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Fourth Semester

Faculty of Science

Branch I (A)—Mathematics

MT 04 E 05—MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

(2012 Admission onwards)

[Regular/Supplementary]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

*Answer any five questions.
Each question has weight 1.*

1. What is the indifference curve analysis ?
2. What is meant by consumer equilibrium ?
3. What are isoquants ? Draw them for a Cobb-Douglas production function.
4. What is the elasticity of substitution for a given production function ?
5. What are the advantages of input-output analysis ?
6. Explain the steps involved in input-output analysis.
7. How difference equations are classified ? Explain with examples.
8. Give two applications of recurrence equations in economic models.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

*Answer any five questions.
Each question has weight 2.*

9. What do you mean by the concept of utility ? Show that the total utility is maximum when marginal utility is zero.
10. Define marginal rate of substitution. Why does it diminish ?
11. (a) What are the factors that can cause a nation's production function to shift over time ?
(b) The production function slopes upward, but its slope declines from left to right. Give an economic interpretation of these properties.

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12. Define CES production function. Obtain its elasticity of substitution.
13. Discuss the concept of economic region in detail.
14. Explain how Leontief input-output world is derived using matrix algebra.
15. Explain the application of linear difference equation in the general Cob-Web model.
16. A man deposits Rs. 500 regularly at the beginning of each year in an account which earns interest of 5 % p.a. Formulate a difference equation and find the value of the investment at the beginning of the sixth year.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

*Answer any three questions.
Each question has weight 5.*

17. (a) What is a demand curve ? Draw a rough sketch and explain.
(b) Explain : Relative preference theory of demand.
18. (a) List the characteristics of Cobb-Douglas production function.
(b) Stating the conditions, prove Euler's theorem.
(c) Explain how Euler's theorem applies to production function.
19. (a) Bring out the relation between Cobb-Douglas production function and CES production function.
(b) Under what conditions does a Cobb-Douglas production function exhibit decreasing, constant or increasing returns to scale ? Explain.
20. For the economy represented by the table obtain new total output and new labour requirements :

	Ind. P	Ind. Q	Final Demand	Total output
Ind P	180	100	20	300
Ind Q	90	300	110	500
Labour	30	100		

Predicted demands for 5 years in future : 30 for P, 100 for Q.

21. (a) Explain input-output analysis briefly mentioning its limitations.
(b) Compare and contrast the different input-output analysis models.
22. (a) Discuss the application of difference equations in the consumption model.
(b) Explain : The Harrod Model.

(3 × 5 = 15)