ECONOMICS

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END OF TERM III EXAMINATIONS 2021-2022

GRADE / LEVEL: S5

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- MATHEMATICS- ECONOMICS-

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SCIENCE-ECONOMICS (MCE)

DURATION:3HOURS

MARKS: / 100

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SECTION A: ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSRY /55MARKS

- 1. Give any six factors of consumption level in any economy. (6marks)
- 2. Define the following concepts:
- a) Demand pull inflation.

(2marks)

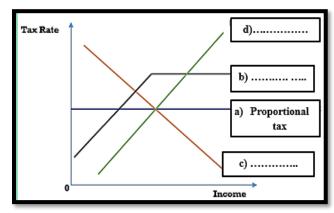
b) Disinflation.

(2marks)

3. What do you mean by:

(4marks)

- a) Disguised Unemployment.
- b) Natural rate of unemployment.
- 4. From the figure below complete the missing terms (3marks)



- 5. By using a diagram, illustrate the demand curve of a firm operating under oligopoly market. **(5marks)**
- 6. With the help of a graph, illustrate the short run relationship between unemployment and inflation (5marks)
- 7. Explain why trade unions may demand higher wages. (6marks)
- 8. i) Given the following information: (In Million)

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Calculate GDP_{FC} (3marks)

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(7marks)

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(1mark)

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SECTION B: ATTEMPT ONLY ANY THREE QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE / (45MARKS)

- 12. a) Making a national budget is not a simple process, since different sectors, regions, departments of the national economy that have to be involved have different problems and needs. Identify the problems that can make budgeting process difficult. (6marks)
- b) What do you mean by development expenditure?

(2 marks)

- c) How can the government reduce public expenditure? (7marks)
- 13. a) Monopolistic competition market is normally regarded as being "better" than monopoly. Defend this statement. **(6marks)**
- b) Criticize the kinked demand curve theory of oligopoly market. (9marks)
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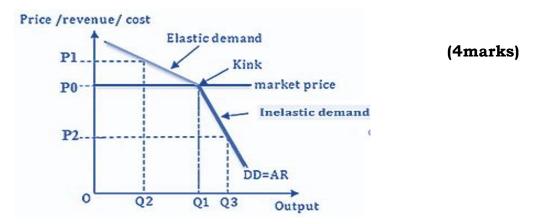
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- Disposable income.
- Costs and availability of credit and high purchase ability.
- Level of liquidity preference.
- High inflation rate
- Existing of stock of durable commodities.
- Low interest rates encourage borrowing.
- **2. a) Demand-Pull Inflation:** Inflation, which arises due to various factors like rising income, exploding population, etc., leads to aggregate demand and exceeds aggregated supply, and tends to raise prices of goods and services. **Excess Demand Inflation** is another name.
- b) **Disinflation**: This refers to a decrease in the rate of inflation. (2marks)
- **3. a) Disguised Unemployment:** This is where the marginal product of labour is zero and one can be removed from work without affecting total output. When more workers are engaged in a work than actually required to work, it is called **disguised unemployment**. (2marks)
- b) Natural rate of unemployment:

This is the normal rate of unemployment around which the unemployment rate fluctuates. (2marks

- 4. D) Progressive tax. (1mark)
 - B) Digressive tax or De-regressive tax (1mark)
 - C) Regressive tax. (1mark)

5. Under oligopoly the firms face a kinked demand curve as shown below:



- * Price P_0 is the registered price determined by the low cost firm. When a single firm increases the price from P_0 - P_1 , it will lose its market share since other firms within the industry shall ignore its action. (1mark)
- ❖ But when a single firm reduces price from P₀-P₂, the other firms will do the same because they fear to lose their customers. (1mark)
 Therefore, by scrapping off the up portion of the industry's demand and the lower portion of the single firm's demand curve, we remain with a kinked demand curve. (1mark)
- 6. A graph which depicts the relationship between inflation and unemployment is called **"Phillips curve"** (1mark)

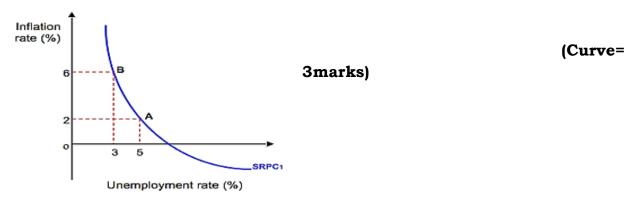


Fig: Short run Phillips curve

The Phillips curve shows the inverse trade-off between inflation and unemployment. As one increases, the other must decrease. (1mark)

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8. **(3marks)**

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= (NNP_{MP} + Consumption of fixed capital – Net export) – Indirect tax + Savings.

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 GDP_{fc} = 3800 million Frw (1mark)

9.a) Calculating the price relative for each commodity i.e. the percentage change in prices between the base year and the current year.

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$$(\frac{P2022 - P2020}{P2020} \times 100) + 100$$
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$$\left(\frac{2000-1500}{1500} \times 100\right) + 100$$

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$$\frac{750-700}{700}$$
 x 100
= **107.14%**
PR for maize = $(\frac{450-350}{350}$ x 100) + 100
= **128.58%**
PR for soap $(\frac{300}{400}$ x 100) + 100
= **75%**

$$\mathbf{APR} = \frac{133.3 + 107.14 + 128.57 + 75}{4}$$
$$= \frac{444.01}{4} = 111\%$$

(7marks)

There is a net increase of 11% in 2022 as compared to 2020 from 100% to 111%. (1mark)

10. a) Money multiplier /credit multiplier = $\frac{1}{Cash ratio}$ (1 mark)

$$\frac{1}{20\%}=5$$

Money multiplier / credit multiplier = 5 (1mark)

b) Initial deposit

$$= \frac{Total \ deposit}{Credit \ multiplier} = \frac{80,000}{5} = 16,000$$

(2marks)

- 11. The factors that influence the money supply in the economy:
- -- **Printing of more money by the ministry authority**: Example when the government runs the short of money, more money can be printed
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- When the central buys securities (Example: bonds and treasury bills) from the public, money to supply increases, when it sells securities to the public, money supply is reduced.
- **Balance of payments surplus:** when export exceed imports, the surplus foreign exchange earned can be exchanged for the local currency such money circulates in the economy and leads to increased money supply.
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- **The size of national income:** If the GDP is big, the size of money supply will also be large and if GDP is small, the size of money supply will be small.
- Credit creation by commercial banks: This leads also to the increase in money supply, Etc (1mark x7= 7marks)

12. a) Some of the problems which can hinder the budgeting process are the following:

- > Inadequate skilled personal
- > Development oriented deficit budgets are inflationary
- > Corruption
- Inconsistency in policy due to change in government
- ➤ Political instability
- ➤ Change in foreign policy
- ➤ Change in exchange rates
- ➤ Natural *hazards* and emergencies. (1markx6= 6marks)
- b) **Development expenditure** refers to the expenditure made to finance development projects in the country e.g. Infrastructure development like roads, electricity, communication lines, industries, schools among others.

(2marks)

c) Ways of reducing government expenditure

- **Privatization**. Transferring government assets to the hands of the private individuals.
- **Acquiring concessional loans** i.e. those with a low interest rate and long period of payment.
- **Reduction in the privileges** given to government allowances like unnecessary allowances.
- **Controlling population growth rate** and this will reduce expenditure on social services.
- **Ensuring peace and stability** in the country to reduce expenditure on defense.
- **Merging of some ministries** and departments so as to reduce expenditure on a single ministry.
- **Introduction of cost sharing** for public services like education, health etc.
- **Demobilization of soldiers** and retrenchment of civil servants to reduce government expenditures on salaries and allowances.

Encourage investment to increase production levels.

Any 7 points each 1mark. (7marks)

13 **a) Monopoly** is a market situation where there is one producer or supplier of a product, which has no close substitutes and entry into the market is highly blocked. (1mark)

Monopolistic competition market is a market structure in which a large number of firms sell differentiated products with close substitutes. Product differentiation may be in form of packing, design, quality, branding, advertising, blending, giving credit, etc. (1mark)

Monopolistic competition market is normally regarded as being "better" than monopoly, because of the following reasons:

- ➤ Unlike under monopoly, under monopolistic competition market Consumers have a variety of choice because of product differentiation.
- ➤ Under monopolistic Competition, there is competition that leads to improvement in quality of products which is lacking under monopoly.
- ➤ Under monopolistic competition, consumers are assured of a ready supply because of many firms.
- > Consumers tend to enjoy low prices due to competition among producers.
- ➤ More output is produced under monopolistic competition than under monopoly because of the many producers.
- ➤ In case of one firm collapse, substitutes are available. (1mark x4=4marks)
- b) Kinked demand curve theory assumes that if an oligopolistic cuts its prices, competitors will quickly react to this by cutting their own prices in order to prevent losing market share. On the other hand, if one firm raises its price, it is assumed that competitors do not match the price rise, in order to gain market, share at the expense of the first firm. (3marks)

Critics of the kinked demand curve

The above model can be criticized on 4 main grounds:

- It takes the prevailing price as given; there is no attempt to explain how this prevailing price is determined in the first place. It only helps explain why oligopolists tend to stick with an existing price.
 - The kinked-demand curve explains price inflexibility but not price itself.
- It makes unrealistic assumptions regarding firms' behaviour in terms of following price increases. It will be seen in the next chapter that there may be good reasons for following a price increase as well as following a decrease.
- Empirical evidence does not generally support the model. As mentioned above, in reality firms tend to follow price increases just as much as they follow price reductions.
- When the macro-economy is unstable, oligopoly prices are not as rigid as the kinked-demand theory implies. During inflationary periods, many oligopolists have raised their prices often and substantially.

In spite of the above shortcomings, the kinked demand curve model remains a popular approach to analysing oligopolistic behaviour. (2marks x3=6marks)

- 14.a) Followings are the points which shows the importance of national income accounting: (8marks)
- National income data is essential in national development planning and budgeting.
- They show the patterns of expenditure by the private sector and government.
- National income figures are used to attract foreign investment in the economy
- National income figures are used to solicit for foreign aid or loan.

National income figures are used:

- To see the rate of the economic development of the country over a period of time.
- To assess the developmental objectives
- To compare the standards of living between countries
- To know the contribution of the various sectors to National Income
- To measure the level of dependence of one country on the other countries
- National income figures are an indicator of the rate of resource utilization within the economy.
- To show the pattern of income distribution within the economy.
- National income data forms the basis of national policies such as employment, population growth and economic growth.

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- b) Is true that income per capita has been criticized of not being a good indicator of economic wellbeing due to some of the following reasons:
- Per capita income does not take into account the distribution of income
- Per capita income does not take into account the patterns of goods
 produced either capital or consumer goods.
- Per capita income **does not take into account** the **amount of leisure**. It may be high while the people do not have leisure.
- Per capita income does not consider the working conditions of the people.
- Per capita income does not consider the level of subsistence sector.
- Per capita income does not take into account the level of prices. (1mark x7=7marks)
- 15.a) **Taxation** is a process of collecting tax revenue from different sources to be used by the government in the development of the economy. **(1marrk)**

A part from collecting revenue, government can also achieve welfare objectives in the following ways, among others:

- By raising excise duty on harmful products like cigarettes will make them more expensive and thus discourages their consumers and reduction in negative impact on their health hence their rising welfare.
- Raising income tax for higher income earners will reduce the gap between poor and reach people, thus reduction of income inequality.
- The extra revenue levied from the higher revenue earners could be spent on health, education and on other welfare of people enhancing the schemes to improve the welfare of the poor. (2marks)

x2 = 4marks)

b) I can advise the government to apply the following policies so as to raise more revenues

- Improvement in administrative machinery, which will help to minimise the rates of tax evasion and avoidance hence increase tax revenue.
- Encourage income generating activities especially in rural areas.
- Providing adequate facilities to ease the process of tax collection e.g. transport, computers.
- Tax diversity. New taxes have to be introduced.
- Improving economic activities like in the manufacturing
- Adopting a tax payer friendly system where the tax payers can freely pay at their time of convenience without pressure from the tax authority
- Reduction on the grace period like tax holidays and exemptions given to investors. This will as well increase the tax base of the country.
- Reviewing the existing tax structure, policies and programs so that they are in line with the required targets.

 (2marks X)

5= 10marks)

16. Proposed measures to control population growth: (15marks)

- Introducing sex education in the school curriculum to educate the youths/ teenagers about the dangers of early sex which normally results into unwanted pregnancies which increases birth rate.
- Encouraging family planning which includes the use of contraceptives.
- Promoting girl child education since educated people produce few children because of different reasons.
- Discouraging early marriage by raising the age of consent and punishing those who break the law.
- Legalize abortion to prevent unwanted pregnancies where marriage laws are difficult to enforce.
- Encouraging international migrations so that people can move to different countries
- Setting up institutions to encourage population control e.g. family planning clinics, hospitals etc.
- More campaigns to discourage polygamy which results into high birth rates
- Improve health facilities to reduce infant mortality rates to assure parents that the few children produced will survive.
- Reducing the demand for children by reducing their incentives like free education and bursaries. Etc.
- Rural development programs e.g. modernization of agriculture and establishing socio- economic infrastructure.
- Use of coercive measures e.g. fines, penalties, jail sentences or sterilization of men who break population laws.
- Increasing government expenditure so as to increase productivity such that economic growth copes with population growth.
- Encouraging social mobility among women by taking up formal jobs.
- Provision of social and economic incentives to small families as a means of discouraging people from having large families e.g. giving free child education to the first 2 children in a family, housing and free medical facilities to such families.
- Economic disincentives are instituted on large families' e.g. denial of free education, medical care, high taxes on such families etc.
- Encouraging internal migrations from areas of dense population to sparsely populated areas.
- Massive sensitization to the public by the government and non-government organization about the dangers of high population growth rate and consequences of many children.

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(4marks)

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5. Factors that give rise to monopoly:(1mark x5= 5marks)

- Patent rights
- Ownership of strategic raw materials
- Exclusive methods of production.
- Long distances among producers where each producer monopolizes the market in his/her locality.
- Advantages of large-scale production.
- Protectionism
- Take overs and mergers.
- Collective monopoly or collusive monopoly.
- 6. Causes of demand pull inflation:
- Increase in money supply.
- Increase in disposable income.
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- Encourage investment to increase production levels.

Any 7 points each 1mark. (7marks)

- 13 **a) Monopoly** is a market situation where there is one producer or supplier of a product, which has no close substitutes and entry into the market is highly blocked. (1mark).
- **13. Monopolistic competition** market is a market structure in which a large number of firms sell differentiated products with close substitutes. Product differentiation may be in form of packing, design, quality, branding, advertising, blending, giving credit, etc. There is a need for persuasive advertising in monopolistic competition. Monopolistic competition lies between perfect competition and monopoly. (3marks)

a) Characteristics of firms under monopolistic competition

- There are many buyers and several sellers.
- Firms deal in differentiated products although they remain close substitutes.
- There is a lot of persuasive and informative advertising.
- The demand curve is fairly elastic in nature because of the presence of many substitutes.
- There is production at excess capacity, i.e. production less than the required output so as to charge at a high price.
- The firms in the industry are large but none of them dominates the market.
- The major aim is to maximize profits and this is done at a point where marginal revenue is equal to marginal cost (MRR=MC)
- Firms are price makers to some extent and price takers to a certain extent.
- There exists brand loyalty, i.e. consumers exercise a lot of loyalty by sticking on a particular commodity believing that a particular brand is superior.

(1mark x6=6marks)

b) Advantages of monopolistic competition

- Product differentiation enables consumers to get a variety of products.
- Firms compete to make improvement in the quality of products to choose from.
- In case one firm collapses, substitutes are available for the consumers.
- The price charged is lower than that of a monopolist because of competition from substitutes.
- The freedom of entry gives a chance to any willing entrepreneur to enter the industry which creates employment opportunities in the country.
- Individual firms gain a lot of popularity due to specialisation in their own brands.
- In the short-run, abnormal profits earned are used to improve on the quality of products; undertake research; and expand the size of the firm. (1mark x6=6marks)
- 14.a) Followings are the points which shows the importance of national income accounting: (8marks)
- National income data is essential in national development planning and budgeting.
- They show the patterns of expenditure by the private sector and government.
- National income figures are used to attract foreign investment in the economy
- National income figures are used to solicit for foreign aid or loan.

National income figures are used:

- To see the rate of the economic development of the country over a period of time.
- To assess the developmental objectives
- To compare the standards of living between countries
- To know the contribution of the various sectors to National Income
- To measure the level of dependence of one country on the other countries
- National income figures are an indicator of the rate of resource utilization within the economy.
- To show the pattern of income distribution within the economy.
- National income data forms the basis of national policies such as employment, population growth and economic growth.

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- b) Is true that income per capita has been criticized of not being a good indicator of economic wellbeing due to some of the following reasons:
- Per capita income does not take into account the distribution of income
- Per capita income does not take into account the patterns of goods produced either capital or consumer goods.
- Per capita income **does not take into account** the **amount of leisure**. It may be high while the people do not have leisure.
- Per capita income does not consider the working conditions of the people.
- Per capita income does not consider the level of subsistence sector.
- Per capita income does not take into account the level of prices. (1mark x7=7marks)

15.a) **Taxation** is a process of collecting tax revenue from different sources to be used by the government in the development of the economy. **(1marrk)**

A part from collecting revenue, government can also achieve welfare objectives in the following ways, among others:

- By raising excise duty on harmful products like cigarettes will make them more expensive and thus discourages their consumers and reduction in negative impact on their health hence their rising welfare.
- Raising income tax for higher income earners will reduce the gap between poor and reach people, thus reduction of income inequality.
- The extra revenue levied from the higher revenue earners could be spent on health, education and on other welfare of people enhancing the schemes to improve the welfare of the poor. (2marks)

x2 = 4marks

b) I can advise the government to apply the following policies so as to raise more revenues

- Improvement in administrative machinery, which will help to minimise the rates of tax evasion and avoidance hence increase tax revenue.
- Encourage income generating activities especially in rural areas.
- Providing adequate facilities to ease the process of tax collection e.g. transport, computers.
- Tax diversity. New taxes have to be introduced.
- Improving economic activities like in the manufacturing
- Adopting a tax payer friendly system where the tax payers can freely pay at their time of convenience without pressure from the tax authority
- Reduction on the grace period like tax holidays and exemptions given to investors. This will as well increase the tax base of the country.
- Reviewing the existing tax structure, policies and programs so that they are in line with the required targets.

 (2marks X)

5= 10marks)

16. Proposed measures to control population growth: (15marks)

- Introducing sex education in the school curriculum to educate the youths/ teenagers about the dangers of early sex which normally results into unwanted pregnancies which increases birth rate.
- Encouraging family planning which includes the use of contraceptives.
- Promoting girl child education since educated people produce few children because of different reasons.
- Discouraging early marriage by raising the age of consent and punishing those who break the law.
- Legalize abortion to prevent unwanted pregnancies where marriage laws are difficult to enforce.
- Encouraging international migrations so that people can move to different countries
- Setting up institutions to encourage population control e.g. family planning clinics, hospitals etc.
- More campaigns to discourage polygamy which results into high birth rates
- Improve health facilities to reduce infant mortality rates to assure parents that the few children produced will survive.
- Reducing the demand for children by reducing their incentives like free education and bursaries. Etc.
- Rural development programs e.g. modernization of agriculture and establishing socio- economic infrastructure.
- Use of coercive measures e.g. fines, penalties, jail sentences or sterilization of men who break population laws.
- Increasing government expenditure so as to increase productivity such that economic growth copes with population growth.
- Encouraging social mobility among women by taking up formal jobs.
- Provision of social and economic incentives to small families as a means of discouraging people from having large families e.g. giving free child education to the first 2 children in a family, housing and free medical facilities to such families.
- Economic disincentives are instituted on large families' e.g. denial of free education, medical care, high taxes on such families etc.
- Encouraging internal migrations from areas of dense population to sparsely populated areas.
- Massive sensitization to the public by the government and non-government organization about the dangers of high population growth rate and consequences of many children.

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