

SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION MARCH-2014

MARKING SCHEME – ECONOMICS (Foreign)

(SET -3)

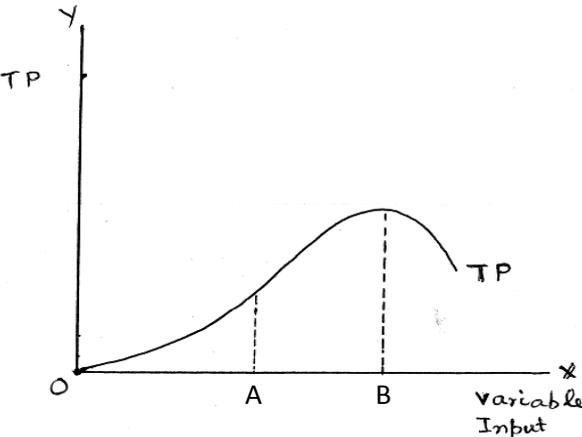
Expected Answers / Value Points

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Please examine each part of a question carefully and allocate the marks allotted for the part as given in the marking scheme below. TOTAL MARKS FOR ANY ANSWER MAY BE PUT IN A CIRCLE ON THE LEFT SIDE WHERE THE ANSWER ENDS.
2. Expected suggested answers have been given in the Marking Scheme. To evaluate the answers the value points indicated in the marking scheme be followed.
3. For questions asking the candidate to explain or define, the detailed explanations and definitions have been indicated alongwith the value points.
4. For mere arithmetical errors, there should be minimal deduction. Only $\frac{1}{2}$ mark be deducted for such an error.
5. Wherever only two / three or a “given” number of examples / factors / points are expected only the first two / three or expected number should be read. The rest are irrelevant and must not be examined.
6. There should be no effort at “moderation” of the marks by the evaluating teachers. The actual total marks obtained by the candidate may be of no concern to the evaluators.
7. Higher order thinking ability questions are assessing student’s understanding / analytical ability.
8.  indicates value based questions.

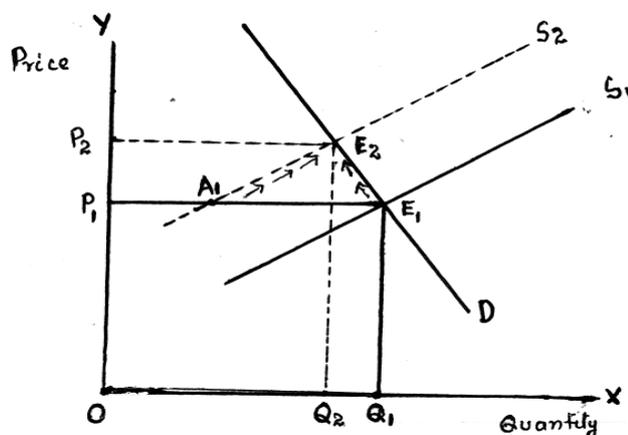
General Note : In case of numerical question no mark is to be given if only the final answer is given.

C3	Expected Answer / Value Points	Distribution of Marks
1	The cost which remains unchanged with change in output.	1
 2	The economic value of technical training is that it raises the production potential of the country by raising the efficiency of the labor.	1
3	Production function refers to the relationship between inputs and output.	1
4	When in an oligopoly market firms co-operate with each other in determining price and output , it is called collusive oligopoly	1
5	The law states that as the consumer consumes more of a good, addition to utility from each new unit consumed goes on diminishing.	1

6	It is under the market condition when a firm can sell more at the given price that $AR = MR$ throughout as production is increased by the firm. It is because the firm is a price taker. It means that price, which is same as AR , remains unchanged throughout. By the average – marginal relationship, AR remains unchanged only when $AR = MR$ throughout.	3
7	<p>Suppose per unit tax is raised. This raises cost of producing the good. Price remaining unchanged, profits decline. This is disincentive to producers who supply less.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Suppose government gives subsidy on production of good. This raises total revenue. Cost remaining unchanged profit rise. This provides incentive to the producers to supply more.</p>	3
8	The large number of buyers is assumed to be so large that an individual buyer's share in total purchases is so negligible that he cannot influence the market price on its own by purchasing more or less. The outcome is that price remains unchanged.	3
9	PPC is downward sloping because to produce more of one good, the economy has to produce less of the other good. It is because resources are fixed.	3
10	Good B has higher elasticity as compared to A. It is because with change in price by one percent, percentage change in demand for B is 4% while in case of good A it is only 3 percent.	3
11	<p>Related goods are either substitutes or complements. When the price of the substitute good rises (falls) it makes the given good relatively cheaper(expensive), so it is substituted for the other good. As a result the demand for the given good will increase.</p> <p>If price of a complementary good rises (falls) its demand will fall (rise) as complementary goods are jointly consumed, the demand for given good will also rise (fall).</p>	2
12	 <p>The different phases in the law of variable proportions are</p> <p>Phase : I TP rises at an increasing rate and MP rises, as is upto A.</p> <p>Phase : II TP rises at decreasing rate and MP falls but remains positive, i.e. B.</p> <p>Phase : III TP falls and MP and MP becomes negative after B.</p>	2

	<p><u>FOR THE BLIND CANDIDATES :</u></p> <p>On the same lines as above (without diagram) but with reasons.</p>	4																														
13	<p>Assuming that the only, two goods the consumer consumes are X and Y, the condition of equilibrium are :</p> <p>(1) $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} = \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$</p> <p>(2) MU falls as more is consumed</p> <p>Explanation : (1) Suppose $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} > \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$. The consumer will not be in equilibrium because per rupee MU from x is greater than per rupee MU from Y. This will induce the consumer to buy more of x by reducing expenditure on Y. It will lead to fall in MU_x and rise in MU_y, till $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} = \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$.</p> <p>(2) Unless MU falls as more is consumed of a good the consumer will not reach equilibrium.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Explanation based on $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} < \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$ is also correct.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>According to the utility analysis, the consumer is in equilibrium when</p> $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} = \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$ <p>Now, given that P_x falls, then</p> $\frac{MU_x}{P_x} > \frac{MU_y}{P_y}$ <p>Since per rupee MU_x is higher than per rupee MU_y, the consumer will buy more of X and less on Y.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>2</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>4</p>																														
14	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Output</th> <th style="text-align: center;">TR</th> <th style="text-align: center;">TC</th> <th style="text-align: center;">MR</th> <th style="text-align: center;">MC</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr style="border: 2px solid black;"> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Equilibrium</p> <p>The producer is in equilibrium at 4 units of output</p> <p>Reason (1) MC = MR</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(2) MC > MR after equilibrium</p> <p>Profit = TR – TC = 32- 31 = 1</p>	Output	TR	TC	MR	MC	1	8	10	8	10	2	16	18	8	8	3	24	23	8	5	4	32	31	8	8	5	40	41	8	10	<p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
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- Given equilibrium at E_1 when supply “decreases”, supply curve shifts to the left. S_2 is new supply curve.
- This creates excess demand A_1E_1 at the existing price OP_1 .
- The excess demand leads to competition between buyers causing price to rise.
- Rise in price leads to fall in demand along the D curve and rise in supply along the S_2 curve as indicated by the arrows.
- The trend continues till the market reaches new equilibrium at E_2 with a higher price OP_2 and lower quantity OQ_2 .

For the Blind Candidates

On the above line (without diagram)

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Let the only two goods the consumer consumes are X and Y .
The two conditions of equilibrium are

(1) $MRS = \frac{P_x}{P_y}$

(2) MRS falls as more of x is consumed in place of Y .

Explanation :

(1) Suppose $MRS > \frac{P_x}{P_y}$ i.e. consumer is not in equilibrium it means that to obtain one more unit of X consumer is willing to sacrifice more units of Y as compared to what is required in the market. The consumer buys more of X . MRS falls and continue to fall till it is equal to $\frac{P_x}{P_y}$ and the consumer is in equilibrium.

(2) Unless MRS falls as consumer consumes more of X , the consumer will not reach equilibrium again.

(Explanation based on $MRS < \frac{P_x}{P_y}$ is also correct)

OR

The Three properties are

- (i) IC slopes downwards from left to right.
- (ii) IC is strictly convex
- (iii) IC to the right has higher utility.

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	<p>Explanation :</p> <p>(1) Slope downwards because to consume more of good on the x-axis , the consumer must give up some quantity of good on the Y-axis so that the consumer remains on the same level of satisfaction.</p> <p>(2) Strictly convex because it is assumed that MRS continuously falls due to the law of diminishing marginal utility.</p> <p>(3) IC to the right has higher utility level because it is assumed that higher consumption means higher utility.</p>	1x3=3
	<u>SECTION – B</u>	
17	When AD falls short of AS at the full employment level of income, the difference between AD and AS is called deflationary gap.	1
18	Primary deficit refers to fiscal deficit less interest payments.	1
19	The exchange rate determined by the market forces of demand and supply of foreign exchange is called flexible exchange rate.	1
20	The central bank is the apex bank engaged in regulating commercial banks.	1
21	Aggregate supply refers to the values of final goods and services planned to be produced in an economy during a given year.	1
22	<p>(i) Expenditure on scholarships is revenue expenditure because it neither creates any assets nor reduces liability.</p> <p>(ii) Expenditure on building a bridge is capital expenditure because it leads to creation of assets</p>	1½ 1½
23	Depreciation of rupees is said to occur in India when foreign exchange rate rises. The significance is the foreign buyers can now buy more goods and services from one unit of foreign exchange. Since exports become cheaper demand for exports rises.	3
24	Non-monetary exchanges refer to the goods and services produced but not exchanged through money, like the domestic services rendered by the members of a family to each other. The value of these services is many a times difficult to estimate and so it escapes national income estimation. These exchanges however have positive effect on the welfare of the people.	3
25	<p>Deferred payments mean payment contracted to be made at some future date. Money serves as a standard of such deferred payments, like in borrowing and lending activities. It has made possible the creation of banking system.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The significance of money as a store of value is that money can be stored for use in future. One can use one's present income in future because money comes in convenient denominations and is easily portable.</p>	3 3

26	<p>BOP deficit occurs when autonomous foreign exchange receipts fall short of autonomous payments. Autonomous transactions are those which are not influenced by other transactions in BOP.</p>	3
27	$Y = \bar{C} + MPC(Y) + I$ $700 = 70 + 0.8(700) + I$ $I = 700 - 70 - 560 = 70$ <p style="text-align: right;">(No marks if only the final answer is given)</p>	<p>1½</p> <p>1½</p> <p>1</p>
28	<p>Spending on free services to the poor raises their standard of living and at the same time helps in reduction in income inequalities. It also helps in raising production potential of the country by raising the efficiency level of the working class among the poor.</p>	4
29	<p>Stock of money in a country on a particular day is termed as money supply. It has two components : currency with public outside banks and demand deposits. Demand deposits are deposits which can be withdrawn by writing cheques. Both the components are usable for carrying out transactions at will.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Currency authority function means that the central bank has the sole authority to issue currency. It brings uniformity in note circulation. It also gives power to the central bank to directly control money supply.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p>
30	<p>(i) Bonus should be included because it is compensation paid to employees.</p> <p>(ii) Addition to stocks should be included because it is investment a final expenditure.</p> <p>(iii) Purchase of a taxi by taxi driver should be included because it is final expenditure on investment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(No marks if the reason is not given)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>
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