

ESSENTIALS OF HEALTH ECONOMICS AND FINANCING

Term Examination

Time - 3 Hour

MM-70

The question paper contains 2 printed pages.

Please attempt any 7 questions out of 10. Each question carries 10 marks.

Q. 1 Define and explain the following concepts through graphs:

- (a) **Change in supply vs. Change in quantity supplied**
- (b) **Consumer surplus vs. Producer surplus**
- (c) **Rate of technical substitution vs. Return to scale**

Q. 2 Write short notes on the following:

- (a) **QALY**
- (b) **DALY**

Q. 3 Fill-in the blanks for the following:

Indicators	NHA India 2004-05	NHA India 2013-14
Total health expenditure as a % of GDP		
Total government health expenditure as a % of total health expenditure		
Out-of-pocket health expenditure as a % of total health expenditure		
Private health insurance as a % of total health expenditure		
Social health insurance expenditure as a % of total health expenditure		

Q. 4 Explain the linkage between the frameworks of health systems and health accounts.

Q. 5 How does insurance affect the demand for health care? Explain the effects of coinsurance, indemnity insurance, fixed \$ copayment and zero copayment on demand for health care.

Q. 6 Illustrate the distinction between Average and Marginal Benefits, through a numerical example (hypothetical) of two public health programmes

Q. 7 Discuss briefly the following in the context of ‘Health, Economics and Social Choice’:

- (a) Health or other goals?
- (b) Medical care or other health programs?
- (c) Physicians or other medical care providers?
- (d) How much equality? How to achieve it?
- (e) Today or tomorrow
- (f) Your life or mine?
- (g) The Jungle or the Zoo

Q. 8 The following table provides data on Costs and Outcomes for alternative diagnostic strategies for 516 patients with clinically suspected deep-vein thrombosis.

Programme	Costs (\$ US)	Outcomes (No. of correct diagnoses)
1. IPG alone	201466	104
2, IPG plus out-patient venography if IPG negative	383534	186

- (a) Calculate the ICER of Programme 2 over Programme 1
- (b) Depict graphically the Average and Incremental Cost-effectiveness ratios.

Q. 9 Consider the following data on Wine Bottler

Sales price per bottle: US \$ 14.00
Variable costs per bottle:
Wine bought at US \$ 750 per barrel; each barrel yields 150 bottles (5 \$ per bottle)
Bottle and label: US \$ 2.00
Cork: US \$ 1.00
Fixed cost per month:
Labour: US \$ 2500
Rent equipment and facilities: US \$ 1500

- (a) Calculate break-even quantity per month
- (b) What would happen to net revenues if an additional 20 bottles are sold, beyond the break-even quantity
- (c) Illustrate your results through graphs

Q. 10 Discuss the techniques of economic evaluation in terms of type of study, measurement/valuation of costs, identification of consequences, and measurement/valuation of consequences.