

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024  
(Second Semester)

Branch - ECONOMICS

**ADVANCED MICRO ECONOMIC THEORY – II**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

**SECTION-A (10 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	The size of the payoff matrix of a game can be reduced by using the principle of _____. a. Game inversion                      b. Rotation reduction c. Dominance                              d. Game transpose	K1	CO1
	2	In case, there is no saddle point in a game then the game is _____. a. Deterministic game                  b. Mixed strategy game c. Fair game                                d. Multiplayer game	K2	CO1
2	3	A firm's demand for labour curve is also _____. a. Its value of marginal product curve b. The supply of labour curve c. The demand curve for the good it produces d. Its marginal cost curve	K1	CO2
	4	The return to a factor of production which is fixed in supply in the short period is called _____. a. Scarcity rent                          b. Economic rent c. Quasi rent                                d. Contractual rent	K2	CO2
3	5	Welfare economics is primarily concerned with _____. a. Maximizing social welfare and utility b. Maximizing individual utility c. Maximizing government revenue d. Maximizing economic growth	K1	CO3
	6	Arrow's impossibility theorem is a _____ paradox illustrating the flaws of ranked voting systems. a. Individual choice                      b. Government choice c. Social choice                            d. Candidate choice	K2	CO3
4	7	The type of equilibrium that deals with the determination of price and quantity of only in one market is known as _____. a. General equilibrium                  b. Partial equilibrium c. Zero equilibrium                        d. Pareto efficiency	K1	CO4
	8	Leon Walras believed that a solution to the economic system was possible if the number of behavioural equations was _____ the number of unknowns. a. Greater than                            b. Equal to c. Less than                                 d. Zero	K2	CO4
5	9	A gamble can be described as "fair" if the expected value of the gamble (including any costs of play) is _____. a. Positive                                  b. Zero c. Negative                                 d. One	K1	CO5
	10	Risk averse individual will diversify their investments because this will _____. a. Increase their expected returns b. Provide them with some much – needed variety c. Reduce the variability of their returns d. Reduce their transactions costs	K2	CO5

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**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Are dominant strategy always Nash equilibrium? Is the converse true? Explain.	K2	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Demonstrate how oligopolist firms that choose prices can be modeled using game theory.		
2	12.a.	Make clear the Philip Wicksteed solutions to Euler's theorem.	K3	CO2
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Explain the Kalecki's monopoly theory of profit.		
3	13.a.	Identify how asymmetric information can affect principle agent relationship.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Construct the role of value judgment in welfare economics.		
4	14.a.	General equilibrium takes into account inter – dependence and inter relationship between different markets – Comment.	K4	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Examine the problems arise in connection with general equilibrium.		
5	15.a.	List out the significance of the mean variance portfolio theory in portfolio selection.	K4	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Distinguish the individual choice between insurance and gambling.		

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

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1	16	<p>From the following payoff matrix, where the payoffs refer to the profits firms earn by cheating and not cheating in a cartel:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="2">Firm B</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Cheat</th> <th>Don't Cheat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <th rowspan="3">Firm A</th> <th>Cheat</th> <td>(3, 2)</td> <td>(9, 1)</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Don't Cheat</th> <td>(2, 6)</td> <td>(7, 4)</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Cheat</th> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>a. Determine the Nash equilibrium in pure strategy. b. What if we change the payoff of bottom left cell to (4,4)?</p>			Firm B		Cheat	Don't Cheat	Firm A	Cheat	(3, 2)	(9, 1)	Don't Cheat	(2, 6)	(7, 4)	Cheat			K4	CO1
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2	17	Critically evaluate the Keynes' Liquidity Preference theory of interest.	K4	CO2																
3	18	Analyze the role of Arrow's impossibility theorem in maximize social welfare.	K4	CO3																
4	19	Draw the Edge worth box and show how general equilibrium is attained in exchange.	K4	CO4																
5	20	Examine the relationship between risk preference and attainment of expected utility among the individuals with suitable example.	K4	CO5																