

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (MICRO)

1. Economics is a science which studies human behaviour as a relationship between ends and scarce means which have alternative uses." Who defined Economics in these words?

- a) Adam Smith
- b) Marshall
- c) Robbins
- d) Samuelson

2. The Law of Scarcity –

- a) Applies to underdeveloped countries
- b) Does not apply to affluent countries
- c) Implies that human wants cannot be fully
- d) Implies that income inequality is undesirable.

3. Who opined that "Economics is neutral between ends"?

- a) Robbins
- b) Samuelson
- c) Pigou
- d) Marshall

4. Which is the most acceptable definition of Economics?

- a) A study of inflation and unemployment
- b) A study of savings and investment
- c) A study of stock market
- d) A study of individual and social choices in the face of scarcity.

5. Which is the fundamental premise of Economics?

- a) Resources are scarce and have alternative uses
- b) Human wants are unlimited
- c) Human wants are not of equal importance
- d) All the above statements.

6. Which of the following is a normative statement?

- a) Inflation is a global phenomenon
- b) Unemployment is mounting in india
- c) Income inequality is undesirable and should be reduced
- d) Poverty ratio is high in underdeveloped countries.

7. Which of the following is a positive statement?

- a) Rapid economic growth should reduce poverty ratio in the country
- b) Interest income is unethical
- c) Corruption should be checked ruthlessly
- d) Average growth rate of GDP in India was higher during 2001–2011 as compared to that during 1991–2001

8. Which of the following indicates macro approach?

- a) Per capita income in india
- b) Unemployment in the Indian agriculture
- c) Issue of fertilizer subsidies in India
- d) High price of petrol in India

9. In a free market economy, resource allocation is determined by –

- a) Planning Commission
- b) Profitability of investment
- c) Price mechanism
- d) Voting system

10. The central point of the definition of Economics given by Samuelson –

- a) Scarcity
- b) Resource allocation
- c) Price determination
- d) Growth over time.

11. The economist who first used the words micro and macro –

- a) Keynes
- b) Robbins
- c) Milton Friedman
- d) Ragner Frisch

12. The central topic of micro economics –

- a) Resource allocation
- b) Determination of GDP
- c) Inflation
- d) Business cycles

13. The author of An Essay on the Nature and Significance of Economic Science (1932) –

- a) Adam Smith
- b) Marshall
- c) Pigou
- d) Robbins

14. Capitalist economy is known also as –

- a) Free market economy
- b) Socialist economy
- c) Planned economy
- d) Authoritarian economy.

15. Capitalist economy evolved after –

- a) Great depression
- b) First world war
- c) Industrial revolution in England
- d) French revolution.

16. Many countries adopted mixed economy –

- a) After the great depression in 1929.
- b) After the second world war
- c) After the first world war
- d) After the industrial revolution in England

17. Private property is the most essential feature of–

- a) Collectivist economy
- b) Mixed economy
- c) Planned economy
- d) Capitalist economy

18. Complete public ownership is the main feature of–

- a) Mixed economy
- b) Free market economy
- c) Socialist economy
- d) Planned economy

19. Coexistence of public and private ownership is the essential feature of–

- a) Capitalist economy
- b) Socialist economy
- c) Mixed economy
- d) Free market economy

20. The slope of PPC indicates –

- a) Prices of x and y
- b) Marginal rate of substitution of x and y
- c) Income of the producers
- d) Preferences of the people.

21. The relation between price and demand, according to the law of demand is

- a) Direct
- b) Indirect
- c) Positive
- d) Negative

22. According to the law of demand, when price falls, demand ...

- a) Expands
- b) Contracts
- c) Increases
- d) Decreases

23. If more is demanded at the current price, it is called....

- a) Contraction of demand
- b) Expansion of demand
- c) Decrease in demand
- d) Increases in demand

24. What happens to demand for inferior goods when price falls ?

- a) Increases
- b) Decreases
- c) Expands
- d) Contracts

25. What happens to demand for prestige goods when price falls ?

- a) Increases
- b) Decreases
- c) Expands
- d) Contracts

26. What does the rightward shift of the demand curve imply?

- a) Increases in demand
- b) Decreases in demand
- c) Expansion of demand
- d) Contraction of demand

27. What does the rightward movement on a given demand curve imply?

- a) Expansion of demand
- b) Contraction of demand
- c) Increase in demand
- d) Decrease in demand

28. It is the effect of change in relative prices on demand.

- a) Income effect
- b) Substitution effect
- c) Price effect
- d) Neither

29. It is the effect of change in consumers' real income on demand.

- a) Income effect
- b) Substitution effect
- c) Price effect
- d) Neither

30. Giffen goods are

- a) Luxury goods
- b) Prestige goods
- c) Necessities
- d) Inferior goods

31. Demand tends to fall with the rise in real income in case of

- a) Prestige goods
- b) Luxury goods
- c) Inferior goods
- d) Necessities

32. Supply of a commodity means

- a) Actual production
- b) Total stock
- c) Quantity offered for sale at a definite price per unit of time
- d) Quantity sold

33. A vertical supply curve paralalled to Y-axis implies that elasticity of supply is

- a) Zero
- b) Infinite
- c) Equal to unity
- d) Less than one

34. According to the law of supply the relationship between price and supply is...

- a) Inverse
- b) Direct
- c) Uncertain
- d) Negative

35. Other things remaining constant, when price falls, supply tends to-

- a) Increase
- b) Decrease
- c) Expand
- d) Contract

36. Price of the product remaining constant, if greater quantity is supplied it is called

- a) Expansion of supply
- b) Contraction of supply
- c) Increase in supply
- d) Decrease in supply

37. An increase in supply of a commodity is caused by

- a) Improvement in technology
- b) Fall in its price
- c) Rise in prices of related goods
- d) Neither

38. In the diagram, increase in supply is shown by

- a) Rightward movement on the given supply curve
- b) Leftward movement on the given supply curve
- c) Upward shift of the supply curve
- d) Downward shift of the supply curve

39. Contraction of supply is the result of -

- a) Decrease in the number of producers
- b) decrease in the price of the commodity concerned
- c) Increase in the price of other goods
- d) Decrease in population

40. The portion of output brought in the market at a given price is called

- a) Stock
- b) Sale
- c) Supply
- d) Demand

41. With the fall in production costs, supply tends to

- a) Increase
- b) Decrease
- c) Expand
- d) Contract

42. When price is expected to rise in future, supply tends to

- a) Contract
- b) Expand
- c) Decrease
- d) Increase

43. What types of statement, the law of supply is ?

- a) Unconditional
- b) Conditional
- c) Unrealistic
- d) Unethical

44. Equilibrium price is determined at the point where:

- a) Demand > Supply
- b) Supply > Demand
- c) Demand = Supply
- d) No one

45. When market demand increases and supply remains unchanged, equilibrium price will:

- a) Fall
- b) Rise
- c) Stay the same
- d) Become zero

46. If supply increases and demand remains constant, equilibrium price will:

- a) Rise
- b) Fall
- c) Stay constant
- d) Fluctuate randomly

47. Which of the following does not cause a shift in demand curve?

- a) Change in consumer income
- b) Change in population
- c) Change in tastes and preferences
- d) Change in cost of production

48. A price ceiling is fixed:

- a) Below equilibrium price
- b) Above equilibrium
- c) Equal to equilibrium price
- d) Without reference to equilibrium

49. A price floor is fixed

- a) Above equilibrium price
- b) Below equilibrium price
- c) At equilibrium price
- d) Randomly by the market

50. When demand decreases and supply remains constant, equilibrium price will

- a) Rise
- b) Fall
- c) Remain constant
- d) Became undefined

51. If both demand and supply increase, equilibrium price will

- a) Always rise
- b) Always fall
- c) Remain unchanged
- d) Depend on relative increase of demand and supply

52. In case of excess supply, sellers will

- a) Raise the price
- b) Reduce the price
- c) Keep price constant
- d) Leave the market

53. The condition of excess demand leads to

- a) Surplus
- b) Shortage
- c) Equilibrium
- d) None of these

54. The intersection of demand and supply curve shows

- a) Surplus
- b) Shortage
- c) Equilibrium price and quantity
- d) Monopoly price

55. Which of the following is a direct determinant of supply?

- a) Technology
- b) Population size
- c) Consumer taste
- d) Income of consumers

56. When supply decreases and demand remains constant, equilibrium price will

- a) Rise
- b) Fall
- c) Stay the same
- d) Disappear

57. Which product has a local market?

- a) Gold
- b) Wheat
- c) Brick
- d) Tooth-paste

58. In which market, the number of sellers is too large?

- a) Monopoly
- b) Duopoly
- c) Oligopoly
- d) Perfect Competition

59. In which market, there are a few sellers of a product?

- a) Monopoly
- b) Duopoly
- c) Oligopoly
- d) Monopolistic Competition

60. Which market contains the elements of competition and monopoly both?

- a) Pure Competition
- b) Perfect Competition
- c) Monopolistic Competition
- d) Monopoly

61. Product differentiation is an important feature of _____.

- a) Monopoly
- b) Pure Competition
- c) Perfect Competition
- d) Monopolistic Competition.

62. It is a market in which one seller is faced with one buyer:

- a) Monopoly
- b) Oligopoly
- c) Birateral Monopoly
- d) Monopsony

63. It is a market in which there are two sellers facing a large number of buyers:

- a) Monopoly
- b) Monopsony
- c) Duopoly
- d) Bilateral Monopoly

64. The control of OPEC countries over the production of petroleum products is an example of

- a) Legal Monopoly
- b) Natural Monopoly
- c) Bilateral Monopoly
- d) Pure Monopoly

65. Indian railways provides an example of -

- a) Natural Monopoly
- b) Legal Monopoly
- c) Pure Monopoly
- d) Duopoly

66. Which of the following is not an essential condition of pure competition?

- a) Large number of buyers and sellers
- b) Homogeneous product
- c) Freedom of entry
- d) Absence of transport cost

67. What is the shape of the demand curve facing a firm under perfect competition?

- a) Vertical
- b) Horizontal
- c) Upward sloping
- d) Downward sloping

68. Supply remaining constant, a decrease in demand leads to –

- a) Fall in price and increase in quantity
- b) Fall in price and decrease in quantity
- c) Rise in price and decrease in quantity
- d) Rise in price and increase in quantity

69. Which of the following is not a condition of perfect competition?

- a) Large number of buyers and sellers
- b) Free entry of firms
- c) Homogeneous product
- d) Selling costs

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70. In which market, a firm has largest over price?

- a) Monopoly
- b) Duopoly
- c) Oligopoly
- d) Monopsony

71. In which market, a firm has no control over price?

- a) Monopoly
- b) Duopoly
- c) Monopolistic Competition
- d) Perfect Competition.

72. Which of the following is not the characteristic of oligopoly?

- a) Importance of selling costs
- b) A small number of firms
- c) Horizontal demand curve
- d) Price leadership

73. How many producers in duopoly market?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

74. Who is father of economics?

- a) Marshall
- b) Robins
- c) Adam Smith
- d) Lucas

Correct Answers:

1.	C	21.	B	41.	A	61.	D
2.	C	22.	A	42.	A	62.	A
3.	A	23.	B	43.	B	63.	C
4.	D	24.	B	44.	C	64.	C
5.	D	25.	A	45.	B	65.	A
6.	C	26.	A	46.	B	66.	D
7.	D	27.	A	47.	D	67.	B
8.	A	28.	B	48.	A	68.	B
9.	C	29.	A	49.	A	69.	D
10.	B	30.	D	50.	B	70.	A
11.	D	31.	C	51.	D	71.	D
12.	A	32.	C	52.	B	72.	C
13.	D	33.	A	53.	B	73.	B
14.	A	34.	B	54.	C	74.	C
15.	C	35.	B	55.	A	75.	
16.	A	36.	A	56.	A	76.	
17.	D	37.	A	57.	C	77.	
18.	C	38.	D	58.	D	78.	
19.	C	39.	C	59.	C	79.	
20.	B	40.	C	60.	C	80.	