ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ECONOMICS: PAPER - I

Time: 3 (Three) hours

Full marks 100

(Group - A is compulsory. Attempt any FOUR questions from Group - B).

GROUP - A (This Group is COMPULSORY)

Q. 1. Attempt any 10 (ten)

10x2=20

- 1. Why is Marshallian demand curve negatively sloped?
- 2. What does internal rate of return mean?
- 3. What is Classical Dichotomy?
- 4. Identify the main characteristics of merit goods?
- 5. Given the utility function $U = W^{\frac{1}{2}}$, find the absolute and relative risk aversion.
- 6. What is moral hazard?
- 7. Highlight the factors determining the money stock in Kaldor's model.
- 8. In what situation does the prisoner's dilemma arise?
- 9. Why have self-help groups been formed in India?
- 10. How do type one and type two errors arise?
- 11. How does foreign trade multiplier operate?
- 12. What is Leontief Paradox?

GROUP - B

(Answer any Four.)

Q.2. Attempt any 8 (eight)

8x2.5=20

- 1. What are the characteristics of Cobb-Douglas production function?
- 2. Highlight the relationship between Keynesian average propensity to consume and the level of income.

- 3. What is voluntary exchange principle?
- 4. Why is lump-sum-tax neutral?
- 5. Write down the equation of a circle whose origin is at the centre and radius is 1, and find the value of y, when the value of X is $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 6. Differentiate the function,

$$(2x + 1) (e^{-x} + 3)$$

- 7. Distinguish between utility of the expected payoff and the expected utility of the payoff.
- 8. What is the shape of the long-run Phillips Curve, according to monetarism?
- 9. Distinguish between gross barter terms of trade and net barter terms of trade.
- 10. The parameters of a Gamma variate are 4 and 6. What is its expected value?

Q. 3. Attempt any 5 (five)

5x4 = 20

Write short notes on any five of the following:

- 1. Distinguish between Hicks' and Kaldor's compensation principles.
- 2. What is Zero base Budgeting? In what ways is it superior to traditional budgeting?
- 3. Given two points (1, 2) and (-3, 5). Find the equation of the straight line.
- $4. \ \ Discuss\ how\ asymmetric\ information\ causes\ the\ problem\ of\ adverse\ selection.$
- 5. What are the functions of SEBI?
- 6. How does purchasing power parity determine the Exchange Rate?
- 7. Write down the characteristics of Chi-square distribution.

Q.4. Attempt any 4 (four)

4x5 = 20

- 1. What are the properties of Leontief production function?
- 2. How does acceleration principle explain the behaviour of investment?
- 3. What is Ricardian equivalence? Why is Ricardian equivalence not taken seriously in practice?
- 4. Distinguish between zero-sum and non-zero-sum games. Give examples from day-to-day life.
- 5. Show how diversification in a portfolio reduces the risk.

Q.5. Attempt any 2 (two)

2x10=20

- 1. Show how Multiplier and Accelerator interaction generates cycle.
- 2. Discuss Rybczynski-Bhagawati view on immiserzing growth.
- 3. What is the elasticity of demand? Given the demand function: P = 20 2Q, Find the elasticity of demand when P = 5. At what price is the elasticity exactly equal to one?

Q.6. Attempt any 4 (four)

4x5=20

- 1. Discuss Musgrave's optimum budget Model. Do you find any shortcomings of this model?
- 2. The Demand curve faced by a competitive firm is P = 20. The marginal cost function of the firm is MC=5+ 2Q . Find the profit-maximizing output and the total amount of profit.
- 3. Show that marginal productivity theory cannot be applied to distribution of income when the production function is subject to increasing and decreasing returns to scale.
- 4. How does the real business cycle model explain the cycles? Highlight its main flaws.
- 5. Describe the hypothesis of secular deterioration of the terms of trade of the poor countries. Does it hold in the present circumstances?

Q.7. Attempt any 2 (two)

2x10=20

- 1. Derive the moment generating function (MGF) of the normal distribution and find from MGF the expected value and variance of a normal variate.
- 2. What are the features of monopolistic competition? Why is there excess capacity in a monopolistic industry?
- 3. Derive IS curve. What are the factors determining the elasticity of the IS curve?
- Q.8 What is Ratchet effect? Discuss how Duesenberry uses the Ratchet effect and demonstration effect in order to explain the difference between the short-term and long-term consumption behaviour. Identify some shortcomings of Duesenberry's treatment of consumption behaviour.
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- **Q. 9.** Provide the basic characteristics of Harry Johnson's monetary approach to balance of payments. What happens to the balance of payments, if the Central Bank expands money stock by a significant amount?
- Q. 10. What are the sources of Public debt? Discuss the effects of Public Debt. Is Public Debt a Burden?