B.A. ECONOMICS SECOND YEAR THIRD SEMESTER 2019 INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS I

Time: 2 hours Full Marks: 30

 $10 \times 3 = 30$

Answer any <u>three</u> questions All questions carry equal marks

- 1. a) The government in an economy initiates a balanced budget expansion for three consecutive periods such that every year government expenditure (G) is increased by dG and is matched by an increase in lump-sum tax (T) by dT. What will be the change in GDP (Y) after three periods in terms of general formula? What will be the value of Y in this case if dG = 128? What will be the final change in Y if an infinite number of periods are taken into account?
 - b) Suppose in an economy, there are two groups of people denoted as A and B, who has the following characteristics:

 Y_A and Y_B = Income of A and B respectively, such that $Y_A > Y_B$

 β_A and β_B = Propensity to consume (Keynesian type property)

 T_A = Tax on A and S_B = Subsidy to B, assuming T_B = S_A = 0

 ω_A and ω_B = Share of A and B in GDP (Y)

F = Autonomous Consumption, I = Autonomous Investment and G = Government expenditure

What will be the change in Y if government increases taxes by dT_A and distributes the same to B as additional subsidy, allowing thereby a change in share of the two groups in GDP by amounts $d\omega_A$ and $d\omega_B$ respectively?

- 2. a) Graphically explain why it leads to instability of equilibrium if slope of IS curve is greater than slope of LM
 - b) The following data are given for an economy (all variables have their usual meaning):

C = 100 + 0.8Y + 600r

I = 10 - 100r

 $M/P_0 = 0.5Y - 5000r$

 $M = 50, P_0 = 1$

What is the change in Y if M changes by 30 (use the multiplier formula to derive it)? Does the result look counter-intuitive? What may be the reason for this? 6+4=10

- 3. In an open economy model, it is found that Balance of Payment (BP) equilibrium locus does not shift under any circumstances. Suppose now government adopts a policy which allows such a shift. In case capital inflow from abroad is relatively immobile, does this policy lead to larger effect for an increase in government expenditure? Explain diagrammatically.
- 4. In a complete Keynesian model, the following data are given (all variables have their usual meaning):

Product Market equilibrium: Y = 200 - 500r

Money Market equilibrium: $M/P = \frac{1}{2} Y - 250r$

M = 500

Production function: $Y = N^{1/3}$ Money Wage Rate: W = 20

Now the new product market equilibrium equation is given by: Y = 200 - 250r. Show that (i) AD curve becomes less elastic and (ii) Expansionary fiscal policy becomes more effective in terms of government expenditure multiplier (Derive the necessary multiplier formula). 5 + 5 = 10

5. Derive the Short run Phillips Curve (SPC). Explain the long-run Phillips curve (LPC) in terms of expectation augmentation of SPC. Is LPC always vertical? Explain

3 + 6 + 1 = 10