

**October 2025**  
**B.A./B.Sc.**  
**Fifth Semester**  
**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – 1**  
**STATISTICS**  
*Course Code: STD 5.11*  
**(Operations Research)**

*Total Mark: 70*

*Pass Mark: 28*

*Time: 3 hours*

*Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.*

**UNIT-I**

1. (a) Give two definitions of operations research. Explain the historical background on how operations research has been developed. 2+3=5  
(b) What do you mean by modelling in operations research? 3  
(c) Solve the following linear programming problem (LPP) by graphical method: 6  
Maximize  $Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$   
Subject to constraints  
 $x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$   
 $x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6$  and  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$
  
2. (a) What is the objective of linear programming? Define basic feasible solution in LPP. 2+3=5  
(b) A company manufactures two products  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Each unit of  $P_1$  requires 2 hours on machine  $M_1$  and 1 hour on machine  $M_2$ . Each unit of  $P_2$  require 1 hour on  $M_1$  and 1 hour on  $M_2$ . Machine  $M_1$  has 6 hours available, and  $M_2$  has 4 hours. The profit is Rs. 60 per unit of  $P_1$  and Rs. 40 per unit of  $P_2$ . Formulate the LPP. 4

- (c) Formulate the dual of the following LPP: 5

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 4x_1 + 6x_2$$

Subject to constraints

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 12$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 8 \text{ and } x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

### UNIT-II

3. (a) Define unbalanced transportation problem. Derive the theorem when there is excess of availability i.e.,  $\sum a_i \geq \sum b_j$ . 1+5=6
- (b) With usual notations define assignment problem and give its mathematical formulation. 4
- (c) A firm has three factories  $F_1, F_2$ , and  $F_3$  and three warehouses  $W_1, W_2$ , and  $W_3$ . The unit transportation costs, supplies, and demands are:

	$W_1$	$W_2$	$W_3$	Supply
$F_1$	8	6	10	25
$F_2$	9	7	4	35
$F_3$	3	4	2	40
Demand	30	50	20	100

Solve the transportation problem. 4

4. (a) Define balanced transportation problem. Derive the theorem when there is shortage of availability i.e.,  $\sum a_i \geq \sum b_j$ . 1+5=6
- (b) Explain the steps involved in Hungarian assignment method. 4
- (c) The following matrix shows three workers  $W_1, W_2$ , and  $W_3$  and three jobs  $J_1, J_2$ , and  $J_3$ :

	$J_1$	$J_2$	$J_3$
$W_1$	9	2	7
$W_2$	6	4	3
$W_3$	5	8	1

Formulate and find the minimum-cost assignment. 4

### UNIT-III

5. (a) Define game theory. What are the steps involved in solving a game? Write a note on pure strategy. 2+2+2=6
- (b) Describe a method for solving  $2 \times 2$  games without a saddle point. 6
- (c) Solve the game whose payoff matrix is given as follows: 2

	Player B	
Player A	2	2
	1	3

6. (a) Define the following: 2×2=4
- (i) Characteristics of a competitive game.
- (ii) Zero-sum and non-zero sum games.
- (b) Formulate game as a linear programming problem (LPP). 7
- (c) Solve the following payoff matrix completely by the method of dominance: 3

		Player A		
		I	II	III
Player B	I	3	2	4
	II	1	2	3
	III	0	1	2

### UNIT-IV

7. (a) What do you understand by inventory and inventory control? Explain different types of inventories. 2+5=7
- (b) Explain the algebraic method used in the economic order quantity model with uniform demand (without shortages) for determining the optimal inventory cost. 7
8. (a) Write briefly on different types of variables involved in an inventory problem. 5
- (b) Discuss the costs that arise in inventory control. 5
- (c) Write a note on VED analysis. 4

## UNIT-V

9. (a) What are the requirements for the application of PERT? Give some uses and limitations of this technique. 2+3+2=7
- (b) What is a project? Give two examples. List the important four distinct features that are common to all projects. 1+1+2=4
- (c) Distinguish between PERT and CPM. 3
10. (a) List out all the activities involved in a project. 4
- (b) What is critical path analysis? Describe with example its utility in project management and control. 2+4=6
- (c) A project has the following activities with their immediate predecessors and durations (in weeks):

Activity	Predecessor	Duration
A	--	2
B	A	4
C	A	3
D	B, C	5

Draw the network diagram, determine the critical path, and project completion time. 2+1+1=4

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