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**BA ECONOMICS**

**Semester III – Discipline Core Course**

**B21EC03DC Microeconomics II**

**ASSIGNMENT TOPICS**

**Set I – Descriptive Assignments**

*Choose any one from the following five questions. The answer should be in 5 to 7 pages.*

1. Explain the role of the "price taker" in a perfectly competitive market. How does this concept differ from that of a "price maker"?
2. Analyse how non-collusive oligopolists compete on price and output. Use diagrams to show how competition affects market prices and output levels.
3. Distinguish between Clark's and Marshall's Version of Marginal Productivity Theory of Distribution. Evaluate the theory of Marginal Productivity Theory of Distribution.
4. Critically evaluate the determination of interest under Classical and Keynesian models. Graphically explain the factors determining interest rate under both models.
5. Explain the Bentham's and the Cardinalist Criterion. Discuss how each criterion is used to measure social welfare. Compare the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches using real life illustrations.

**Set II – Analytical Assignments**

*Choose any one question from the following five questions. The answer should be in 5 to 7 Pages.*

1. As a monopolist, how would you influence the price and output level in the short run? Under what conditions would you change your output production in response to profit and loss situations?

***Instructions:***

Monopoly- Features- Influence of price and output level in the short run and long run: Determine the profit-maximising output, price setting. Conditions for changing output production in response to profit and loss: Profit maximisation - increase output. Loss Situations-output decrease.

2. Discuss the key features of an oligopoly and explain how these features are demonstrated in the case of OPEC (Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries).

***Instructions:***

Market Structure- Interdependence and Strategic Behaviour- Price Setting and Market Control- Barriers to Entry

3. Discuss the determination of rent under Ricardian Theory. Use your own numerical example to explain the difference in fertility of land and the determination of differential rent. Also, distinguish between transfer earning and economic rent. Consider different factors of production and explain the transfer earning and economic rent for these factors.
4. Analyse the concept of Pareto Optimality Criterion in economic theory. How does this criterion determine the efficiency of resource allocation in an economy? Discuss its implications, limitations, and provide examples of real-world scenarios where Pareto optimality is achieved or not achieved.

***Instructions:***

Give examples and explain the scenarios where Pareto optimality is achieved-Discuss situations where Pareto optimality is not achieved, such as in the presence of externalities, public goods, or market failures-Conclude with a critical analysis.

5. Examine the differences between public goods and private goods in economic theory. How do these differences impact the provision and consumption of these goods? Discuss the challenges that governments face in providing public goods and the role of the private sector in this context. Provide examples to support your analysis.



# SREENARAYANAGURU OPEN UNIVERSITY

## For B.A Sociology and Economics ANCILLARY COURSE Continuous Internal Evaluation ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

Course Code: **B21HS32AN**

Course Title: **Social Formation In India**

*Two sets of assignments are given for each course, the first set is descriptive and the second set is analytical. Each set of Assignments will consist of 5 (five) questions and learners shall choose any one from each set. Each Assignment carries 15 marks.*

### **SET 1 - Descriptive Type Assignment**

1. Discuss the socio-economic, cultural, and technological aspects of the Harappan Civilization. Discuss the evidence of urban planning, trade networks, and cultural practices. How do these features reflect the level of advancement of the Harappan society? What are the possible reasons for its decline?
2. Explain the structure, functioning, and socio-economic impact of the *Mansabdari* and *Jagirdari* systems during the Mughal period in India. Discuss the origins, administrative mechanisms, and the relationship between the two systems.
3. Give an account of the socio-cultural and religious impact of the *Sufi* and *Bhakti* Movements in medieval India. Discuss the similarities and differences in their approaches to spirituality, and social reform. What challenges did they pose to orthodox religious practices?
4. Examine the British economic policies implemented during the colonial period that contributed to the deindustrialization of India. Discuss the specific measures taken by the British, such as taxation, trade restrictions, and the promotion of British manufactured goods, and evaluate their impact on traditional industries in India.
5. Discuss the evolution and impact of the Five Year Plans in India from 1951 to 2017, How did the Five Year Plans contribute to sectors such as agriculture, industry, and services, and what lessons can be drawn for future development policy in India?

### **General Instructions:**

- *Begin with an introduction*
- *Explain the theory or idea supported by historical evidence*
- *Maintain clarity, style, structure and organisation throughout the assignment*
- *Provide a clear and concise conclusion*
- *Include a bibliography or references section at the end.*



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## **For B.A Sociology and Economics ANCILLARY COURSE Continuous Internal Evaluation**

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### **SET 2 - Analytical Type Assignment**

1. Critically examine the multifaceted factors contributing to the decline of the mixed economy model in India. In your analysis, consider the historical, economic, and political dimensions that have influenced this shift.
2. Examine the role of British educational policies in shaping national consciousness among Indians. How did these policies influence the growth of nationalist sentiment and contribute to the Indian independence movement?
3. Examine how the system of land grants influenced changes in medieval Indian agricultural practices, labour relations, and the social hierarchies between different social groups, such as the landed elite, peasants, and religious institutions.
4. Evaluate the role of environmental factors in influencing settlement patterns, tool usage, and adaptation strategies of Stone Age communities. What impact did these factors have on the development of early human societies?
5. Critically analyse the economic critique of British rule and its role in stimulating national consciousness, with reference to the Drain Theory. How did the Drain Theory contribute to the economic critique of British colonialism, and what role did it play in the Indian national movement?

#### **General Instructions:**

- *Provide an introduction to the topic*
- *Conduct a critical inquiry by formulating the ideas and structuring the analysis*
- *Ensure an overall clarity, style, structure and organisation throughout the assignment*
- *Conclude with a critical analysis of the topic*
- *Include footnotes, bibliography or references section.*



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**Skill Enhancement Compulsory Course**  
**For All UG Programmes**  
**SEMESTER- III**  
**Humanism and Logic**  
**(B21UC01SC)**

**Instructions for Writing Assignments**

**Descriptive:**

- ❖ *Clearly outline the key elements or aspects that need to be described, such as features, characteristics, or events.*
- ❖ *Employ descriptive language that can engage the reader by ensuring the richness of descriptions.*
- ❖ *Organise the assignment in a coherent sequence to guarantee clarity and facilitate the smooth conveyance of ideas.*

**Analytical:**

- ❖ *Clearly articulate your main argument in a concise manner at the beginning of your answer. This sets the tone for your analysis and helps the reader understand the central point you are trying to convey.*
- ❖ *Support your analysis with specific examples, quotes, events, etc. Employ these elements to illustrate and reinforce your points.*
- ❖ *Move beyond mere summary and engage in critical analysis. Interpret the significance of the literary elements, such as themes, characters, and symbols.*

**SET 1 (Descriptive)**

1. Explain the concept of "Shraddha" in Indian philosophy with reference to the story of Nachiketa in Kathopanishad. Discuss how it shows care and concern for justice.
2. Explain Narayanaguru's views on caste discrimination and emphasis on universal humanism based on the concepts of "Jatilakshanam" and "Jatinirnayam".
3. Discuss the different functions of language with examples. How is the logic mainly concerned with the informative language function?
4. Explain the scientific method and the deductive-nomological model of scientific explanation. Discuss the role of logic and laws in scientific explanations.
5. Explain the four standard forms of categorical propositions with easy day-to-day examples. Discuss the rules of distribution of terms in these propositions. (1\*15=15)

## **SET II (Analytical)**

1. Critically analyze Basheer's portrayal of humanity and kindness through the characters in his short story "Oru Manushyan". Substantiate your arguments by referring to the story and other relevant reviews.
2. Compare and contrast the perspectives on the environment and humanism of Gandhi and Henry David Thoreau. Support your discussion with relevant external sources.
3. Evaluate the core principles and assumptions of the Deep Ecology movement. Substantiate your arguments by referring to critical opinions on Deep Ecology from external academic literature.
4. Critically analyze the differences between deductive and inductive reasoning. Refer to Cohen and Nagel's *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method* to support your analysis.
5. Evaluate the theory-ladenness of scientific observations and how subjectivity plays a role in science. Refer to Sarukkai's *What is Science?* to critically discuss the creative aspects of science.

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## **ASSISGNMENT QUESTIONS**

### **Common Course for All Programmes**

#### **Semester III**

### **Literature and the Contemporary World (B21EG02LC)**

#### **Instructions for Writing Assignments**

##### **Descriptive:**

- *Clearly outline the key elements or aspects that need to be described, such as features, characteristics, or events.*
- *Employ descriptive language that can engage the senses and ensure vivid pictures, enhancing the richness of descriptions.*
- *Organise the assignment in a coherent sequence to guarantee clarity and facilitate the smooth conveyance of ideas.*

##### **Analytical:**

- *Clearly articulate your main argument in a concise manner at the beginning of your answer. This sets the tone for your analysis and helps the reader understand the central point you are trying to convey.*
- *Support your analysis with specific examples and quotes from the literature. Use direct textual evidence to illustrate and reinforce your points.*
- *Move beyond mere summary and engage in critical analysis. Interpret the significance of the literary elements, such as themes, characters, and symbols.*

#### **SET 1 (Descriptive)**

1. Describe in detail Greta Thunberg's biography, speech "Almost Everything is Black and White," and her activism calling for action on climate change.
2. Trace the historical evolution of Artificial Intelligence as discussed by Gareth Southwell. Explore key milestones, breakthroughs, and the impact of AI on various fields.
3. Discuss the cultural dynamics presented in Malala Yousafzai's "A Daughter is Born." How does she navigate and challenge cultural norms, and what does this reveal about the broader context in which she lives?
4. What are the alternative possibilities that John Lennon invites his listeners to envision in the song "Imagine"?

5. Discuss Shashi Tharoor's views on the impact of technology and communication on globalization. How does the interconnected world shape human imagination, and what are the implications for society?

### **SET II (Analytical)**

1. Provide a detailed analysis of Moxon's invention in Ambrose Bierce's "Moxon's Master." Explore its features, capabilities, and the implications of creating such a machine.
2. Select two key characters from Sarah Joseph's story, "The Masculine of Virgin" and provide a comprehensive analysis of their personalities, motivations, and how they contribute to the thematic elements of the story.
3. Write a short essay about the vision for a New India as presented in the speech "A Tryst with Destiny", providing your understanding of its relevance in the immediate post independence period and in today's age.
4. Imagine that you are the parent of Ashu from the short story "Housewife". Write a letter of complaint to the headmaster of Ashu's school about Shibnath's treatment of your son.
5. Analyse the impact of economic power on social and political structures in "The United Fruit Company." How does Pablo Neruda critique the influence of multinational corporations on the nations they exploit?

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# **SREENARAYANAGURU OPEN UNIVERSITY**

## **BA Economics**

### **Semester III – Skill Enhancement Course**

#### **B21EC01SE**

#### **Accounting with Tally**

#### **ASSIGNMENT TOPICS**

##### **Set I - Descriptive Assignments**

Choose any one from the following five questions. The answer should be in a minimum of five pages. Each assignment carries 15 marks.

1. Analyse the importance of the basic accounting concepts in preparing true and fair financial statements. Discuss how these concepts contribute to the reliability and consistency of financial reporting and explain potential challenges or limitations in applying these concepts in real-world business scenarios. In your answer, be sure to address at least five specific accounting concepts and provide examples to illustrate your points.

**Hint:** Consider discussing concepts such as the Business Entity Concept, Going Concern Concept, Money Measurement Concept, Matching Concept, and Full Disclosure Concept. Explain how each concept affects financial reporting, potential conflicts between concepts, and real-world challenges in applying them consistently.

2. Discuss the differences between the single-entry and double-entry systems of accounting, highlighting their features, advantages, and disadvantages. Additionally, explain how the double-entry system supports error detection and financial analysis. Use examples to illustrate your points.

**Hint:** To answer this, first define both the single-entry and double-entry systems, and explain their features. Focus on how each system tracks transactions and maintains financial records. Then, discuss the advantages of each, such as the simplicity of the single-entry system versus the accuracy and error detection in the double-entry system. Use examples like running a small business (single-entry) versus a large organisation (double-entry).

3. Discuss the various types of subsidiary books used in accounting, explaining their importance in large organizations. Highlight the role of the cash book, purchase book,

and sales book, and illustrate with examples how they simplify financial record-keeping.

**Hint:** To answer this, define subsidiary books and explain their types, such as the cash book, purchase book, and sales book. Provide examples like daily cash transactions recorded in a cash book, or how credit purchases are recorded in a purchase book. Discuss how using subsidiary books reduces complexity in financial record-keeping for large organisations.

4. Discuss the importance of final accounts in assessing the financial health of a business. In your answer, explain the purpose and key components of the Trading Account, Profit & Loss Account, and Balance Sheet. Also, analyse how these statements are interconnected and how they collectively provide a comprehensive view of a company's financial position and performance.

**Hint:** Focus on the roles of each financial statement, their key elements, and how they work together to give a complete financial picture. Consider using Raj's poultry farm given in the SLM as an example to illustrate your points.

5. Discuss the importance of effective inventory management in modern business operations, with a focus on how TallyPrime facilitates this process. Your essay should address the following points:
  - The concept of inventory and its significance in business
  - Key features of TallyPrime for inventory management (stock groups, stock items, units of measure)
  - The process of setting up and organizing inventory in TallyPrime
  - How TallyPrime's inventory management features can improve business efficiency and decision-making
  - Potential challenges in implementing a digital inventory system and strategies to overcome them
  - The future of inventory management and how tools like TallyPrime are shaping it

**Hint:** Consider using Sarah's boutique scenario from the SLM as a running example throughout your essay. Discuss how each feature of TallyPrime could address specific challenges she faced with her manual inventory system.

## SET II

### Analytical Assignment Questions

Choose any one from the following five questions. The answer should be in seven to ten pages. Each assignment carries 15 marks.

1. Galaxy Pvt. Ltd. is a service organisation. You are required to write 10 hypothetical transactions done by Galaxy during the month of September 2024 related to receipt of capital, purchases, rent, sales, suppliers etc. of your choice.

For each transaction:

- a) Identify the accounts affected and their types (Asset, Liability, Owner's Equity, Revenue, or Expense)
- b) Determine whether each account should be debited or credited
- c) State the amount for each debit or credit

**Hint:** Remember the rules for debits and credits:

- Debit to increase asset and expense accounts
- Credit to decrease asset and expense accounts
- Credit to increase capital, liability, and income accounts
- Debit to decrease capital, liability, and income accounts

Also, recall that each transaction must have equal debits and credits.

2. Assume you are managing a medium-sized retail store. Based on the principles of subsidiary books, outline how you would set up a cash book and a purchase book for the store's transactions. Record 5 transactions of your choice suited to a retail store (Eg: sales, purchase of office supplies etc.)

**Hint:** Start by explaining how to organize transactions into a cash book and a purchase book. In the cash book, record cash sales and utility bill payments. In the purchase book, enter the office supplies purchased on credit. Use simple examples to show the format of each subsidiary book.

3. Using TallyPrime software, complete the following tasks:

- a) Create a new ledger for "Office Rent Expense" under the appropriate group.
- b) Enter an opening balance of ₹5000 for this ledger.

c) Display the list of all ledgers and take a screenshot.

d) Alter the "Office Rent Expense" ledger to add a note: "Paid quarterly in advance".

e) Attempt to delete the "Cash" ledger and explain the result.

You are required to write each step with screenshots and provide a brief explanation of your actions.

**Hint:** Remember that predefined ledgers like "Cash" cannot be deleted in TallyPrime. Pay attention to the grouping of ledgers and the specific steps required for each action in the software.

4. A retail store owner decides to switch from manual accounting to Tally to improve efficiency. What steps should the owner follow to set up their company in Tally and begin recording transactions effectively?

**Hint:** Refer to the basic setup process for creating a company and managing accounts.

5. A company wants to track both its raw materials and finished goods separately in TallyPrime. How can the company use the "Stock-in-Hand" group to manage these two types of inventory, and what options are available to integrate inventory with accounts?

**Hint:** The company can create subgroups for Raw Materials and Finished Goods under the Stock-in-Hand group. In TallyPrime, inventory can be integrated with accounts by enabling the "Integrate Accounts with Inventory" option during company setup. This will automatically reflect stock balances in the financial reports.