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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ECONOMICS

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PEC1MC05 – INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Choose the correct answer

- a) The Gravity Model in international trade theory predict_____.
- Trade is proportional to the distance between countries
 - Trade is inversely proportional to the size of economies
 - Trade is directly proportional to the size of economies and inversely proportional to the distance between them
 - Trade depends solely on comparative advantage
- b) The Heckscher-Ohlin model attributes international trade to_____
- Differences in consumer preferences
 - Differences in labour mobility
 - Differences in factor endowments
 - Differences in economic policies
- c) The specific-factors model in international trade emphasizes_____
- The role of labor mobility
 - The short-term immobility of factors other than labor
 - The long-term immobility of all factors
 - None of the above
- d) Exchange rate determination in the long run is explained by_____
- Interest rate differentials
 - Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)
 - Central bank intervention
 - Balance of payment crises
- e) The open-economy monetary trilemma suggests that a country can_____
- Have fixed exchange rates, free capital movement, and an independent monetary policy simultaneously
 - Only choose two out of fixed exchange rates, free capital movement, and independent monetary policy
 - Avoid inflation with any combination of policies
 - Implement trade protection measures

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)**Answer ALL the questions****(5 x 1 = 5)****2 Answer the following:**

- a) Comparative Advantage
- b) Standard Trade Model
- c) Any two arguments against free trade
- d) Purchasing Power Parity
- e) Causes of East Asian financial crisis

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)**Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.****(3 x 10 = 30)**

- 3 Discuss the impact of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on international trade.
- 4 Evaluate the arguments for and against activist trade policy.
- 5 Describe the Gravity model of international trade
- 6 Comment on the political economy of trade and its implications on global trade.
- 7 'Central bank intervention can stabilize exchange rates in the short run' - Comment.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.****(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

- 8 Compare and contrast the Ricardian model of trade with the Heckscher-Ohlin model
- 9 Discuss the effects of economies of scale on international trade using suitable examples.
- 10 Evaluate the role of international trade negotiations (e.g., WTO, regional agreements) in shaping global trade policy.
- 11
 - a) Explain the concept of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) and its usefulness in exchange rate determination. (7.5 marks)
 - b) What are the limitations of PPP in practice? (5 marks)

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words****(1 x 15 = 15)**

- 12 Determine the relative wage in a multi-good model.
- 13 Discuss the implications of the floating exchange rate system for global trade.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

- 14 Analyze the East Asian financial crisis, its causes, and policy responses
- 15 Evaluate the impact of trade liberalization on economic growth and inequality in developing countries.
