

## Scheme of B.A. (Economics) Semester System w.e.f. 2011-12

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year

#### ***Semester-I***

	Max. Marks	Internal Assessment
Paper-I Microeconomics-I	80	20

#### ***Semester-II***

Paper-I Microeconomics-II	80	20
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**B.A. (ECONOMICS)**  
**Semester-I**  
**PAPER 1 : Microeconomics – I**

**Max. Marks: 80**  
**Internal Assessment: 20**  
**Time: 3 Hrs.**

**Note: -The question paper will consist of 9 questions. The candidate will be asked to attempt 5 questions in all selecting one question each from the three units and the fourth question may be attempted from any unit. Question 1 shall be compulsory consisting of objective type (filling blanks, true/false, multiple choice) eight questions of two marks each and spread over the entire syllabus. All questions will carry equal marks.**

**Unit-I**

Economics: Definition, Nature and Scope; The Economic Problem: Scarcity and Choice, Functions of an Economic System, Circular Flow of Economic Activities, System of Economic Organization, Micro and Macro Economics, Law of Demand, Elasticity of Demand: concept, types, measurement, determinants and importance.

**Unit -II**

Consumer Theory: Concept of utility, Cardinal utility analysis, marginal and total utility, consumer's equilibrium, Derivation of demand curve, consumer's surplus.

Ordinal Utility Theory: Indifference curves analysis, characteristics, budget line, marginal rate of substitution, Consumer's Equilibrium, Price, income and substitution effects, Derivation of demand curve, Limitations of utility theory of demand.

**Unit- III**

Producer's behaviour and Supply: Supply, Firm as an agent of production, Law of variable proportions, Returns to scale, characteristics of Iso-quants, Ridge lines, least cost combination of factors, Internal and external economies and diseconomies. Movements and shifts in supply curve, Elasticity of supply.

**Unit - IV**

Cost Analysis: Concepts of costs, short period costs and long period costs, Modern Theory of costs,

Revenue: Concepts of revenue; total, average and marginal revenue and their relationships, Break-even-analysis & its uses

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Paul Samuelson and Nordhaus' "Economics", Tata Mcgraw Hill Publishng Compnay, New Delhi. 18<sup>th</sup> edition (2004)
2. N. Gregory Mankiw' "Principles of Economics", South-Western College; 5<sup>th</sup> edition (2008)
3. J.E. Stiglitz and G.E. Walsh' "Principles of Economics", W.W. Norton & Co. N.Y.
4. R.G. Lipsey, and KA. Chrystal, "Principles of Economics", Oxford University Press, Oxford (2002-03).
5. A. koutsoyiannis , Modern Microeconomics, Macmillan. (Latest Edition).
6. R.G. Lipsey and KA. Chrystal, Economics, Oxford University Press, Oxford (2007).
7. R. S. Pindyck & D. L. Rubinfeld: Microeconomics, Prentice Hall Series in Economics MATE (2005)
8. Walter Nicholsan' "Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles & Extensions", South- Western College. South-Western Publication (2007).
9. Hal R. Varian "Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach", W. W. Norton & Company; 6<sup>th</sup> edition (June 2002)
10. W. J. Baumol & Alan S. Blinder, "Microeconomics: Principles and Policy" Thomson, India Edition. Ceneage Learning India Pvt Ltd (2006).

**B.A. (ECONOMICS)**  
**Semester-II**  
**PAPER 1: Microeconomics – II**

**Max. Marks: 80**  
**Internal Assessment: 20**  
**Time: 3 Hrs.**

**Note: -**

**The question paper will consist of 9 questions. The candidate will be asked to attempt 5 questions in all selecting one question each from the three units and the fourth question may be attempted from any unit. Question 1 shall be compulsory consisting of objective type (filling blanks, true/false, multiple choice) eight questions of two marks each and spread over the entire syllabus. All questions will carry equal marks**

**Unit – I**

Market Structures, Perfect Competition: Characteristics and assumptions, Price determination under perfect competition, Equilibrium of the firm and industry in the short period and the long period.

Monopoly: Characteristics, Equilibrium of the monopoly firm in short period and long period, Concept of supply-curve under monopoly, Price discrimination, Measure of monopoly power.

**Unit-II**

Imperfect Market: Monopolistic competition, characteristics, short period and long period equilibrium of the firm, Group-equilibrium, selling costs, product differentiation, excess capacity.

**Unit-III**

Oligopoly: Characteristics, emergence of oligopoly, Cournot's model, Bertrand's model, Price rigidity, Price leadership, Collusive and non-collusive oligopoly.

**Unit-IV**

Theory of factor pricing: Marginal productivity theory of distribution, Backward bending supply curve of labour, Ricardian and Modern theory of rent, quasi-rent, net and gross interest, Theories of interest, Classical and neoclassical; Net and gross profit, Theories of profit.

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