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Department of Management Sciences
MBA-BT Semester I ---- Semester End Exam December 2014
103 - Managerial Economics

Maximum Marks: 50 marks

Time: 3Hrs

- Note: 1. All questions carry equal marks
 2. Attempt any 4 of the first 6 questions.
 3. Question 7 is compulsory
 4. Draw neat and well-labeled graphs wherever necessary

- Q1. Discuss the derivation of the law of demand with the help of the indifference curve approach. .
- Q2. Discuss the least cost combination with the help of the isoquant-isocost analysis.
- Q3. State and explain the law of variable proportions in detail.
- Q4. Discuss the short-run equilibrium of the competitive industry and firm. Discuss the conditions under which the competitive firm will shut down business in the short-run.
- Q5. Discuss the inter-linkage between the processes of liberalization, privatization and globalization envisaged in the NEW Economic Policy 1991.
- Q6. Write short notes on:
 a. Production possibility frontier
 b. Application of the concept of price elasticity of demand in taxation policy
- Q7. Given below are the pay-off matrices for two firms operating under oligopolistic conditions. Discuss the equilibrium of the firms using the matrices
- a. Firms A and B are deciding on their advertisement budget wherein they have an option of going for either a high-budget or a low-budget strategy. Given below is their pay-off matrix:

| | | Firm A | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | | High budget | Low budget |
| Firm B | High budget | 4, 6 | 11, 9 |
| | Low budget | 7, 12 | 15, 14 |

Discuss the process of determination of equilibrium for the two firms if they have to take the decision related to advertisement budget simultaneously, given their inter-dependence.

- b. Firms A and B are simultaneously taking a decision about the price of their products which are close substitutes for each other. Given below is the pay-off matrix

| | | Firm A | |
|--------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | High price | Low price |
| Firm B | High price | 12, 5 | 8, 6 |
| | Low price | 14, 16 | 18, 15 |

Discuss how equilibrium will be attained by the firms given the pay-off matrix.