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MAIN EXAMINATION

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

ORDINARY DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

CED 091: MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS

Date: December 2021 Duration: 2 Hours

Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE

a) Define the following terms

Decrease in Quantity demanded.

(3 marks)

ii) Short Term period

(2 marks)

iii) Increasing returns to scale.

(3 marks)

b) The regression equation for the demand for Omena in kilo grams in the hotel industry is obtained as follows.

$$Y = 300 - 0.660 x_1 + 0.1440 x_2 - 0.085 x_3$$

Where:

Y = Quantity of Omena in kilo grams demanded

X₁= Average price of Omena in kilo grams demanded

X₂ = Campaigns by Ministry of health

 X_3 = Location of the firm whether urban or rural

Required;

Interpret the magnitudes of the estimated regression coefficients X₁, X₂ and X₃.

(6 marks)

c) Highlight two qualitative approaches to demand estimation.

(6 marks)

d) Highlight how any four departments of a firm in the used car industry can make good use of Demand forecasts. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) A firm has found its total revenue (TR) and total costs (TC) as follows:

$$\mathbf{AR} = 600 - 3Q$$
$$\mathbf{AC} = 100 + 2Q$$
Where Q is output

ii) Determine the levels of output that will maximize TR, TC and profits

(6 marks)

iii) What is the firm's level of profit.

(2 marks)

b) The following table of shows the respective demand for Ford cars during the months of 2020 and prices in millions.

Month	price (million)	Demand (numbers)
Jan	10	44
Feb	9	40
March	11	42
April	12	46
May	11	48
June	12	52
July	13	54
August	13	58
September	14	56
October	15	60

Required;

- i) Estimation functions of demand for Ford cars. (8 marks)
- ii) Predict the what the price should be in order to sale (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE

a) Consider the following supply and demand curves for a certain product.

$$Qs = 40,000p$$

$$Qd = 80,000 - 15,000p$$

Required;

i) Plot the demand and supply curves.

- (6 marks)
- ii) What are the equilibrium price and quantity for the industry algebraically and graphically? (6 marks)
- b) Using a firm of your choice illustrate the value added process. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Western Limited Company has hired a consultant to advice on pricing strategy of the companies Laptops. The historical data suggests the following:-

Own-price elasticity = -0.05

Refreshment elasticity = -0.12

Population elasticity = +0.65

Advertising elasticity = +0.70

Required;

- i) The managing director is considering an increase in price of Laptops in order to increase revenue. Explain whether this a good idea. (3 marks)
- ii) The managing director is also contemplating a moderate increase in the advertising budget in order to increase revenue. Explain whether it is a good idea (3 marks)
- b). A project in a company costs 250,000/= now and shall yield year-end cash flows as 9,000/=, 8,000/=, 7,000/=, 6,000/= and 5,000/= per annum respectively with nil salvage value. The discount rate is 10%.

i) Determine Net Present Value (NPV) (6 marks)

ii). Comment on the viability of the project on basis of NPV. (3 marks)

iii).Determine the pay-back period (5 marks)

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