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Mid-Semester Examination, September 2015

Date : 14/09/2015

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

ECONOMICS (Honours)

Paper : III

Full Marks : 50

[Use a separate Answer Book for each group]

Group – A

1. Define VMP_L or value of Marginal Product of Labor.
Explain in detail the distinction between a firm's short run and long run labor demand curve. [1+5]
2. Define 'Pareto Optimality'. Show in a two commodity, two factor, two individual economy how one can reach a Pareto Optimal allocation. Is the Pareto Optimal allocation unique. [2+5+2]
3. Show that for a concave utility function $EU(y) < UE(y)$. What happens to above inequality when the utility function is linear? [6]
4. A man has two options; he can earn an honest income Y_0 or can earn Y_1 , which is his income from burglary. Probability of getting caught is p and he earns nothing if being caught. Recommend two govt. policies that can reduce incentive to crime. [4]

Group – B

5. Answer **any one** question : [1×5]
 - a) Explain— "Economic Development is something more than economic growth".
 - b) Explain economic development in terms of "Capability".
6. Answer **any one** question : [1×10]
 - a) Discuss the process of demographic transition and its implications in economic development of a country.
 - b) "Per-capita income may be used as starting point for classifying levels of development"—explain the statement.
7. Explain briefly the concepts of complementarity and co-ordination failure.
Explain graphically how the multiple equilibrium analysis help us in understanding the problems of complementarity and co-ordination failure. [4+6]

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