

Bachelor of Power Engineering Examination, 2017
(4th Year, 2nd Semester, OLD)
Engineering Economics and Costing

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 100

1. Fill in the blanks**1 x 16 = 16**

- (a) _____ is known as the 'Bankers' Bank'.
 (b) The decision rule of benefit-cost ratio is that accept the project, if this ratio is > _____.
 (c) A _____ centre is the segment of activity of a business which is responsible for both revenues and expenses, and discloses the profit of a particular segment of activity.
 (d) _____ Cost Variance = (Standard cost of materials for actual output) less (Actual cost of materials used).
 (e) If α and β are the output elasticities of capital and labour, respectively, and if $\alpha + \beta < 1$, the production function has a _____ returns to scale.
 (f) Maximum number of partners in case of non-banking business is _____.
 (g) An improvement in technology leads to a _____ shift of the supply curve.
 (h) Marginal Rate of Technical Substitution is also known as a _____ Isoquant.
 (i) (Current Assets / Current Liabilities) = _____ Ratio.
 (j) _____ of money $\equiv PQ / M$, where, M is the money supply, P is the overall price level, and Q is total real output.
 (k) The maximum number of membership for a private limited company is _____.
 (l) $P = 40 - 0.2Q_d$ and $P = 10 + 0.10Q_s$, where P = price, Q_d = Quantity demanded, Q_s = quantity supplied. The equilibrium market quantity $Q^* =$ _____.
 (m) _____ is the discount rate at which NPV becomes zero.
 (n) An effective price ceiling is _____ the market equilibrium price.
 (o) Unit of account is one of the functions of _____.
 (p) A combination of firms involved in unrelated lines of business activities is called a _____ merger.

2. Answer any three questions.**10 x 3 = 30**

- (a) Write short notes on any two of the following: 5 + 5
 (i) Marginal Rate of Technical Substitution; (ii) Inflation and deflation, (iii) Quick Ratio
- (b) (i) What are the advantages and disadvantages of joint-stock companies?
 (ii) Where do you think such companies are most fit for?
 (iii) Briefly explain various types of merger. 4 + 2 + 4
- (c) Define 'Zero Base Budgeting'. What are the features and advantages of 'Zero Base Budgeting'? 2 + 4 + 4
- (d) Define 'Public-Private Partnership' (PPP). What are the drivers of PPP? Describe common forms of PPP models in India. 2 + 3 + 5
- (e) List the steps involved in budgetary control. 10
- (f) Prepare a flexible budget for production of 7,000 units of Durga Co. from the following information: 10

The expenses budgeted for production of 10,000 units in a factory are furnished below:

| | Per unit in Rs . |
|--|------------------|
| Material cost | 65 |
| Labour cost | 25 |
| Variable factory over head | 20 |
| Fixed factory over head (Rs. 3,00,000) | 30 |
| Variable expenses(Direct) | 14 |
| Selling expenses (30% fixed) | 20 |
| Distribution overhead (10% fixed) | 10 |
| CEO's salary (Rs. 60,000) | 6 |
| Other administration expenses (Rs,150,000) | 15 |

3. Answer any three questions.

18 x 3 = 54

(a) Define 'Law of Variable Proportions'. What assumptions are related to this law? With the help of a graphic presentation explain various stages of this law. 2 + 4 + 1

(b) From the following list of transactions prepare appropriate journal entries, ledger entries and the relevant month- end trail balance of Indra Explosives Ltd. 3 x 4 + 1

(i) As on 01/04/2016, Indra Explosives Ltd. had Rs.180 trillion in capital and Rs. 180 trillion in cash account. No other account did exist.

(ii) Purchased building properties (Fixed Assets) for the office and warehouses for Rs. 600 billion on credit on 10 / 04 / 2016

(iii) Purchased furniture from M/S Vishwakarma Furniture of Rs.60 billion in cash on 20 / 04 / 2016.

(iv) Purchased inventories on 24/ 04 / 2016 for trading of Rs.12 trillion by demand draft made and delivered to the supplier on the same day.

(c) From the following balances extracted from the books of Agni Co., prepare a trading account, a profit and loss account for the year ending 31st December, 2016, and a balance sheet as on 31st December, 2016. 6 + 6 + 1

| | Rs. | | Rs. |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Stock on 1st January, 2016 | 11,000 | Returns outwards | 500 |
| Bills receivables | 4,500 | Trade expenses | 200 |
| Purchases | 39,000 | Office fixtures | 1,000 |
| Wages | 2,800 | Cash in hand | 500 |
| Insurance | 700 | Cash at bank | 4,750 |
| Sundry debtors | 30,000 | Tent and taxes | 1,100 |
| Carriage inwards | 800 | Carriage outwards | 1,450 |
| Commission (Dr.) | 800 | Sales | 60,000 |
| Interest on capital | 700 | Bills payable | 3,000 |
| Stationary | 450 | Creditors | 19,650 |
| Returns inwards | 1,300 | Capital | 17,900 |

The stock on 31st December, 2016 was valued at Rs.25,000.

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- (d) Compare the following two mutually exclusive projects on the basis of NPV & ARR. Cash flows and salvage values are in crore of rupees. Use the straight line depreciation method. The minimum required return is 10% while the minimum required ARR is 12%. 9 + 9

Project A:

| Year | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Cash Outflow | -440 | | | |
| Cash Inflow | | 182 | 260 | 210 |
| Salvage Value | | | | 20 |

Project B:

| Year | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------------|------|----|-----|----|
| Cash Outflow | -198 | | | |
| Cash Inflow | | 87 | 110 | 84 |
| Salvage Value | | | | 18 |

- (e) What is WTO? What are the objectives of WTO? List the problems faced by developing countries on foreign trade. 2 + 7 + 9
- (f) Prepare a cost sheet from the following extracts of Rudra Co.: Amounts are in thousand rupees.

Material used in manufacturing Rs 5,500
 Material used in packing material Rs 1,000
 Material used in selling the product Rs 150
 Material used in the factory Rs 175
 Material used in the office Rs 125
 Labour required in production Rs 1,000
 Labour required for supervision in factory Rs 200
 Expenses direct factory Rs 500
 Expenses indirect factory Rs 100
 Expenses office Rs 125
 Depreciation of office building Rs 75
 Depreciation on factory plant Rs 175
 Selling expenses Rs 350
 Freight on material Rs 500
 Advertising Rs 125

Assuming that all products manufactured and sold, what should be the selling price to obtain a profit of 20% on selling price. 16 + 2