Guidelines for NEP UGCF Syllabus w.e.f. 2022-23

For the Paper Titled

"Business Economics" of B.Com. (Hons.)

DSC-5.2, Semester-V

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY

Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi and

Gargi College, University of Delhi & Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), University of Delhi

Date: 21st September, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Venue: Google Meet

Minutes of the Meeting

An online meeting was held on 21st September, 2024 at 4:00 PM on Google Meet Platform to prepare the Guidelines for NEP UGCF Revised Syllabus for the paper titled "Business Economics" (Reference No. CNC-II/093/1(28)/2023-24/211, Dated 03/09/2024) of B.Com. (Hons.) DSC-5.2, Semester-V jointly organised by the Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi with Gargi College, University of Delhi & Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), University of Delhi.

The meeting was convened by Prof. Geeta Sidharth, Professor, Department of Commerce, Gargi College, and co-convened by Mr. Varun Panwar, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Sri Aurobindo College (Evening).

Prof. Madan Lal represented the Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. The following members were present in the online meeting:

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Members	Name of the College
1.	Prof. Geeta Sidharth (Convener)	Gargi College
2.	Mr. Varun Panwar (Co-Convener)	Sri Aurobindo College (Evening)
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45.	Kangan Jain	Satyawati College
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69.	Megha Rawat	Vivekananda College
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The following guidelines were set in the online meeting with the consent of all the faculty members present and the Department Representative, University of Delhi:

Examination-Related Guidelines

- 1. Total number of lectures assigned as per UGC Norms is 45 and the marks for the theory examination are 90 Marks.
- 2. Unit-wise based breakup of 45 lectures and marks out of 90 are recommended as follows:

Alloca	Allocation of Lectures, Marks and Questions Patterns for External Examination				
Unit No.	Name of the Unit	No. of Lectures	Allocation of Marks	Questions	
Unit-1	Introduction to Business Economics	8	18 marks	1 Question with internal choice	
Unit-2	Consumer Behaviour	8	18 marks	1 Question with internal choice	
Unit-3	Production and Cost	10	18 marks	1 Question with internal choice	
Unit-4	Market Structures	14	27 marks	1.5 Question with internal choice	
Unit-5	Contemporary Issues and Applications	5	9 marks	0.5 Question with internal choice	
	Total	45	90 marks	5 Questions with internal choice	

Note:

- 1. Relevant applications/practical exercises of business economics should also be taught.
- 2. The paper setting board should frame the Question Paper and Marking Scheme in such a manner that objectivity during evaluation can be maintained.
- 3. Question Paper should be strictly set according to the guidelines.
- 4. There should be an internal choice between a theory and a numerical question.
- 5. All five questions serially marked from 1 to 5 will be of 18 marks each with an internal choice format requiring comprehensive coverage of the entire syllabus, must be asked and there should not be more than two parts in a question.

Pattern:

Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4/Q5

- (a)
- (b)

Or

- (c)
- (d)

Teaching-Related Guidelines

Detailed scope and suggested managerial applications (unit-wise) of the paper titled "Business Economics" of B.Com. (Hons.) DSC 5.2 is as follows:

Unit 1: Introduction to Business Economics			
Syllabus of the Unit	Scope of the Unit	Suggested Managerial Applications of the Unit	
(i) Business Economics: Business Economics: Meaning, Nature, Scope and Managerial Implications	 Concept of Micro and Macro Economics. Meaning, Nature, Significance and Scope of Business Economics. 		
(ii) Demand and Supply: Application of Demand and Supply	Concept of Demand and Supply: Individual and Market, Factors, Function, Law, Assumptions, Reasons, Exceptions, Schedule and Curve.	Analysing the real-world situations resulting: 1) Increase and Decrease in Demand.	
in Business Decisions	 Concept and Reasons for Contraction and Expansion in Demand and Supply with reference to Business Decisions. Concept and Reasons for Increase and Decrease in Demand and Supply with reference to Business Decisions. 	2) Increase and Decrease in Supply.	

(iii) Market Mechanism: Market Mechanism in Business Decisions Application: Impact of Natural Disaster/Pandemic/Go vernment Policies on Market Mechanism	Determination of Equilibrium Price and Quantity, Role of Market Mechanism in Business Decisions regarding Pricing and how to respond to Changes in Market Conditions such as: 1) Change in Demand: Reasons for Increase and Decrease in Demand, Effect on Equilibrium Price and Quantity. 2) Change in Supply: Reasons for Increase and Decrease in Supply, Effect on Equilibrium Price and Quantity. 3) Simultaneous Change in Demand and Supply: Effect on Equilibrium Price and Quantity.	Analysing the real-world situations impacting simultaneous change in Demand and Supply such as the impact of natural disaster/pandemic and government policies (taxes and subsidies) on Market Mechanism.
(iv) Elasticity of Demand: Concept and Measurement of Elasticity of Demand (Price, Income and Cross) and their managerial implications Application: Paradox of Plenty	 Meaning of Elasticity of Demand, Types of Elasticity of Demand. Price Elasticity of Demand: Meaning, Factors, Degree (Type), Measurement (Percentage, Point, Arc, and Total Outlay Method). Income Elasticity of Demand: Meaning, Factors, Degree (Type). Cross Elasticity of Demand: Meaning, Factors, Degree (Type). Note: Theorems and derivations to be excluded. Simple numerical on Price, Income and Cross Elasticity of Demand should be covered. 	 Price Elasticity of Demand: Paradox of Plenty. Price Elasticity of Demand and Revenue Curve. Impact of Price change on Quantity Demanded in case of Elastic and Inelastic Demand. Income Elasticity of Demand: Classification of goods into luxuries, necessities and inferior goods. Cross Elasticity of Demand: Classification of goods into substitute, complementary and unrelated goods. Role of Price, Income and Cross Elasticity of Demand in Business Decisions and Strategies.
(v) Elasticity of Supply: Elasticity of Supply and their managerial implications	Price Elasticity of Supply: Meaning, Determinants Degree (Type), Measurement (Percentage, Point and Arc Method). Note: Theorems and derivations to be excluded. Simple numerical on Price Elasticity of Supply should be covered.	Role of Price Elasticity of Supply in Business Decision and Strategies.

Unit 2: Consumer Behaviour			
Syllabus of the Unit	Scope of the Unit	Suggested Managerial Applications of the Unit	
(i) Cardinal Utility: Cardinal Utility in Business Decisions	Cardinal Utility: Meaning, Assumptions, and Limitations. Note: Overview only.		
(ii) Ordinal Utility: Ordinal Utility: Significance of Indifference Curves and Budget Line in Business Decisions and Strategies. Consumer Equilibrium and Corner Solutions	 Indifference Curves: Meaning, Features, and Exceptions (Perfect Substitute and Perfect Complementary), Slope of Indifference Curve, Type of Indifference Curves (Good, Bad, and Neutral). Budget Line, Budget Equation, and Budget Set, Change in Budget Line (Change in Income and Change in Price of Good X), Slope of Budget Line. Role of Indifference Curves and Budget Line in understanding Consumer Preferences. Consumer Equilibrium: First and Second Order Conditions, Corner Solutions. Note: Simple numerical on Budget Line, Budget Set, Slope of Budget Line, MRS, and Consumer Equilibrium to be covered. 	Applying Indifference Curves Theory in Business Decisions and Strategies.	
(iii)Income Consumption Curve (ICC): Managerial Implications of ICC and Engel's Curve	 Concept of ICC. Derivation of Demand Curve from ICC. Engel's Curve: Concept, Derivation of Engel's Curve from ICC. 	 Role of ICC and Engel's Curve in the determination of the type of goods. Engel's Curve and Income Elasticity of Demand. Managerial Implications of ICC and Engel's Curve. 	
(iv)Price Consumption Curve (PCC): PCC: Splitting of Price Effect by Hicksian Approach, Managerial Implications of Income and Substitution Effects Application: Effect of Interest Rates on Household Savings, Lump Sum Subsidy Vs Excise Subsidy	 Concept of PCC, Derivation of Demand Curve for Normal, Inferior, and Giffen Goods from PCC. Concept of Price Effect by Hicksian Approach, Splitting of Price Effect into Income and Substitution Effects (For Price Fall of one Good only represented at X-axis). 	 General Managerial Implications of Income and Substitution Effects in Business Decisions. Effect of Interest Rates on Household Savings. Lump Sum Subsidy Vs Excise Subsidy. Slope of PCC and Price Elasticity of Demand in the following cases: PCC slope downward PCC slope upward PCC slope backward 	

Unit 3: Production and Cost			
Syllabus of the Unit	Scope of the Unit	Suggested Managerial Applications of the Unit	
(i) Production in Short Run: Law of Variable Proportions and Rational Decisions	 Production in Short Run: TP_L, AP_L and MP_L with Schedule, Diagram, Relationship. Law of Variable Proportions: Stages and Causes. Role of the Law of Variable Proportions in Business Decisions in General. 	Analysing the Impact of Technological Improvement on Labour Productivity (TP _L).	
(ii) Production in Long Run: Role of Isoquants and Isocost Line in Determination of Effective Input Combinations. Role of Expansion Path and Returns to Scale in Business Decisions and Strategies. Managerial implications of Returns to Scale Vs Returns to a Factor Application: Significance of Ridge Lines for a Rational Producer	 Isoquants: Meaning, Features, Exceptions (Perfect Substitute and Perfect Complementary), Slope of Isoquants. Isocost Line: Meaning, Change in Isocost Line, Slope of Isocost Line. Producer Equilibrium with Cost and Output Constraints: Role of Isoquants and Isocost Line in the determination of the most effective input combinations. Expansion Path and Returns to Scale: Increasing Returns to Scale (IRS) Constant Returns to Scale (CRS) Decreasing Returns to Scale (DRS) Note: Simple numerical on Isocost Line, Slope of Isocost Line, MRTS, and Producer Equilibrium to be covered. 	 Significance of Ridge Lines for a Rational Producer. Returns to Scale Vs Returns to a Factor: Increasing Returns to Scale and Returns to a Factor. Constant Returns to Scale and Returns to a Factor. Decreasing Returns to Scale and Returns to a Factor. Very Strong Increasing Returns to a Factor. 	
(iii) Cost in Short Run: Different Types of Costs in business, Role of Short Run Cost Curve in Business Decisions and Strategies Application: Production and Cost in Business Decisions	Short Run Cost Function: Role of TFC, TVC, TC, AFC, AVC, AC, and MC in Business Decisions in General with Diagrams, Schedule, Relationships. Note: Simple numerical on Short Run Cost to be covered.	Different types of Costs and their Relevance: Opportunity Cost, Implicit and Explicit Cost, Economic and Accounting cost, Social and Private Cost, and Sunk Cost (Overview only). Relationship between the Production and Cost in Business Decisions.	

(iv) Cost in Long	1) Long Run Cost Function, Graphical	Economies and Diseconomies of
Run:	Derivation of Long Run Cost Curves (LAC	Scale under Long Run Cost Curve in
Role of Long Run	and LMC).	the case of:
Cost Curve (LAC and	2) Role of Long Run Average Cost in	Increasing Returns to Scale
LMC) in Business	Business Decisions in General.	Constant Returns to Scale
Decisions and		Decreasing Returns to Scale
Strategies		
Managerial		
implications of		
Economies and		
Diseconomies of Scale		
under Long Run Cost		
Curve		

Unit 4: Market Structures			
Syllabus of the Unit	Scope of the Unit Suggested Manageria Applications of the Unit		
(i) Perfect Competition: Revenue Curves across the Market Structures and their managerial implications Perfect Competition: Features and Managerial Implications of Equilibrium Conditions under Short and Long Run, Significance of Short and Long Run Supply Curve in Business Decisions	 Derivation of Short Run Supply Curve for Firm and Industry from Short Run Marginal Cost Curve. Determination of Price and Output in Short Run for business. Long Run Supply Curve: 		

(ii) Monopoly: Monopoly: Features, Managerial implications of Equilibrium Conditions under Short and Long Run, Absence of Supply Curve and Managerial implications Price discrimination in Real-World Situation: Degrees, Conditions	 Features, Demand and Revenue Curve under Monopoly. Equilibrium of Firm in Short Run: Total Approach Marginal Approach Equilibrium of Firm in Long Run. Absence of Supply Curve and Measurement of Monopoly Power (Rule of Thumb for Pricing). Price discrimination: Degrees, Conditions. 	Analysing simple real-world situation of Price Discrimination: 1) Third-Degree Price Discrimination and Business Decisions. 2) Conditions for successful implementation of Third-Degree Price Discrimination.
(iii) Monopolistic Competition: Monopolistic Competition: Features, Role of Product Differentiation and Excess Capacity in Business Decisions Managerial Implications of Equilibrium Conditions under Short and Long Run	 Features, Product Differentiation, Demand and Revenue Curve under Monopolistic Competition. Role of Excess Capacity in Monopolistic Competition. Equilibrium of Firm in Short Run (only Marginal Approach). Equilibrium of Firm in Long Run. Note: Proportionate and Perceived Demand Curve to be excluded.	Analysing the significance of Product Differentiation (Artificial) and Excess Capacity by a Monopolistic firm in Business Decisions.
(iv) Oligopoly: Oligopoly: Features, Causes; Collusive Oligopoly and Managerial Implications: Cournot's Model, Kinked Demand Curve; Non- Collusive Oligopoly and Managerial Implications: Cartels Application: OPEC and CIPEC	 Features and Causes of Oligopoly. Collusive Oligopoly: Cournot's Model: Reaction Curve Kinked Demand Curve Non-Collusive Oligopoly: Cartels Note: Numerical on Cournot's model to be excluded. 	 Managerial Implications: 1) Sweezy's Kinked Demand Model and Short Run Price Rigidity. 2) Analysing OPEC and CIPEC as an Oligopoly Model: ➤ Reasons for the success and failure of OPEC and CIPEC respectively. ➤ Role of elasticity of OPEC and CIPEC and CIPEC's demand curve and Market Share.

Unit 5: Contemporary Issues and Applications			
Syllabus of the Unit	Scope of the Unit	Suggested Managerial Applications of the Unit	
(i) Rent control and Minimum: wages: Rent control and Minimum wages:	Concept of Rent control and Minimum wages.	Impact of Rent control and Minimum wages in the Short and Long Run.	
Concept and Impact (ii) Supply Curve of	Backward bending Supply Curve (Income and	Analysing the role of Leisure and	
Labour: Individual supply curve of labour: Managerial Implications of Leisure and Work Trade-off	Substitution effect).	Work Trade-off in contemporary times.	
(iii) Peak Load Pricing: Peak load Pricing	Concept of Peak Load Pricing.	Net Gain from Peak Load Pricing. (High charge during peak hours and low charges during off-peak hours)	
(iv) Prisoners' Dilemma and Game Theory: Prisoners' Dilemma and Game Theory: Nash Equilibrium	 Prisoners' Dilemma and Game Theory (Simple 2×2 matrix format only). Nash Equilibrium. 		

Internal Assessment and Continuous Assessment-Related General Guidelines

- (i) Total Marks for Internal Assessment is 30 as per University Rule:
 - 1. Attendance of 6 marks as Per University Rule.
 - 2. Class Test of 12 marks from Units 1-5.
 - 3. Assignment of 12 marks from Units 1-5.

(ii) Total Marks for Continuous Assessment is 40 as per University Rule:

- 1. Attendance of 5 marks as Per University Rule.
- 2. Suggested Practical Exercises for Continuous Assessment of 35 Marks:
 - 1) Examine the nature, concept and scope of
 - (a) Business economics in real life and its Managerial implications.
 - (b) Elasticity of demand and supply in real life.
 - Analysing the Change in Market Mechanism (Change in Equilibrium Price and Quantity) and Business Decisions under the following situations:
 - (a) Impact of Climate Change on agricultural goods.
 - (b) Announcement of Ban on Imports and Exports of agricultural goods.

- 3) Analyse and interpret:
 - (a) Managerial implications of Elasticity of Supply and Time period.
 - (b) Impact of Price change on Quantity Supplied in case of Elastic and Inelastic Supply.
 - (c) Elasticity of Supply in case the Supply Curve pass-through
 - > the origin
 - Y-axis
 - X-axis
- 4) Analyse and interpret:
 - (a) Real-world situations on understanding Consumer Preference and impact on Marginal Utility and Demand.
 - (b) Impact of changing prices on the consumption of necessities by a household.
 - (c) How consumers try to maximize their satisfaction by spending on different goods.
- Analysing the significance of Indifference Curves and Budget Line in Business Decisions and Strategies under the following situations:
 - (a) Optimizing the bundle (Product Planning and Production).
 - (b) Enhance Customer Satisfaction.
 - (c) Business Strategies and Resource Allocation.
- 6) Evaluate and discuss the relationship between inputs used in production and the resulting outputs and costs.
- 7) Analysing the impact of situations on Labour Productivity (TP_L):
 - (a) Make in India Initiative.
 - (b) Skill India Initiative.
 - (c) Government Scheme of Empowering and training of women entrepreneurs (MSME).
- 8) Evaluate and discuss the role of Expansion Path and Returns to Scale in Business Decisions and Strategies under the following situations:
 - (a) Production Expansion or Contraction.
 - (b) Choice of Technologies.
- 9) Analyse and interpret:
 - (a) Cobb-Douglas Production Function.
 - (b) Linear homogeneous Production Function.
 - (c) Modern Theory of Cost (Short and Long Run).
 - (d) Learning Curve and its impact on the Cost curve
 - (e) Economics and Dis-economics of scale (both Internal and External) on Business Policies.
 - (f) Returns to Scale in Business Decisions and Strategies.
- 10) Visit any manufacturing unit and study its production process and costing and submit a report.
- 11) Analysing the impact of the following situations on Short Run Cost Curve:
 - (a) Discovery of new technology/new source of inputs/raw material.
 - (b) New tax on inputs/raw material by the government.
- 12) Analysing the impact of the following on the level of output of firm under Perfect Competition under Short Run.
 - (a) Change in inputs/raw material price.
 - (b) Imposition of excise tax (per unit tax) and Production Subsidies.
- 13) Analyse and interpret:
 - (a) The causes of monopoly in real life.
 - (b) Delhi Metro as a monopoly power.
 - (c) Indian Telecom Industry and Price Rigidity.
 - (d) Peak Load Pricing by Delhi metro and rental cars.

- 14) Analysing the significance of Short Run and Long Run Supply Curve in Business Decisions.
- 15) Analysing the behaviour of firms under Oligopoly and Calculating the Nash Equilibrium under the following situations:
 - (a) Price Change (high and low price).
 - (b) Launching of New Product or not.

The faculty members participated actively in the discussion and appreciated the initiative of respected Sr. Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh, Head and Dean, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Sincere thanks are expressed to Prof. Amit Kumar Singh, Professor, Department College Interface, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, for facilitating the execution of this meeting. Special thanks are given to Prof. Madan Lal, Professor, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, for his inputs and support throughout the deliberations of the meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Prof. Madan Lal, the organising team and all the faculty members participated in the meeting.

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