



CPA PART I SECTION 2

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ECONOMICS

TUESDAY: 21 May 2019.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

Answer any FIVE questions.

ALL questions carry equal marks.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) (i) Explain the Keynesian liquidity preference theory of demand for money. (1 mark)
- (ii) Outline five criticisms of the theory in (a) (i) above. (5 marks)
- (b) (i) Distinguish between “perfect oligopoly” and “imperfect oligopoly”. (2 marks)
- (ii) Describe three methods used in fixing prices under the oligopoly market structure. (6 marks)
- (c) Highlight six factors that might lead to a rightward shift of the optimal point of a firm. (6 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) (i) Enumerate five characteristics of a free market economic system. (5 marks)
- (ii) State five advantages of a free market economic system. (5 marks)
- (b) Summarise five factors that could lead to a leftward shift of the supply curve of a commodity. (5 marks)
- (c) The demand and average cost functions of a hypothetical firm are represented by the following functions (in thousands):

$$P = 50 - Q$$

$$AC = \frac{100}{Q} - 16 + 2Q$$

Where: P is the unit price in shillings.
Q is the quantity of output in units.
AC is the average cost in shillings.

Required:

- (i) The total cost function. (1 mark)
- (ii) The variable cost function. (1 mark)
- (iii) The total profit of the firm when $Q = 10$ units. (3 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) (i) Explain the difference between the “cardinal approach” and the “ordinal approach” to measuring utility. (2 marks)
- (ii) Outline four limitations of the cardinal approach to measuring utility. (4 marks)
- (b) Highlight six factors that determine the effectiveness of trade unions in a society. (6 marks)
- (c) Discuss four applications of elasticity of demand in economic decision making. (8 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) With the aid of a well labelled diagram, explain the equilibrium level of a firm operating under an oligopolistic market structure. (5 marks)
- (b) Summarise five reasons why the prices of agricultural products fluctuate more than the prices of manufactured products. (5 marks)
- (c) Suggest five policy measures that could be adopted by a government to enhance geographical mobility of labour within a country. (5 marks)
- (d) The table below shows the quantity of units produced by a certain firm and the corresponding total cost:

| Units produced | Total cost (Sh. “000”) |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 0 | 77 |
| 2 | 216 |
| 4 | 235 |
| 6 | 319 |
| 8 | 348 |
| 10 | 382 |

Required:

- (i) The average variable costs when the units produced are 2, 6 and 10 respectively. (3 marks)
- (ii) The marginal costs of production for the 4th and 8th units respectively. (2 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Differentiate between “demand deficient unemployment” and “disguised unemployment” as used in economics. (2 marks)
- (b) Enumerate four effects of inflation on the functions of money. (4 marks)
- (c) Outline six limitations of the theory of comparative advantage as used in international trade. (6 marks)
- (d) The following data relate to the consumption function of a hypothetical economy in millions of shillings:

$$C = 300 + 0.6y$$

Where:

C is the consumption function.
y is the national income.

Required:

- (i) The investment function. (1 mark)
- (ii) Discuss seven factors that determine the level of consumption in an economy. (7 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Examine three roles of foreign exchange reserves in an economy. (3 marks)
 - (b) Describe six factors that determine the terms of trade in a country. (6 marks)
 - (c) Explain six causes of high levels of external debt in developing countries. (6 marks)
 - (d) Analyse five functions of non-banking financial institutions in an economy. (5 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**

QUESTION SEVEN

- (a) Argue six cases against the use of national income statistics to compare the standards of living between countries. (6 marks)
- (b) With the aid of an appropriate diagram, explain the relationship between the short run average cost curve and the long run average cost curve. (4 marks)
- (c) The following information relates to the commodity and money markets of a certain closed economy in millions of shillings:

Commodity market

$$C = 200 + 0.4y$$
$$I = 1,900 - 12r$$

Money market

$$M_{DT} = 0.5y$$
$$M_{DS} = 100 - 10r$$
$$M_S = 1,500$$

- Where:
- C = Consumption function
 - y = National income
 - I = Investment function
 - r = Rate of interest
 - M_{DT} = Precautionary and transactionary demand for money
 - M_{DS} = Speculative demand for money
 - M_S = Money supply

Required:

- (i) The IS function. (3 marks)
 - (ii) The LM function. (3 marks)
 - (iii) The equilibrium level of interest rate. (2 marks)
 - (iv) The equilibrium level of national income. (2 marks)
- (Total: 20 marks)**
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