DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons) Economics – Third Semester Course: HC32 (Intermediate Macroeconomics-I)

Date of Meeting: 11th August, 2020 at 2.30 P.M.

Venue: Zoom meeting

Chair: Pami Dua and Dibyendu Maiti, Department of Economics, Delhi School

of Economics

Attended by

Richa Suri Rastogi ARSD College

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N.Lalitha Shyama Prasad Mukherji college

Jyoti Atri Shyam lal College
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Ajay Kumar Kamala nehru college
Anurag Kakkar Hansraj College

RR SPM

Sunando Basu Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College

Ramesh Kumar Bnc

Nita Singh Satyawati College Eve.
Devendra Kumar Janki Devi Memorial college

Lokendra Kumawat Ramjas

Krishnakumar S Shri Venkateswara College Jayesh Adeshra Shaheed Bhagat Singh College

Anuradha Gulati Dasgupta SRCC

Saachi Bhutani Bhagat Daulat Ram College SWARUP SANTRA Satyawati College (day) Surbhi Badhwar Shyamlal college (Evening)

Niti Khandelwal KMC

Aditi Gupta

Surbhi Badhwar Shyamlal College (Evening)

Iti Dandona Shivaji College

Geeta Ahuja PGDAV College (Eve)

The committee discussed the changes compared to the Intermediate Macroeconomics -I under the previous system and stressed the need for mapping the units to clearly define the coverage. A sub-committee was set up in this regard with the following members:

Dibyendu Mait Krishnakumar, S Archana Aggarwal Alka kacker Lokendra Kumawat Suvojit Lahiri Chakravarty

Suggested Reading list

Unit 1

The labour market

Wage determination; wages, prices and employment; natural rate of unemployment; from employment to output

Unit 2

Aggregate demand and aggregate supply curves

Derivation of aggregate demand and aggregate and supply curves; interaction of aggregate demand and supply to determine equilibrium output, price level and employment

Readings for unit 1 and 2:

Rudiger Dornbusch and Stanley Fischer (1994, 6th edn.), Chs.5 (5.1 to 5.3) and 7.

O.Blanchard (2006, 4th edn.), p 292– p294, Ch 6 and 7.

Estimated number of lectures: 17

Unit 3

Inflation, unemployment and expectations

Phillips curve; adaptive and rational expectations; policy ineffectiveness debate Estimated number of lectures: 15

Readings:

- (a) O. Blanchard (2006, 4th ed.), Chs. 8 and 9, p. 300-306.
- (b) C.L.F. Attfield, D. Demery and N.W. Duck (1991, 2nd Ed.), p 5– p28.
- (c) Steven Sheffrin, (1996, 2nd ed.), Ch. 2, p34–p40.

Unit 4

Microeconomic foundations

Estimated number of lectures: 30

A. Consumption

Keynesian consumption function; Fisher's theory of optimal intertemporal choice; lifecycle and permanent income hypotheses; rational expectations and random-walk of consumption expenditure.

Readings:

- 1. Branson, Macroeconomic Theory & Policy (3rd ed), ch 12, pp. 239-264.
 - B. Investment

Determinants of business fixed investment; residential investment and inventory investment.

Readings:

- 1. Rudiger Dornbusch & Stanley Fischer, Macroeconomics, (6th ed), ch 12.
 - C. Demand for Money

Interest sensitivity of money demand function; Baumol's, Tobin's and Friedman's approach to money demand.

Readings: 1. Branson, Macroeconomic Theory & Policy (3rd ed), chapter 14, till "The Velocity of Money" pp. 319-342.

Assessment:

- 1. Internal Assessment (25 marks): The internal evaluation will consist of two class tests of 10 marks each, with 5 marks being allocated for attendance.
- 2. The End-semester Examination (75 marks):
 The question paper of end-semester examination will have two sections (A and B).

Section A will ask 6 short-types of answer out 7 questions, giving equation weightage to each topic. Section B would ask to answer 3 out of 4 long-type of questions (preferably from one topic with possible sub-parts). Two questions from topics 1, 2 and 3 and **two** questions from Topic 4 are suggested. All question (in short and long-types) can be mathematical in nature.

References

- 1. Blanchard, O. (2006, 4th ed). *Macroeconomics*, Pearson Education.
- 2. Branson, W. (2013). Macroeconomics: Theory and policy, 3rd ed, East West Press.
- 3. Dornbusch, R., Fischer, S. (1994). *Macroeconomics*, 6th ed. McGraw-Hill.
- 4. C.L.F. Attfield, D. Demery and N.W. Duck, Rational expectations in macroeconomics : an introduction to theory and evidence (1991, 2nd Ed.)
- 5. Sheffrin, Steve Rational Expectations. Cambridge University Press (1996, 2nd ed.),

Additional Reference:

Jones, C. (2016). Macroeconomics, 4th ed. W. W. Norton.