| Section A: Q.1 - Q.10 Carry ONE mark each. |  |
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| Q.1 | Which one of the following is a non-parametric test? |
| (A) | $\chi^{2}$ - test |
| (B) | $t$ - test |
| (C) | F - test |
| (D) | $z$ - test |
| Q.2 | Let $x$ and $y$ be two consumption bundles, assumed to be non-negative and |
| perfectly divisible. Further, the assumptions of completeness, transitivity, |  |
| reflexivity, non-satiation, continuity, and strict convexity are satisfied. |  |
| Then, which of the following statements is NOT CORRECT? |  |


| Q. 3 | Consider a production function of the form: $Y=a \log L+(1-a) \log K, \quad a \in(0,1), \quad a \neq 0.5$ <br> where, $Y$ is output, $L$ is labour, and $K$ is capital. <br> Then, the absolute value of elasticity of substitution is |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | 1 |
| (B) | $a$ |
| (C) | $(1-a)$ |
| (D) | $\infty$ |
| Q. 4 | Consider a closed economy with consumption function $C=2+0.5 Y$, where $Y$ is income. The government expenditure is 3 and investment function is $I=4-0.5 r$, where $r$ is interest rate. Then, the slope of the IS curve will be |
| (A) | 1 |
| (B) | -0.5 |
| (C) | 1.5 |
| (D) | -1 |


| Q.5 |  |
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|  | Which of the following was announced in the Union Budget <br> $2023-24$ to enhance the skills of lakhs of youth in the next 3 years? |
| (A) | Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 1.0 |
| (C) | Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2.0 |
| (D) | Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 |
| Q.6 | Suppose a random variable $X$ follows an exponential distribution with mean 50. |
| Then, the value of the conditional probability $P(X>70 \mid X>60$ ) is |  |
| (A) | $e^{-\frac{7}{5}}$ |
| (D) | $e^{-\frac{6}{5}}$ |
| (C) | $e^{-\frac{1}{5}}$ |


| Q.7 | Which of the following measures was NOT initiated by the Government of India <br> as a part of economic reforms in 1991? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | Announcement of new industrial policy |
| (B) | Full convertibility of rupee on the capital account |
| (C) | Removal of Quantitative Restrictions |
| (D) | Guidelines for investment by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) in the capital <br> market |
| Q.8 | Suppose nominal GDP equals 1,000 units and money supply equals 250 units. <br> Based on the quantity theory of money, the velocity of money equals |
| (A) | 40 |
| (B) | 4 |
| (C) | $2,50,000$ |
|  | 500 |



| Section A: Q.11 - Q.30 Carry TWO marks each. |  |
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| Q.11 | Two distinct integers are chosen randomly from 5 consecutive integers. If the <br> random variable $X$ represents the absolute difference between them, then the <br> mean and variance of $X$ are, respectively, |
| (A) | 1 and $\frac{3}{2}$ |
| (B) | 2 and 5 |
| (C) | 1 and 3 |
| (D) | 2 and 1 |
| Q.12 | Consider two independent random variables: $X \sim N(5,4)$ and $Y \sim N(3,2)$. |
| (D) | $\mu=8$ and $\sigma^{2}=34$ |
| (A) | $\mu=19$ and $\sigma^{2}=34$ |
| (C) | $\mu=8$ and $\sigma^{2}=14$ |
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| Q. 13 | The optimal value of the linear programming problem $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maximise } Z=2 x+3 y \\ & \text { subject to } \\ & \qquad \begin{array}{c} 5 x+4 y \leq 20, \\ 3 x+5 y \leq 15 \\ 2 x+y \leq 4 \\ x, y \geq 0 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ <br> is |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | 4 |
| (B) | $\frac{64}{7}$ |
| (C) | 9 |
| (D) | $\frac{72}{7}$ |
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| Q.17 | For a profit maximising monopolist, the ratio of the profit margin to price (also <br> known as the Lerner Index or the relative mark-up) has a relationship with the <br> price-elasticity of demand at the profit maximising price. Then, which of the <br> following statements is CORRECT? |
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| (A) | The larger the elasticity of demand at the profit maximising price, the greater is <br> the relative mark-up |
| (B) | The power to sustain a price higher than the marginal cost depends only on the <br> profit maximising price |
| At the profit maximising price, given costs are greater than zero, the price |  |
| (D) | At the revenue maximising price, the price elasticity of demand is greater than <br> unity |
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| Q.19 | Suppose high quality and low quality products are sold at the same price to the <br> buyers. The buyers have less information to determine the quality of the product <br> compared to the sellers at the time of purchase. Which of the following problems <br> arises in this situation? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | Moral hazard problem |
| (B) | Market signaling problem |
| (C) | Principal-agent problem |
| (D) | Adverse selection problem |
| Q.20 | Individuals who were either unemployed or out of labour force but had worked <br> for at least 30 days over the reference year were included in the labour force by <br> the NSSO in its labour force surveys. Under which one of the following <br> classifications does the above procedure appear? |
| (A) | Usual Principal Status |
| (B) | Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status |
| Current Weekly Status |  |


| Q.21 | Let the production function be given by <br> where, at time $t, Y_{t}$ is output, $A_{t}$ is level of Total Factor Productivity, $K_{t}$ is <br> physical capital, $H_{t}$ is human capital, and $L_{t}$ is labour. $\alpha=\frac{1}{5}$ and $\beta=\frac{2}{5}$. <br> If the growth rate of $Y_{t}$ equals 10 percent, the growth rate of $K_{t}$ equals 5 percent, <br> the growth rate of $H_{t}$ equals 5 percent, and the growth rate of $L_{t}$ equals 10 percent, <br> then the growth rate of $A_{t}$ is |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | 2 percent |
| (B) | 3 percent |
| (D) | 5 percent |
| 10 percent |  |
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| Q.22 | Consider an economy where technology is characterised by the production <br> function: <br> where, $Y$ is output, $K$ is capital, and $L$ is labour. <br>  <br> Assuming perfect competition in the product market and in the factor markets, <br> the share of total income paid to labour is equal to |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | 0.2 |$\quad$| (B) | 0.3 |
| :--- | :--- |
| (D) | 0.4 |



| Q24 | The Rangarajan Panel on 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ June 1993 submitted recommendations related to <br> Balance of Payment (BoP). Which one of the following was NOT a part of the <br> Panel's recommendations? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | Efforts should be made to replace debt flows with equity flows |
| (B) | The ratio of debt linked to equity should be limited to 1:4 |
| (C) | The minimum targets for foreign reserves should be fixed in such a way that the <br> reserves are generally in a position to accommodate imports of 3 months |
| No sovereign guarantee should be extended to private sector |  |


| Q.25 | According to the "State of Inequality in India Report" from the Institute for <br> Competitiveness, released on $18^{\text {th }}$ May 2022, which of the following statements <br> is CORRECT? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | In India, the percentage of anaemic children under 5 years of age has decreased <br> from 67.1 percent in 2015-16 to 58.6 percent in 2019-21 |
| (B) | The female labour force participation rate in India has increased from <br> 49.8 percent in 2017-18 to 53.5 percent in 2019-20 |
| (C) | Using data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2019-20, the report <br> shows that individuals with monthly salary of Rs. 25,000 are among the top 10 <br> percent of total wage earners |
| (D) | By the end of 2019-20, 95 percent of all schools in India have functional toilets <br> for girls |
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| Q.26 | Consider the production function: |
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|  | $Q(K, L)=(2 \sqrt{K}+3 \sqrt{L})^{2}$ |
| where $Q$ is the output, $K$ is capital, and $L$ is labour. |  |
| If $\eta_{K}$ and $\eta_{L}$ denote the output elasticities with respect to capital and labour, |  |
| respectively, then the value of $\left(\eta_{K}+\eta_{L}\right)$ is |  |
| (A) | 2 |
| (B) | 1 |
| (C) | 4 |
| (D) | 0.5 |
| (D) | Aggregate price falls and unemployment rate falls |
| (B) | Aggregate price falls and unemployment rate rises |
| (A) | Aggregate price rises and unemployment rate falls |
| (Consider a short-run Phillips curve with a constant expected rate of inflation. If |  |
|  | Cone aggregate demand decreases unexpectedly and the labour force remains the <br> the |


| Q.28 | Suppose the price elasticity of demand $\left(e_{D}\right)$ is $-\frac{1}{5}$ and the price elasticity of <br> supply $\left(e_{S}\right)$ is $\frac{2}{5}$. Then, the incidence of a specific (or unit) tax on the firms <br> is equal to |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| (B) | $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| (D) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |


| Q.29 | The differential equation satisfied by circles with radius 3 and center lying on the <br> $Y$-axis is |
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| (A) | $\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}=\frac{x^{2}}{9+x^{2}}$ |
| (B) | $\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}=\frac{9+y^{2}}{y^{2}}$ |
| (D) | $\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}=\frac{x^{2}}{9-x^{2}}$ |
| $d x)^{2}=\frac{9-y^{2}}{y^{2}}$ |  |
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| Qection B: Q.31 - Q.40 Carry TWO marks each. |  |
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| Q.31 | In the case of a small open economy with fixed exchange rate regime and <br> imperfect capital mobility, which of the following is/are CORRECT? |
| (A) | Fiscal contraction will lead to Balance of Payment deficit in the short-run if the <br> slope of LM curve is greater than the slope of Balance of Payment curve |
| (B) | Fiscal contraction will lead to Balance of Payment deficit in the short-run if the <br> slope of LM curve is less than the slope of Balance of Payment curve |
| (C) | Monetary expansion leads to Balance of Payment surplus in the short-run <br> irrespective of the slopes of the LM curve and the Balance of Payment curve |
| (D) | Monetary expansion leads to Balance of Payment deficit in the short-run <br> irrespective of the slopes of the LM curve and the Balance of Payment curve |
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| Q.32 | Consider the following three utility functions: <br>  <br> where, $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ are two goods available at unit prices $p_{x_{1}}$ and $p_{x_{2}}$, respectively. <br> Which of the following is/are CORRECT for the above utility functions? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | The marginal rate of substitution is given by $-1,-2$, and $-0.5 \sqrt{x_{1}}$ for the utility <br> functions $F, G$, and $H$, respectively |
| (C) | If $p_{x_{1}}=p_{x_{2}}$, then the utility maximisation problem with utility function $F$ has a <br> corner solution <br> with utility function $G$, the sum of the optimal values of $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ is 50 |
| (D) | If income is $100, p_{x_{1}}=5$, and $p_{x_{2}}=5000$, then in the utility maximisation <br> problem with the utility function $H$, the optimal value of $x_{2}$ is 20 |
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| Q.33 | The characteristics of pure public good is/are |
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| (A) | rival in consumption |
| (B) | excludable in consumption |
| (D) | non-rival in consumption |
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| Q. 35 | Let a random variable $X$ has mean $\mu_{x}$ and non-zero variance $\sigma_{x}^{2}$, and another random variable $Y$ has mean $\mu_{y}$ and non-zero variance $\sigma_{y}^{2}$. If the correlation coefficient between $X$ and $Y$ is $\rho$, then which of the following is/are CORRECT? |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | $\|\rho\| \leq 1$ |
| (B) | The regression line of $Y$ on $X$ is $y=\mu_{y}+\frac{\rho \sigma_{x}}{\sigma_{y}}\left(x-\mu_{x}\right)$ |
| (C) | The variance of $X-Y$ is $\sigma_{x}^{2}+\sigma_{y}^{2}-2 \rho \sigma_{x} \sigma_{y}$ |
| (D) | $\rho=0$ implies $X$ and $Y$ are independent random variables |
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| Q. 37 | Let $M=\left(\begin{array}{rr}\alpha & -6 \\ -1 & 1\end{array}\right), \alpha \in R$ be a $2 \times 2$ matrix. If the eigenvalues of $M$ are $\beta$ and 4 , then which of the following is/are CORRECT? |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | $\alpha+\beta=1$ |
| (B) | An eigenvector corresponding to $\beta$ is $[2,1]^{T}$ |
| (C) | The rank of the matrix $M$ is 2 |
| (D) | The matrix $M^{2}+M$ is invertible |
| Q. 38 | Let $f: R^{2} \rightarrow R$ be a function defined as $f(x, y)=\left\{\begin{array}{cl} \frac{x^{2} y}{x^{4}+y^{2}}, & \text { if }(x, y) \neq(0,0) \\ 0, & \text { if }(x, y)=(0,0) \end{array}\right.$ <br> Then, which of the following is/are CORRECT? |
| (A) | $\lim _{(x, y) \rightarrow(0,0)} f(x, y)=0$ |
| (B) | $f_{x}(0,0)=0$ |
| (C) | $f(x, y)$ is not continuous at ( 0,0 ) |
| (D) | Both $f_{x}$ and $f_{y}$ do not exist at $(0,0)$ |


| Q.39 | Which of the following is/are NOT CORRECT? |
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| (A) | Under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1938, every scheduled bank has to keep <br> certain minimum cash reserves with the RBI |
| (B) | CRR is the statutory reserve requirements to be kept by every scheduled bank <br> with the RBI |
| (C) | A higher SLR increases the capacity of commercial banks to grant loans and <br> advances |
| A high SLR can be considered as a tax on the banking system |  |


| Q.40 | According to the NITI Aayog's "National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A <br> Progress Review 2023", which of the following is/are CORRECT? |
| ---: | :--- |
| (A) | The rural areas in India have experienced fastest decline in percentage of <br> multidimensional poverty from 35.59 percent in 2015-16 to 21.28 percent <br> in 2019-21 |
| (B) | The incidence of poverty in urban areas in India increased from 5.27 percent <br> in 2015-16 to 8.65 percent in 2019-21 |
| (C) | A decline in India's Multidimensional Poverty Index in 2019-21 is due to <br> improvement in all the 12 indicators |
| At the national level, there is a decline in the intensity of poverty between |  |
| $2015-16$ and 2019-21 |  |
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| Section C: Q. 41 - Q. 50 Carry ONE mark each. |  |
| Q. 41 | A firm has a production function that is homogenous of degree one given by $Q=2 \sqrt{L K}$, where $Q$ is quantity, $L$ is labour and $K$ is capital. The unit price of $L$ is Rs. 4 and the unit price of $K$ is Rs. 16. Assuming that there is zero fixed cost, the total cost (long run) of producing 10 units of $Q$ is Rs. $\qquad$ (in integer). |
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| Q. 42 | Two students $A$ and $B$ are assigned to solve a problem separately. The (conditional) probability that $A$ can solve the problem given that $B$ cannot solve it, is $\frac{1}{5}$. The (conditional) probability that $B$ can solve the problem given that $A$ can solve the problem is $\frac{3}{5}$. The probability that $A$ can solve the problem is $\frac{1}{10}$. <br> Then, the probability that $B$ can solve the problem is $\qquad$ (rounded off to one decimal place). |
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| Q. 43 | Suppose the cash reserve ratio is 5 percent in a country. Assume that commercial banks keep zero excess reserve and the cash-to-deposit ratio is 5 percent. To increase the money supply by Rs. 10,500 crores, the central bank of the country should inject Rs. $\qquad$ crores (in integer). |


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| Q.44 | Suppose an Indian company borrowed 300 dollars from a foreign bank at the <br> beginning of the year and repaid it in dollars along with the agreed interest rate <br> of 12 percent per annum. At the time of borrowing, the exchange rate was Rs. 70 <br> per dollar. Assuming zero inflation rate in both the countries, the real cost of <br> borrowing will be zero if the exchange rate is Rs. <br> time of repayment (rounded off to one decimal place). |
| Q.45 | per dollar at the |
|  | There are 32 students in a class. Three courses namely English, Hindi and <br> Mathematics are offered to them. Each student must register for at least one <br> course. If 16 students take English, 8 students take Hindi, 18 students take <br> Mathematics, 4 students take both English and Hindi, 5 students take both Hindi <br> and Mathematics, and 5 students take both English and Mathematics, then the <br> number of students who take Mathematics only is <br> to |
| (in integer). |  |


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| Q. 47 | The linear system of equations $\begin{gathered} x+y=3 \\ x+\left(k^{2}-8\right) y=k, \quad k \in R \end{gathered}$ <br> has no solution for $k=$ $\qquad$ (in integer). |
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| Q. 48 | A manufacturer producing pens has the following information regarding the cost of production of pens: <br> If the total cost function is of the form $T C(Q)=a Q^{2}+b Q+c$ where $a, b$, and $c$ are constants, then the value of $T C(Q)$ at $Q=4$ is $\qquad$ (in integer). |
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| Q.49 | Consider the information given in the table below: |  |
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| Section C: Q. 51 - Q. 60 Carry TWO marks each. |  |
| Q. 51 | An individual owns a mobile phone, currently valued at Rs. 40,000. The current wealth of the individual is Rs. 2,00,000 (including the value of the mobile phone). According to reports, there is a 20 percent chance of mobile phone theft and an actuarially fair insurance policy is available to insure the loss of the mobile phone against a theft. The individual's von-Neumann-Morgenstern utility of wealth function is given by $U(W)=\sqrt{W}$, where $W$ is the wealth. Then, the maximum willingness to pay for such an actuarially fair insurance policy is Rs. $\qquad$ (rounded off to nearest integer). |
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| Q. 52 | Consider the following AK model where the production function is given by $Y=A K$ <br> where $Y$ is output, $K$ is capital, and $A$ is a constant that reflects the level of technology. Suppose there is zero technological progress in the economy and $A=0.50$. In the economy, the savings rate equals 0.60 and the depreciation rate for the capital stock equals 0.05 . The population growth rate equals zero and the size of the labour force is normalised to 1 . Based on the AK model, the steady state growth rate of output per capita in the economy equals $\qquad$ percent (in integer). |
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| Q.56 | Let the value of a random sample drawn from a normal distribution with mean 5 <br> and unknown standard deviation $\sigma$ be 4.8, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5. Then, the <br> maximum likelihood estimate of $\sigma^{2}$ is <br> places). <br> Q.50unded off to two decimal |
|  | An economy produces a consumption good and also has a research sector which <br> produces new ideas. Time is discrete and indexed by $t=0,1,2, \ldots$ |
| The production function for the consumption good is given by |  |
| The production function for new ideas is given by |  |
| where $L_{a t}$ is the amount of labour devoted to production of new ideas at time $t$. |  |
| Suppose that for all $t, L_{a t}=10$ and $L_{y t}=90$. Then, the growth rate of the |  |
| consumption good $\left(Y_{t}\right)$ at $t=50$ is $\quad Y_{t}=A_{t} L_{y t}$ |  |
| where, at time $t, Y_{t}$ is the amount of consumption good produced, $A_{t}$ is the stock |  |
| of existing knowledge, and $L_{y t}$ is the amount of labour devoted to production of |  |
| consumption good. It is known that $A_{0}=1$. |  |



| Q.60 | There are two goods $X$ and $Y$ and there are two consumers $A$ and $B$ in a pure <br> exchange economy. $A$ and $B$ have Cobb-Douglas utility functions of the form <br> $U_{A}=2 X^{0.4} Y^{0.6}$ and $U_{B}=X^{0.3} Y^{0.7}$, respectively. Initially, $A$ is endowed with 50 <br> units of good $X$ and 20 units of good $Y$. Similarly, $B$ is endowed with 50 units of <br> good $X$ and 20 units of good $Y$. If the unit price of good $Y$ is normalised to 1, then <br> the equilibrium unit price for good $X$ is <br> places). |
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