



Institute of Health Management Research

MBA Hospital and Health Management

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CC – 610 Essentials of Health Economics and Financing

Time - 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50 (Minimum Marks: 20)

Instructions to students:

- This question paper contains 1 printed page.
- Don't write anything on the Question Paper except writing your Enrolment No.

Part A

(Maximum Marks: 5)

Q1. Fill in the blanks / State True & False, as applicable for the following (1 mark each):

- When the price of a good affects the demand of another good inversely, both goods are _____ to each other.
- It is a good idea to tax a price inelastic commodity. (true/false)
- You make a choice when its opportunity cost is ____.
- It is possible to improve the market outcomes in a market that is failing due to multiple distortions by correcting any one distortion. (T/F)
- Indifference curves can intersect each other. (T/F)

Part B

(Maximum Marks: 15)

Answer the following questions, in brief:

- Q6. What do you mean by substitution effect and income effect in relation to demand? (4)
- Q7. What do you mean by consumer and producer surplus? (3)
- Q8. What are various ways in which governments can respond to market failure in healthcare? (4)
- Q9. What are two major approaches to costing of healthcare services? Explain the differences with example. (4)

Part C

(Maximum Marks: 30)

Answer the following questions, in detail :

- Q10. Explain the rational decision making of an individual with budget line of Rs 100 and expenditure on health and non-health needs. Include All assumptions (10)
 - (i) A diagram with budget line and indifference curve
 - (ii) Explain the decision-making process
 - (iii) Chief decision-making criteria
- Q11. Fast-food are becoming very popular (although some people still prefer cooking food at home). Fast foods are a leading cause of obesity which is a risk-factor for NCDs. Explain the factors determining a person's preference for take-away vs self-cooking. Which Economics concepts explain the increasing popularity of fast foods? Is a higher tax on fast-food makes a good policy decision to control obesity and NCD? Explain with reasons. (12)
- Q12. What do you mean by OOP expenditure on health? Explain various consequences of high-levels of OOP expenditure of a household's budget on healthcare in increasing order of severity. (8)