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# B.A. HONOURS IN ECONOMICS THIRD YEAR HONOURS – 2015-16 Paper – XI MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

#### Unit – I

Variables, Constants and Parameters, Simple Functional Relationship and their Graphs, Elementary ideas of Differential and Integral Calculus, Matrix and Determinants, Solution of Simultaneous Equations, Quadratic Equations.

## Unit – II

Utility function, Budget line, Constrained Optimization, Consumer's Equilibrium, Income effect, Substitution effect and Price effect, Slutsky equation, Derivation of Demand Curve, Elasticity of Demand.

#### Unit – III

Properties of Production Function – Homogeneous and Non-Homogeneous, Cobb-Douglas, CES, Returns to Scale, Technological Progress and Production Function, Choice of Optimal Combination of Factors of Production; Cost and Revenue Functions, Derivation of Cost Curves, Relation between total, Average and Marginal cost and revenue, Adding up theorem.

### Unit - IV

Concept of Equilibrium – Equilibrium of the firm under Perfect Competition, Monopoly and Monopolistic Competition, Subsidies and Taxes, Monopoly – Price Discrimination, Cobweb Model.

# Unit – V

Input-Output Analysis – The simple closed and open model, Linkages, Concepts and Measurement, Dynamic input-output model.

Linear programming, Basic concepts, Primal and Dual, Basic theorem of Linear Programming, Graphic and Simplex Method, Concept of Game Theory and Saddle Point.

# **Basic Reading List**

- Henderson, J. and R.E. Quandt (1980) Microeconomic Theory: a Mathematical Approach, McGraw Hill, New Delhi.
- Mehta and Madnani Mathematics for Economists, Sultan Chand and Sons, New Delhi.
- Madnani, G.M.K. Mathematical Economics: Oxford and IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi.
- Cliang, A.C. Fundamentals of Mathematical Economics, McGraw Hill, New York.
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