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## ***B.Tech. Degree V Semester Regular/Supplementary Examination in Marine Engineering November 2023***

### **19-208-0503 MARITIME ECONOMICS AND COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY (2019 Scheme)**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

**Course Outcome**

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- CO1: Understand basics of economic organization of shipping market and major shipping routes.  
 CO2: Gain knowledge supply and demand and their influence on freight rates.  
 CO3: Understand cost, revenue and the financial performance of shipping.  
 CO4: Explain the economics principles and global patterns of maritime trade.  
 CO5: Understand the economics of ship and ship design, economics of ship building and recycling and maritime forecasting and market research.

Bloom's Taxonomy Levels (BL): L1 – Remember, L2 – Understand, L3 – Apply, L4 – Analyze,

L5 – Evaluate, L6 – Create

PI – Programme Indicators

(Answer *ALL* questions)

(5 × 15 = 75)

|           |  | Marks | BL | CO | PI    |
|-----------|--|-------|----|----|-------|
| I.        | (a) Explain the economic role of shipping industry.  | 8     | L2 | 1  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Evaluate the importance of cargo handling and cargo specialization in shipping industry to provide cheaper and better transport. | 7     | L5 | 1  | 7.1.2 |
| <b>OR</b> |  |       |    |    |       |
| II.       | (a) Identify the main components influencing the unit cost of transporting a ton of cargo in to a particular ship.                   | 8     | L1 | 1  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Evaluate the parcel size distribution function.  | 7     | L5 | 1  | 7.1.2 |
| III.      | (a) Analyze the main causes of business cycles in shipping industry.   | 8     | L4 | 2  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Discuss average haul and ton-miles.  | 7     | L2 | 2  | 7.1.2 |
| <b>OR</b> |  |       |    |    |       |
| IV.       | (a) Explain the main factors influencing scrapping decisions.  | 8     | L2 | 2  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Analyze the difference between momentary equilibrium and short run equilibrium.  | 7     | L4 | 2  | 7.1.2 |
| V.        | (a) Explain the main three variables influencing the achievement of financial performance of shipping industry.                      | 8     | L2 | 3  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Analyze the components of voyage cost.   | 7     | L4 | 3  | 7.1.2 |
| <b>OR</b> |  |       |    |    |       |
| VI.       | (a) Identify the main factors influencing the maximization of loaded days at sea.  | 8     | L2 | 3  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Explain voyage cash flow analysis.   | 7     | L2 | 3  | 7.1.2 |

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|           |  | Marks | BL | CO | PI    |
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| VII.      | (a) Analyze the importance of comparative advantage theory in international trade. | 8     | L4 | 4  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Evaluate the economics of bulk shipping.                                       | 7     | L5 | 4  | 7.1.2 |
| <b>OR</b> |  |       |    |    |       |
| VIII.     | (a) Analyse the views of Rostow on economic development.                           | 8     | L4 | 4  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Explain the role of sea trade on economic growth.                              | 7     | L2 | 4  | 7.1.2 |
| IX.       | (a) Explain the three principles of maritime forecasting.                          | 8     | L2 | 5  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) How cargo units and ship types are related?                                    | 7     | L2 | 5  | 7.1.2 |
| <b>OR</b> |  |       |    |    |       |
| X.        | (a) Compare market research and market forecasting.                                | 8     | L2 | 5  | 7.1.2 |
|           | (b) Explain ship building market supply and demand model                           | 7     | L2 | 5  | 7.1.2 |

**Bloom's Taxonomy Levels**

L1 = 5.3%, L2 = 55.4%, L4 = 25.3%, L5 = 14%.

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