St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous
Mumbai

Syllabus
For 2nd Semester Courses in Economics
(June 2016 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Courses:

A.Eco.2.01 - Introductory Microeconomics:
Pricing Theories – Product Market
FYBA

COURSE: A.ECO.2.01

TITLE: INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS: PRICING THEORIES - PRODUCT MARKETS

Learning Objectives:
1. To introduce students to analyzing microeconomic concepts quantitatively.
2. To encourage students understand the relevance of theory in the real world.

Number of Lectures: 60

UNIT I:

Theory of the firm [10 lectures]

1. Objectives of the firm (Profit and Sales Maximisation)
2. Break even analysis
3. Pricing methods (Marginal Cost and Full Cost Analysis)

UNIT II:

Market Structures [20 lectures]

1. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of a firm under Perfect Competition
2. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of a Perfectly Competitive Industry
3. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of Monopoly; Discriminating Monopoly, Dumping
4. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of firm and industry under Monopolistic Competition

UNIT III:

Factor Markets [20 lectures]

1. Factor pricing in perfectly and imperfectly competitive markets.
2. Wage determination; Collective Bargaining
3. Risk, Uncertainty and Profits
4. Economic Rents
UNIT IV:

Choice under Uncertainty [10 lectures]

1. Expectations and expected utility
2. Concept of risk-aversion.
3. Jensen’s inequality.
4. Insurance and risk-aversion.

Reference for choice under uncertainty: Sampat Mukherjee. *Microeconomics*

First C.I.A. : MCQs
Second C.I.A. : Presentations of Project (the theme of the project is ‘Experiencing the real market’)

List Of Recommended Reference Books

Basic Reference Book

Additional References: