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COURSE CODE: BUS1313|BCM101

COURSE TITLE: PRINCIPLES OF MICRO-ECONOMICS

EXAM DATE: FRIDAY 9th AUGUST 2019

DURATION: 2 HOURS

TIME: 9:00AM-11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- This exam script consists of **Six (6)** questions.
- Answer ALL questions in **SECTION A(compulsory)** and Any **other three (3)** questions from **SECTION B**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: Compulsory

QUESTION ONE:

- a) Describe the following terms as used in economics
- i. Free Enterprise or free price system (2marks)
 - ii. Planned Economic Systems (2marks)
 - iii. Utility (2marks)
 - iv. Marginal Rate of Substitution (MRS) (2marks)
 - v. Diminishing marginal utility (2marks)
 - vi. Perfect competition (2marks)
 - vii. Monopolistic competition (2marks)
 - viii. Monopoly (2marks)
 - ix. Oligopoly (2marks)
- b) Micro economics differs significantly from macro economics. Explain this statement (2marks)
- c) Discuss any four properties of indifference curves (4 marks)
- d) c) The law of demand doesn't apply to all goods. Explain (6 marks)

SECTION B: Answer any THREE questions

QUESTION TWO:

- a) Outline any four factors that determine the elasticity of demand (4marks)
- b) Explain any three factors that determine the quantity demanded of a commodity (6marks)

QUESTION THREE:

- a) State the law of supply (2marks)
- b) Identify and explain any four factors that influence supply (8marks)

QUESTION FOUR:

- a) Given the following economic function, determine the equilibrium market **price** and **quantity**
Demand function: $Q_d = 3550 - 266p$
Supply function: $Q_s = 1526 + 240p$ (2marks)
- b) Explain the following terms as used in economics
- i. Price Floor (2marks)
 - ii. Price Ceiling (2marks)
- c) Discuss the concept of Breakeven point in economics (4marks)

QUESTION FIVE:

- a) State the Law of Diminishing Returns (2marks)
- b) Explain the following term as used in production economics
- i. Marginal physical product (MPP) (2marks)
- c) Explain the three levels of returns to scale in a firm in production (3marks)
- d) Outline any three characteristics of a perfect competition form of a market structure

(3marks)

QUESTION SIX:

Given a monopolist demand function in the form;

$$Q = 100 - 2P$$

The cost function given as;

$$50 + 40Q$$

Required:

- a) Determine the profit maximizing levels of price and output for the monopolist if price is given as; $P = 50 - 0.5Q$ (6marks)

b) Outline any four weaknesses of a monopoly

(4marks)