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COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS MATHEMATICS

DATE: 05/12/2022

EXAM SESSION: 9.00-11.00AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.* This paper contains **FIVE** questions.
- 2.* Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and **ANY** other **TWO** questions.
- 3.* Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.
- 4.* Candidates **MUST** hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.

QUESTION ONE(30 MARKS)

a) State the **disadvantages** of simulation.(3marks)

b) Find the derivative of the following function.(3marks)

$$(x^2+4) (6x^{1/2}+ 3)$$

c) Integrate the following function with respect to x.(2marks)

$$8x^3-3x^2+8x-10$$

d) Explain the concept of Time Value of Money. (2marks)

e) Sakwa decided to invest sh. 100,000 in a savings account paying 8% interest compounded semi annually.If she leaves the money in the account for two years, howmuchwillshehaveattheendofthetwoyears?

(3marks)

f) Discuss the following terms as used in Finance.

(i) Discounting and compounding (2marks)

(ii) Ordinary annuity and annuity due. (2marks)

g) Sonbri company limited manufactures large scale units. It has been shown that the marginal variable cost which is the gradient of the total cost curve is sh. $(92-2x)$ thousands. Where x is the number of units of output per annum. The fixed costs are sh. 800,000 per annum. It has also been shown that the marginal revenue which is the gradient of the total revenue is sh. $(112-2x)$ thousands.

Required:

(i) Establish by integration the equation of Total Cost Curve. (2marks)

(ii) Establish by integration the equation of the total revenue curve. (2marks)

(iii) Establish the break even situation for Sonbri company Ltd. (2marks)

(iv) Determine the number of units of output that would;

a) Maximize total revenue. (2marks)

b) Maximize the total costs, together with the maximum total revenue and total costs. (5marks)

QUESTION TWO

(a) Explain FIVE ideal features of investment decisions. (5marks)

(b) Highlight steps in Capital Budgeting Process. (5marks)

(c) Explain five weaknesses of Pay Back Period method. (5marks)

(d) Jeremy Ltd wishes to expand its output by purchasing a new machine worth sh. 170,000 and installation costs are estimated at sh. 40,000. Its expected inflows are:

Year1.	Sh.60,000
Year2.	Sh.72,650
Year3.	Sh.35,720
Year4.	Sh.48,510

Year5. Sh.91,630

Year6. Sh.83,715

This company can raise finance to purchase the machine at 12% interest rate.

Compute NPV and advise Management Accordingly. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

(a) Define the following terms as used in simulation.

(i) A system. (2 marks)

(ii) State of a system. (2 marks)

(iii) Discrete System. (2 marks)

(iv) A continuous System. (2 marks)

(v) Dynamic Simulation. (2 marks)

(b) ABC Ltd recently acquired a threshing machine with a useful life of 15 years. Over the useful life, the machine is likely to have periodic failures and breakdowns. Part of the data for similar machines indicates a probability distribution of failures as follows.

No. Of Failures	0	1	2	3
Probability	0.80	0.15	0.04	0.07

Required:

(i) Using the random numbers provided below, simulate the number of failures that will occur over the useful life of the machine.

Random numbers: 70, 88, 37, 12, 45, 99, 54, 71, 64, 93, 67, 80, 55, 34, 22.

(8 marks)

(ii) Determine the average annual failure rate. (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

(a) Discuss four types of Decision Making Environments. (8marks)

(b) A manager has a choice between:

(i) A risky contract promising sh7 million with a probability of 0.6 and 4 Million with a probability of 0.4 and

(ii) A diversified portfolio consisting of two contracts with independent outcome, each promising sh. 3.5 million with probability 0.6 and sh. 2 million with probability 0.4.

Arrive at the Decision using EMV Method. (6marks)

(c) Explain three benefits and three risks involved by delaying a decision as long as reasonably possible. (6marks)

QUESTION FIVE

(I) The 2nd and 7th terms of an A.P are 5 and 10 respectively. Find:

(a) The common difference (4marks)

(b) The First Term. (2marks)

(c) The sum of the first 16 terms. (4marks)

(II) Yvonne begins her new job in January with a monthly salary of sh. 1500. Her salary is to be increased by sh. 50 every month beginning February.

(a) How much will she earn in the last month of;

(i) The first year. (3marks)

(ii) The third year. (3marks)

(b) How much will she earn for the first two years. (4marks)