect competition.
 - b) Oligopoly.
 - c) Duopoly.
 - d) Monopoly.

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5. Which of the following is a form of international price discrimination ?
- a) Dumping.
 - b) Bundling.
 - c) Discounting.
 - d) Off loading.
6. Which of the following short-run cost curves declines continuously ?
- a) Average total cost.
 - b) Marginal cost.
 - c) Average fixed cost.
 - d) Average variable cost.
7. Which of the following forms of market organization assumes that entry and exit of firms is costless ?
- a) Differentiated oligopoly.
 - b) Duopoly.
 - c) Monopolistic competition.
 - d) Pure oligopoly.
8. Short-run average variable cost is equal to :
- a) Total variable cost divided by output.
 - b) Average total cost minus average fixed cost.
 - c) The cost per unit of the variable input divided by the average product of the variable input.
 - d) All of the above.
9. For a perfectly competitive firm :
- a) Total revenue is a straight line.
 - b) Price is greater than marginal revenue.
 - c) Price equals total revenue.
 - d) Price equals total cost.
10. The U shape of the LAC reflects :
- a) Law of Variable proportions.
 - b) Laws of returns to scale.
 - c) Law of demand.
 - d) None of these.
11. Which of the following is a form of collusive oligopoly ?
- a) Bilateral monopoly.
 - b) Monopoly.
 - c) Cartel.
 - d) Kinked Oligopoly.

12. Under the dominant-firm price leadership model :
- All firms but the dominant firm are price takers.
 - The dominant firm acts as the residual monopolistic supplier.
 - The demand curve faced by the dominant firm is flatter than the market demand curve.
 - All of the above are correct.

(12 × ½ = 6 marks)

Part B (Very Short Answer Type Questions)

*Answer any ten questions.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

- What is meant by shut down point ?
- Define opportunity cost ?
- Distinguish between fixed cost and variable cost.
- What are the important features of a perfectly competitive market ?
- What is Lerner index ?
- What is tying and bundling ?
- Explain the idea of peak load pricing.
- Briefly explain 'selling cost' with suitable examples.
- What is meant by factor market ?
- What is sunk cost ?
- Prepare a note on 'L' shaped cost curves.
- Examine the features of kinked demand curve.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Part C (Short Essay Questions)

*Answer any six questions.
Each question carries 5 marks.*

- What are the important sources of monopoly power ?
- Explain the different degrees of price discrimination.

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27. Examine the marginal productivity theory of input demand.
28. Examine the features of cartel and price leadership.
29. Distinguish between collusive and non-collusive oligopoly.
30. Explain the short run equilibrium of a firm in perfect competition.
31. What are the important remedial measures for the regulation of monopoly power ?
32. Distinguish between monopsony and bilateral monopoly.

(6 × 5 = 30 marks)

Part D (Essay Questions)

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 12 marks.

33. Elucidate the long run and short run equilibrium of a firm in monopoly.
34. Explain the factor market equilibrium in a competitive market and imperfect market.
35. Elaborate the equilibrium of a firm in an oligopolistic market.
36. Explain the following :
 - a) AVC ;
 - b) ATC ;
 - c) AFC ;
 - d) Social cost ;
 - e) Economic cost ; and
 - f) Accounting cost.

(2 × 12 = 24 marks)