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MA Economics (Semester I, 2018-19 batch)

Assignment Topics

Attempt all Questions

EC 211 Micro Economics I

Critically evaluate (a) Baumol's sales maximisation model

(b) Williamson's model of managerial discretion

EC 212 Economics of Growth and Development

Discuss (a) Harrod – Domar model of growth

(b) Fei-Ranis Model

EC 213   Indian Economic Policy - I

Critically evaluate

(a) the performance of Indian economy during the post- reform period
(b) the role of FDI in India's economic development

EC 214 Quantitative Methods

a. Solve the following equations by using matrices

$3X + 2Y + Z = 6$
$2X - 3Y + 3Z = 2$
$X + Y + Z = 3$

b. The production function of a commodity is given by $Q = 40F + 3F^2 - \frac{1}{3} F^3$ where Q is the total output and F is the number of units of output.
1) Find the number of units of input required to give maximum output
2) Verify that when the average product is maximum, it is equal to the marginal product

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Case Analysis

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EC 211 Micro Economics I

In view of the interdependence in Oligopolistic markets, oligopolistic firms try to avoid behaviour that is detrimental to their general interest and adopt policies that increase their profit.

(a) Briefly describe explicit and implicit forms of collusion
(b) Discuss some real world examples

EC 212 Economics of Growth and Development

In order to overcome the limitation of using a single measure like per capita income as a measure of development, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has developed some alternative indices.

(a) Critically evaluate HDI and HPI

(b) Write a short note on 'can the poor countries ever catch up with the rich countries?'

EC 213   Indian Economic Policy - I

'Inequality is a key socio - economic challenge and there has been an increase in income inequality in many major economies in recent decades' says the report of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific.

(a) Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons.
(b) Discuss the policy measures taken by the Government of India to reduce inequality

EC 214 Quantitative Methods

One of the important applications of matrices and determinants in economics is to understand the inter- industry relationships. In this context,

(a) Discuss the technique invented by WassilyLeontief to examine the interdependence of the economy
(b) Examine Hawkin- Simon Conditions