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(CBCS)

(2nd Semester)

ECONOMICS

(Honours)

Paper No. : EC2.CC4

(Mathematical Methods for Economics—II)

Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. (a) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & -2 & y \\ 4 & z & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & x & z \\ x & y & 2 \end{bmatrix}$,
find $A - 2(B)$. 5

(b) Solve the coefficient matrix for the
systems

$$x - 2y + 3z = 1$$

$$3x - y + 4z = 3$$

$$2x + y - 2z = -1$$
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OR

2. State the properties of determinants with example.

UNIT—II

3. Find the partial derivatives of the following : 4+4+4+3

(a) $U = x^2y + xy^2$

(b) $U = x^2y^2 + x^5 + y^5$

(c) $U = e^{x^2 + y^3}$

(d) $U = 4x^2$

OR

4. What is total differentiation? Discuss briefly the applications of total differentiation in economic analysis. 5+10=15

UNIT—III

5. Write notes on the following : 7+8=15
- (a) Constrained optimization by substitution method
- (b) Lagrange multiplication method

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- 5 6. A firm has a budget of ₹ 300 to spend on the three inputs x , y , z whose prices per unit are ₹ 4, ₹ 1 and ₹ 6 respectively. What combination of x , y , z should it employ to maximize output if it faces the production function $Q = 24x^{0.3}y^{0.2}z^{0.3}$? 15

UNIT—IV

7. (a) A firm faces the total revenue schedule $TR = 600q - 0.5q^2$.
- (i) What is the marginal revenue when $q = 100$? 3
 - (ii) What is the total revenue at its maximum? 2
 - (iii) What price should the firm charge to achieve this maximum total revenue? 3
- (b) Find the extreme values of the function $y = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x + 20$ 7

OR

8. What is profit maximization? The total cost function of a firm is given by $TC = aq^2 + bq + c$, where q is the quantity and

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demand function is given by $P = \beta - aq^2$,
where P is the price. Find out the profit
maximizing output of the firm. 5+10=15

UNIT—V

9. (a) Solve :

5+5=10

(i) $y(1-x) - x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

(ii) $(x - xy^2) dx + (y - x^2y) dy = 0$

(b) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 10$$

with the initial condition $y(0) = 6$.

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OR

10. (a) Explain the solution of first-order
difference equation by iteration method.

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(b) Solve $y_{t+2} + 2y_{t+1} - 3y_t = 16$ with initial
condition, $y_0 = 10$ when $t = 0$ and $y_1 = 6$
when $t = 1$.

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