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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ECONOMICS

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PEC1MC04 – MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMISTS

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions

1	Choose the right answers	(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)	
a)	The outcome that is generated after the choice of strategies by the players is called _____ a. Plan of Action c. Pay-off b. Choice d. Saddle point	K1	CO1
b)	Hessian is formed with _____ order partial derivatives of a function. a. 1 st c. 3 rd b. 2 nd d. 4 th	K1	CO1
c)	If $\frac{dy}{dt} = 15$, the value of $Y_{(t)}$ is a. 15 c. 15t + C b. 0 d. None of the above	K1	CO1
d)	In case of a boundary solution, a local maximum can also occur on the vertical axis where a. $x_1 < 0$ c. $x_1 = 0$ b. $x_1 > 0$ d. $x_1 \neq 0$	K1	CO1
e)	The necessary condition for maximization is a. $\Delta_1 > 0, \Delta_2 > 0, \Delta_3 > 0$ c. $\Delta_1 < 0, \Delta_2 < 0, \Delta_3 < 0$ b. $\Delta_1 < 0, \Delta_2 > 0, \Delta_3 < 0$ d. $\Delta_1 > 0, \Delta_2 < 0, \Delta_3 < 0$	K1	CO1
2	State True or False	(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)	
a)	Lagrange multipliers will always be non-negative.	K2	CO1
b)	Differential equations are used in studies of variables over discrete sets of time values.	K2	CO1
c)	The Kuhn Tucker cannot be applied for s non-linear programming model	K2	CO1
d)	The equation $(1 - c) Y^* - I = 0$ shows Y^* as a function of 'I' explicitly.	K2	CO1
e)	Slack variables are added to the objective function.	K2	CO1

SECTION B

Answer any THREE of the following in 500 words		(3 x 10 = 30 Marks)	
3	Find the characteristic vectors of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	K3	CO2
4	'The non-negativity restriction $x_1 \geq 0$ gives rise to three possible situations'. Explain those situations in the light of Kuhn Tucker conditions with relevant diagrams.	K3	CO2
5	What are difference equations? Give an account of the various types of difference	K3	CO2

	equations.		
6	Find minimax and maximin for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 6 \\ 12 & 13 & 6 \\ 11 & 10 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$	K3	CO2
7	Enumerate the procedure for general comparative static analysis in case of one endogenous variable.	K3	CO2

SECTION C

Answer any TWO of the following in 500 words (2 x 12.5 = 25 Marks)

8	Prove that $y = 2Cx^2 + C^2$ is the solution of the equation $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 8x^3\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 16x^2y$.	K4	CO3
9	Given the input coefficient matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and final demand $F = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$, find the output levels.	K4	CO3
10	Examine whether the function $Z = x^2 - 3xy + 3y^2 + 4yz + 6z^2$ has maximum or minimum values.	K4	CO3
11	Derive the equilibrium solution for the general Cobweb model: $q_t = \alpha + \beta p_{t-1}$ $p_t = \gamma + \delta q_t$	K4	CO3

SECTION D

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 15 = 15 Marks)

12	Find the optimum value of the function $Z = x^2 + y^2 + w^2$ subject to the constraint $x + y + w = 1$.	K5	CO4
13	Find AB if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	K5	CO4

SECTION E

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20 Marks)

14	Solve graphically: Maximize $Z = 2x + 5y$ subject to the constraints $x + 4y \leq 24$ $3x + y \leq 21$ and $x + y \leq 9$ $x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 0$	K6	CO5
15	In the linear market model, take the functions $D = 100 - p + 2y$ $S = 50 + 2p$ with $y = 10$ initially and then $y = 20$. Solve for the equilibrium prices and draw the diagram to represent the shifts in equilibrium price.	K6	CO5