EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE - 2009/2010

EC 1101 - PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Answer ALL questions.

Time allowed: 2 hours

01) a) Define Microeconomics?



b) The following table shows the bundle of production (chairs & beds) possible using a given level of wood.

Bundle	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K
Chairs	0	1	2	3	4	5	. 6	7	8	9	10
Beds	450	445	425	437	410	390	360	320	270	200	0

- i) Graph the bundles of production.
- ii) Identify the 'Opportunity Costs' along the curve.
- iii) Interpret the curve in your own words
- 02) a) Define 'Consumer Equilibrium'.
 - b) Graphically illustrate the consumer equilibrium for the following situation.

Utility
$$U=U(X1, X2) = X$$
 Utils

Unit Price of
$$X_1 = Rs. 40$$

Unit Price of
$$X_2 = Rs$$
, 20

c) If the unit price of X₁ increases by Rs. 10, Sketch the new equilibrium of the given consumer.

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- 03) Write Short Notes about the following:
 - a) Market types and price determination
 - b) Different 'Stages of Production'
 - c) Equilibrium National Income and Output
- 04) The **Total Revenue** and the **Total Cost** schedule of a local firm producing pumps are given below.

Quantity of pumps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Total Revenue	1500	3000	4500	6000	7500	9000	10500	12000	13500	I
Total Cost	1000	2200	2500	3900	5300	6800	8500	10500	12700	1

- Rationalize and explain this firm's production decision (show all the calculation we you have done).
- b) A country's individual sector's demand for the year 2008 is given as follows;

Total Government expenditure: Rs.10,000 billion, personal consumption expendi Rs.20,000 billion, value of the total exports: Rs.5,500 billion dollars, value of the import: Rs.6,500 billion, the value of the spending by business firms on fac construction: Rs.3,500 billion.

What is value of the Aggregate Demand for the year 2008?
