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Minutes of Meeting

Subject: B.A. Programme, First Semester (CBCS)
Course: Principles of Microeconomics - I
Date of Meeting: Friday 31st July 2015
Venue: Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
Chair: Prof. Shreekant Gupta

Attended by:

1. Parul Gupta Miranda House
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The following text was agreed upon:


Topic-wise Readings:

1. Introduction

   a. Problem of scarcity and choice: scarcity, choice and opportunity cost; production possibility frontier; economic systems.
      (Chapter 2, Case & Fair)
b. Demand and supply: law of demand, determinants of demand, shifts of demand versus movements along a demand curve, market demand, law of supply, determinants of supply, shifts of supply versus movements along a supply curve, market supply, market equilibrium.  
(Chapter 3, Case &Fair)

c. Applications of demand and supply: price rationing, price floors, consumer surplus, producer surplus.  
(Chapter 4, Case &Fair)

d. Elasticity: price elasticity of demand, calculating elasticity, determinants of price elasticity, other elasticities.  
(Chapter 5, Case &Fair)

2. Consumer Theory

Budget constraint, concept of utility, diminishing marginal utility, Diamond-water paradox, income and substitution effects; consumer choice: indifference curves, derivation of demand curve from indifference curve and budget constraint.  
(Chapter 6, Case &Fair - up to page 130; and Appendix of Chapter 6)

3. Production and Costs

a. Production: behaviour of profit maximising firms, production process, production functions, law of variable proportions, choice of technology, isoquant and isocost lines, cost minimizing equilibrium condition.  
(Chapter 7, Case &Fair; and Appendix of Chapter 7)

b. Costs: costs in the short run, costs in the long run, revenue and profit maximizations, minimizing losses, short run industry supply curve, economies and diseconomies of scale, long run adjustments.  
(Chapter 8 &9, Case &Fair; and Appendix of Chapter 9)

4. Perfect Competition

a. Assumptions: theory of a firm under perfect competition, demand and revenue; equilibrium of the firm in the short run and long run; long run industry supply curve: increasing, decreasing and constant cost industries.  
(Chapter 9, Case &Fair)

b. Welfare: allocative efficiency under perfect competition.  
(Chapter 12, Case & Fair - up to page 263)

Assessment structure:

As per University norms.