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# MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024 2023 ADMISSIONS REGULAR SEMESTER II - CORE COURSE ECONOMICS EC2C06TM20 - Microeconomics-II

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Weight: 30

#### Part A

#### I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

- 1. Explain the characteristic of a hierarchical firm.
- 2. Differentiate between hierarchical and non hierarchical firms.
- 3. Explain opportunism.
- 4. Explain the significance of contestable market theory.
- 5. Write a note on Sylos's Postulate.
- 6. What are the major problems in Bain's limit pricing theory?
- 7. Comment on the importance of incentives in principal-agent problem?
- 8. What is endowment effect?
- 9. Explain the properties 2x2x2 model of general equilibrium.
- 10. Explain Human Happiness index.

#### Part B

## II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

- 11. What are the advantage of U- form firms?
- 12. Briefly discuss the M-form hypothesis.
- 13. Analyse Franco Modigliani model of limit-pricing.
- 14. Give an account of the constraints examined in Marris's model.
- 15. 'Bad drives out good'. Illustrate using examples.
- 16. What occurs when property rights are not clearly defined?
- 17. Describe the major characteristics of Arrow's impossibility theorem.
- 18. What is social welfare function? Explain Pareto's criteria of social welfare with diagrammatical illustration.

### Part C

# III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

- 19. Neither the emergence of business firm nor the way in which they organize themselves can be attributed solely to the benefits of team production. Comment
- 20. Explain relevance of the Baumol's sales maximisation model in current world.
- 21. How are economic decisions made according to Behavioural economics? Elaborate different concepts in this branch of economics.
- 22. Evaluate the Pareto criterion, Pareto optimality and maximum social welfare