## 1.1.1-NATURE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEM-QUESTION PAPER

Which combination of terms gives the general definition of the economic problem?

- A bigger families, less food, starvation
- B falling supply, rising demand, shortage
- C higher population, fewer jobs, unemployment
- D limited resources, unlimited wants, scarcity

What is the best example of the existence of the economic problem?

- A A government provides accommodation for all those who are homeless.
- **B** A police force has a lengthening list of unsolved crimes.
- C Janitha hands her homework in at the last permitted deadline.
- **D** Musa completes his journey without putting petrol in his car.

Why is choice an important part of the basic economic problem?

- A Choice is necessary to achieve an equilibrium price.
- **B** Limited resources have many uses.
- **C** Manufacturers produce a large variety of foods.
- **D** The market leads to an unequal distribution of goods.

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Why will the economic problem never be solved? A People will always want more products than can be produced. People will never agree on what is the best economic system. There will always be an uneven distribution of income. There will always be some people unemployed. 5 What is meant by the economic problem? how to achieve efficiency with the existence of fixed resources and limited wants how to allocate resources between public and private sectors В how to balance unlimited wants against finite resources С how to decide which methods to use to exploit all resources 6 What is the basic economic problem facing all economies? inequality of income insufficient resources low economic growth shortages of skilled labour An unemployed worker accepts a job. Which of the following is the opportunity cost of this decision? the cost of travel to work the income from the new job the leisure time lost the training in the new job 8 A hospital cannot treat all the people that need treatment. This is an example of excess supply. limited wants. С scarcity. unlimited resources.

9 Which terms summarise the nature of the economic problem? finite resources and limited wants finite resources and unlimited wants infinite resources and limited wants infinite resources and unlimited wants 10 Which economic change would increase the problem of scarcity? a decrease in fish stocks В a discovery of a new oil field an increase in labour productivity С a reduction in waste D 11 Economics is primarily concerned with allocating scarce resources for unlimited wants. controlling unemployment and inflation. С determining the level of government expenditure. studying how new wants and economic resources can be produced. 12 Every business organisation faces the problem of satisfying wants. What is the reason why wants are not fully satisfied? An economy can only produce a limited amount of goods and services. Governments cannot print enough money to pay for goods and services. There is an over-production of goods and services by business organisations. **D** Workers are too skilled for the requirements of the jobs available. 13 What is the basic economic problem facing all societies? A how to achieve price stability how to keep employment levels high the extent to which incomes should be redistributed what will be produced, how and for whom