M.A (ECONOMICS)
SEMESTER-I
MAEC24101T -MICRO ECONOMICS I

MAX. MARKS: 100
PASS: 40%
INTERNAL: 30
EXTERNAL: 70
TOTAL CREDITS: 6

OBJECTIVE: This course acquaints the students with the basic principles of Microeconomics and economic activities. It will help the students to understand the subject by applying it to their day-to-day experiences.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any ten questions from this section.
   4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
4. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES: Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A and B of the question paper and any ten short questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION – A

Unit 1: Meaning, nature and scope of economics; Methodology of Economics. Role of Assumptions. Theory of Demand and Elasticity of Demand

Unit 2: Consumer Behaviour: Cardinal utility analysis; Indifference curve analysis

Unit 3: Production Function: Law of Variable Proportions and Returns to Scale

Unit 4: Concepts of Cost and Revenue: types, shapes of cost curves in short and long period; shapes of revenue curves in different market forms; relationship of AR, MR and Elasticity.

SECTION – B

Unit 5: Price and Output Determination of Firm and Industry under Perfect Competition

Unit 6: Imperfect Competition: Monopoly and Monopolistic Competition

Unit 7: Theories of Distribution: Marginal Productivity Theory and the Modern Theory

Unit 8: Theories of Rent and Profit: Ricardian and Modern Theories of Rent, Risk and Uncertainty theories of Profit

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. A. Koutsoyiannis: Modern Microeconomics, Palgrave Macmilan.
2. N. Gregory Mankiw, Economics: Principles and Applications, India edition by South Western, a part of Cengage Learning, Cengage Learning India Private Limited, 4th edition, 2007.
3. Salvotore. D (2006) Theory and Problems of Microeconomic Theory. (3rd ed.) Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd.
4. Samuelson, Paul A and Nordhaus, William D : Economics, 18th Edition, Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Company Limited, New Delhi, 2006