## STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 86 (For Candidates admitted during the academic year 2015 – 2016 and thereafter)

## SUBJECT CODE: 15EC/PC/MI14

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2017 BRANCH III – ECONOMICS FIRST SEMESTER

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

MAX.MARKS: 100

# **SECTION – A**

### I. ANSWER ANY<u>FIVE</u>QUESTIONS

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- 1. Explain the approaches to optimization analysis.
- 2. How does diversification of an investor's portfolio reduce risk?
- 3. Write a note on the properties of CES Production function.
- 4. Explain the types of cost function.
- 5. What are the sources of monopoly power, and why do some firms have more monopoly power than others?
- 6. Excess capacity is prevalent in imperfect competition- Explain
- 7. Write a note on technical progress.

#### **SECTION – B**

## II. ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

- 8. Critically evaluate Revealed Preference theory.
- 9. Discuss Neumann-Morgenstern expected utility theorem.
- 10. Enumerate the features and importance of Cobb -Douglas production function.
- 11. Discuss price output decision under price discrimination.
- 12. Explain the significance of short run and long run cost curves in Economics.

(**3X20=60**)