

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 86
(For Candidates admitted during the academic year 2008 – 2009 and thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EC/PC/ME15

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2008
BRANCH III – ECONOMICS
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR - CORE
PAPER : MICRO ECONOMIC ANALYSIS – I
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX.MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 300 WORDS. (5 X 8 = 40)

1. Write down briefly the uses of the Indifference curves analysis.
2. Differentiate between risk and uncertainty and explain the expected utility hypothesis.
3. Explain the Hicksian type of technical progress.
4. Graphically illustrate the theory of returns to scale for a homogeneous production function.
5. Why is the short-run average cost curve U – shaped?
6. Explain discriminatory pricing under monopoly.
7. What do you mean by excess capacity? Explain the theory of excess capacity.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 1200 WORDS. (3 X 20 = 60)

8. Highlight the recent developments in demand theory.
9. Discuss the equilibrium of a multi – product firm.
10. Explain the modern theory of cost in the short-run and long-run.
11. Compare and contrast monopoly equilibrium with equilibrium under perfect competition.
12. Discuss and illustrate with diagrams the equilibrium of the firms and industry under monopolistic competition in the short-run and long-run.
