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Syllabus for the M.Com. (Part-I)
Program: M.Com
Course: Business Economics

(Credit Based Semester and Grading System with
effect from the academic year 2012–2013)

M. Com. Part I: ECONOMICS OF GLOBAL TRADE AND FINANCE

SYLLABUS FOR SEMESTERS I AND II

Preamble:

The syllabus of M. Com Part 1 is designed to acquaint the students with the various aspects of International Trade, Commercial Policy and Global Finance as well as recent trends and developments in international trade.

Semester – I

Module I: Commercial Policy:

Tariff and Non-tariff barriers, Miscellaneous Protection Techniques – Dumping, Subsidies, Cartels and Commodity Agreements. (15 Lectures)

Module II: Economics of Integration:

Types of integration (EU, NAFTA, APEC, ASEAN, and SAARC): Achievements and Future prospects, Regionalism Vs. Multilateralism (15 Lectures)

Module III: Trends in World Trade, WTO and Developing Countries:

Recent Trends in Global Trade - Contentious issues – Agriculture and Market Access, Trade and Environmental issues, Dispute Settlement Mechanism. (15 Lectures)

Semester – II

Module IV: Balance of Payments Adjustment:

Foreign Trade Multiplier and Global Repercussions – BOP and Policy Mix: Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy in BOP – Trade-off between Internal and External Balance (Mundell and Flemming Model) (15 Lectures)

Module V: Foreign Exchange Market:

Flexible Exchange Rate, Currency convertibility, Significance of foreign exchange reserves, Exchange risks, Global linkage of foreign exchange markets, Open and Closed: Interest Parity Conditions - Euro Currency Markets , Euro Equity and Euro Bonds Markets – Nature and Characteristics. (15 Lectures)

Module VI: International Factor Movements:

Movement of labour between countries – Trends in Migration, International capital movements – Role and impact of foreign capital, Types and factors, Role of MNCs, Changing role of the IMF in the emerging international scenario. (15 Lectures)

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Internal and External Semester Examination for Semester I and II.

Internal Examination: Project Work. Topics will be based on the syllabus. (Total 40 Marks)

20 Marks for the Documentation

10 Marks for Presentation

10 Marks Viva.

External Examination: Question Paper Pattern for Semesters I and II. (Total Marks 60)

There will be four questions in all. All the questions are **COMPULSORY** and will have internal choice. The question paper will be of 60 marks and 2 hours duration.

Q1. **Module I** (Total marks 14)

Q1 - A **OR** B Attempt any one. (In case of sub questions 7 marks each.)

Q2. **Module II** (Total marks 14)

A **OR** B Attempt any one. (In case of sub questions 7 marks each.)

Q3. **Module III** (Total marks 14)

A **OR** B Attempt any one. (In case of sub questions 7 marks each.)

Q4. Write explanatory notes – **Attempt Any Two:** (Total -18 marks)

Three explanatory notes: A , B **and** C (One on each module – 9 marks each).

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