

Revised Syllabus of Courses of B.Com. (Banking & Insurance)
Programme at Semester I
with Effect from the Academic Year 2016-2017

Core Courses (CC)

6. Business Economics I

Modules at a Glance

Sr. No.	Modules	No. of Lectures
1	Introduction	10
2	Demand Analysis	10
3	Supply and Production Decisions and Cost of Production	15
4	Market structure: Perfect competition and Monopoly and Pricing and Output Decisions under Imperfect Competition	15
5	Pricing Practices	10
Total		60

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1	Introduction
	<p>Scope and Importance of Business Economics - basic tools- Opportunity Cost principle- Incremental and Marginal Concepts. Basic economic relations - functional relations: equations- Total, Average and Marginal relations- use of Marginal analysis in decision making,</p> <p>The basics of market demand, market supply and equilibrium price- shifts in the demand and supply curves and equilibrium</p>
2	Demand Analysis
	<p>Demand Function - nature of demand curve under different markets Meaning, significance, types and measurement of elasticity of demand (Price, income cross and promotional)- relationship between elasticity of demand and revenue concepts</p> <p>Demand estimation and forecasting: Meaning and significance - methods of demand estimation : survey and statistical methods <i>(numerical illustrations on trend analysis and simple linear regression)</i></p>
3	Supply and Production Decisions and Cost of Production
	<p>Production function: short run analysis with Law of Variable Proportions- Production function with two variable inputs- isoquants, ridge lines and least cost combination of inputs- Long run production function and Laws of Returns to Scale - expansion path - Economies and diseconomies of Scale.</p> <p>Cost concepts: Accounting cost and economic cost, implicit and explicit cost, fixed and variable cost - total, average and marginal cost - Cost Output Relationship in the Short Run and Long Run <i>(hypothetical numerical problems to be discussed)</i>, LAC and Learning curve - Break even analysis <i>(with business applications)</i></p>
4	Market structure: Perfect competition and Monopoly and Pricing and Output Decisions under Imperfect Competition
	<p>Short run and long run equilibrium of a competitive firm and of industry - monopoly - short run and long- run equilibrium of a firm under Monopoly</p> <p>Monopolistic competition: Equilibrium of a firm under monopolistic competition, debate over role of advertising. <i>(topics to be taught using case studies from real life examples)</i></p> <p>Oligopolistic markets: key attributes of oligopoly - Collusive and non-collusive oligopoly market - Price rigidity - Cartels and price leadership models <i>(with practical examples)</i></p>
5	Pricing Practices
	<p>Cost oriented pricing methods: cost – plus (full cost) pricing, marginal cost pricing, Mark up pricing, discriminating pricing, multiple – product pricing - transfer pricing <i>(case studies on how pricing methods are used in business world)</i></p>