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## FIRST SEMESTER(BACK) Examination – 2015-16 MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS

Branch: MBA Time: 3 Hours Max marks: 70 Q.CODE:T809

Answer Question No.1 which is compulsory and any five from the rest.

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Q1 Answer the following questions:

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- a) Why cell phones are considered as scarce goods?
- b) If there are only two goods, apples and oranges, what happens if the price of each good increases by 15%?
- c) What is the difference between a normal good and an inferior good?
- d) For what reasons supply curves generally slope upward?
- e) If an increase in the price of a product from Rs.1 to Rs.2 per unit leads to a decrease in the quantity demanded from 100 to 80 units, then what would be the value of the price elasticity of demand?
- f) Ramesh moved his office from a building he was renting down town to the carriage house he owns in back of his house. How will his costs change?
- g) Why do monopolistically competitive firms ignore the effects of their decisions upon other firms in the industry?
- h) What do you mean by economic fluctuations?
- i) Why GDP is a poor measure of social well-being?
- j) What does loss-leader pricing refer to?
- Q2 Managerial economics helps in decision making in the framework of uncertainty and scarcity of resources. Discuss the statement and elaborate with an example.
- Q3 Imagine that there is a drought in the nation. Discuss the possible comparative statics of the impact of drought on the demand and supply of food grains in the nation.

| Q4 | "The slope of an ISO-quant is a measure of the relative marginal productivities of the factors". Discuss.  | (10) |
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| Q5 | Differentiate between market sharing cartel and centralized cartel. Is price leadership in an oligopoly an efficient way of tackling collusion among firms? Discuss. | (10) |
| Q6 | What are the factors that influence the pricing policy? Discuss the major pricing strategies adopted by firms in India.  | (10) |
| Q7 | Describe the various components of the fluctuations in economic activity over time. Because economic activity fluctuates, how is long-term growth possible?          | (10) |
| Q8 | If zero inflation is bad, why would a government try to control inflation? Explain.  | (10) |