

SET-1

Fill in the Blanks

Choose appropriate word/term and fill in the blank:

- Demand curve is a horizontal straight line when elasticity of demand is equal to _____.
(infinity/zero)
- In the case of _____ goods, the elasticity of demand is greater than one.
(essential/luxury)
- Slope of demand curve and elasticity of demand are _____ concepts.
(same/different)
- If a fall in own price of a commodity causes a fall in total expenditure on the commodity, then elasticity of demand is _____.
(greater than unity/less than unity)
- Demand for salt is _____.
(elastic/inelastic)
- Elasticity is _____ for complementary goods.
(less than unity/more than unity)
- A vertical straight line demand curve is known as a _____ demand curve.
(perfectly elastic/perfectly inelastic)
- _____ has elastic demand.
(Electricity/Cigarette)
- When slope of demand curve is infinity, elasticity of demand will be _____.
(zero/infinity)
- Elasticity of demand will be less elastic if time period is _____.
(longer/shorter)

SET-2

Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option:

1. Price elasticity of demand through percentage method is calculated as:

(a) $(-)\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} \times \frac{P}{Q}$

(b) $(-)\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q} \times \frac{Q}{P}$

(c) $(-)\frac{dP}{dQ} \times \frac{P}{Q}$

(d) $\frac{1}{\text{Slope of demand curve}} \times \frac{Q}{P}$

2. When total expenditure on a commodity remains constant due to a rise in own price of the commodity,
- E_d
- is:

(a) greater than unity

(b) less than unity

(c) unity

(d) zero

3. When demand curve is parallel to Y-axis, price elasticity of demand is:

(a) unity

(b) zero

(c) infinity

(d) greater than unity

4. On all points of rectangular hyperbola, elasticity of demand is equal to:

(a) unity

(b) zero

(c) infinity

(d) greater than one

5. When slope of demand curve is zero, elasticity of demand will be:
 (a) zero (b) one
 (c) infinity (d) greater than one
6. In case of $E_d < 1$, demand for the commodity is _____ .
 (a) inelastic (b) elastic
 (c) perfectly inelastic (d) perfectly elastic
7. When elasticity of demand is one at all points on the demand curve, the demand curve will be:
 (a) an upward sloping curve (b) a rectangular hyperbola
 (c) parallel to X-axis (d) parallel to Y-axis
8. Demand for an essential good, say water is _____ .
 (a) perfectly elastic (b) elastic
 (c) unitary elastic (d) inelastic
9. Elasticity of demand at higher level of price is:
 (a) high (b) low
 (c) zero (d) unity
10. Slope of Demand Curve =
 (a) $(-)\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P}$ (b) $(-)\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q}$
 (c) $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q}$ (d) $\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P}$
11. The demand for goods like tea and coffee is usually _____ .
 (a) elastic (b) inelastic
 (c) perfectly elastic (d) perfectly inelastic
12. When elasticity of demand is infinity, slope of demand curve will be:
 (a) zero (b) one
 (c) less than one (d) infinity
13. In case of $E_d = 0$, demand curve is
 (a) a horizontal straight line (b) a vertical straight line
 (c) a rectangular hyperbola (d) a downward sloping curve
14. Demand for luxuries is:
 (a) perfectly elastic (b) perfectly inelastic
 (c) elastic (d) inelastic
15. Demand is inelastic when:
 (a) percentage change in quantity demanded = percentage change in price of the commodity
 (b) percentage change in quantity demanded > percentage change in price of the commodity
 (c) percentage change in quantity demanded < percentage change in price of the commodity
 (d) none of these
16. If a good takes up significant share of consumer's budget, it will be _____ .
 (a) less elastic (b) highly elastic
 (c) unitary elastic (d) perfectly elastic
17. The demand for car and petrol is usually _____ .
 (a) elastic (b) inelastic
 (c) perfectly elastic (d) perfectly inelastic

18. Coefficient of elasticity is zero when demand is _____.
- (a) perfectly elastic (b) perfectly inelastic
(c) infinite (d) none of these
19. When the price of a commodity is ₹ 10 per unit, its quantity demanded is 800 units. When its price rises by ₹ 4 per unit, its quantity demanded falls by 20 per cent. In this case elasticity of demand is:
- (a) zero (b) unity
(c) more than unity (d) less than unity
20. Using total expenditure method, find E_d when price and demand are as under:

Price (₹)	Demand (Units)
20	40
10	100

- (a) $E_d = 1$ (b) $E_d < 1$
(c) $E_d > 1$ (d) $E_d = 0$

SET-3

True or False

State whether the following statements are True or False:

- Elasticity of demand tells us about the direction of change in quantity demanded in response to change in own price of the commodity. (True/False)
- Increase in price of a product may not always lead to increase in total expenditure. (True/False)
- Elasticity of demand is high in case of necessities. (True/False)
- In the case of a horizontal straight line demand curve, a small change in price of a commodity causes an infinite change in its demand. (True/False)
- When percentage change in quantity demanded is greater than percentage change in price, the demand is called elastic. (True/False)
- Elasticity of demand is not affected by nature of a commodity. (True/False)
- The relationship between 'change in price' and 'total expenditure' is valid only on the assumption that there is an inverse relationship between own price of a commodity and its quantity demanded. (True/False)
- In case of $E_d > 1$, demand for the commodity is perfectly elastic. (True/False)
- In case price elasticity of demand is equal to one, a massive change in price level will bring only a minimal change in the level of total expenditure. (True/False)
- Price elasticity of demand for luxury goods is perfectly inelastic. (True/False)

SET-4

True-False Alternatives

In the following questions (1-5), two statements are given. Read the statements carefully and choose the correct alternative among those given below:

Alternatives:

- (a) Both the statements are true
(b) Both the statements are false

- (c) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
 (d) Statement 2 is true and Statement 1 is false

- Statement 1** : Goods which have no close substitutes have inelastic demand.
Statement 2 : Luxuries of life often exhibit high degree of elasticity of demand.
- Statement 1** : Demand for milk is inelastic, as it does not have alternative uses.
Statement 2 : Coefficient of elasticity of demand is infinity when demand is perfectly elastic.
- Statement 1** : When degree of elasticity of demand is greater than one, demand is said to be elastic.
Statement 2 : Elasticity of demand can never be less than one.
- Statement 1** : $E_d = 1$ at any point on the rectangular hyperbola demand curve.
Statement 2 : If slope of two demand curves is the same, they show the same elasticity of demand.
- Statement 1** : If a good has multiple uses, its demand will be less elastic.
Statement 2 : If demand curve is a rectangular hyperbola, total expenditure on the commodity does not remain constant, no matter price of the commodity increases or decreases.

SET-5

Choose the Correct Pair of Statements/Identify the Correct Sequence of Alternatives

1. From the set of statements given in Column I and Column II, choose the correct pair of statements:

Column I	Column II
A. Perfectly elastic demand	(i) Demand curve is a vertical line parallel to Y-axis
B. Fall in price along with constant total expenditure	(ii) $E_d < 1$
C. Rectangular hyperbola demand curve	(iii) $E_d = 1$
D. Air-conditioner	(iv) Has inelastic demand

Alternatives:

- (a) A—(i) (b) B—(ii)
 (c) C—(iii) (d) D—(iv)
2. Identify the correct sequence of alternatives given in Column II by matching them with respective items in Column I:

Column I	Column II
A. Rise in price along with rise in total expenditure	(i) $\frac{\Delta Q}{Q} > \frac{\Delta P}{P}$
B. Elastic demand	(ii) $E_d > 1$
C. Availability of substitutes	(iii) $E_d = \infty$
D. Horizontal straight line demand curve	(iv) Inelastic demand

Alternatives:

- (a) A—(iv), B—(i), C—(ii), D—(iii) (b) A—(ii), B—(iv), C—(iii), D—(i)
 (c) A—(iv), B—(iii), C—(i), D—(ii) (d) A—(iii), B—(i), C—(ii), D—(iv)

3. Identify the correct sequence of alternatives given in Column II by matching them with respective items in Column I:

Column I	Column II
A. Perfectly elastic demand curve	(i) $(-) \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} \times \frac{P}{Q}$
B. Inelastic demand	(ii) Elastic demand
C. Price elasticity of demand	(iii) Infinite price elasticity
D. Long period	(iv) $E_d < 1$

Alternatives:

(a) A—(ii), B—(iii), C—(iv), D—(i)

(c) A—(iv), B—(i), C—(ii), D—(iii)

(b) A—(iii), B—(iv), C—(i), D—(ii)

(d) A—(ii), B—(iv), C—(i), D—(iii)

SET-6

Assertion and Reasoning

In the following questions (1-5), a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Choose the correct alternative among those given below:

Alternatives:

- (a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 (b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 (c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 (d) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true

1. **Assertion (A)** : Price elasticity of demand refers to the degree of change in demand in response to a change in own price of the commodity.

Reason (R) : Unitary elastic demand means percentage change in quantity demanded is equal to percentage change in price.

2. **Assertion (A)** : Elasticity of demand for medicines is less than unity.

Reason (R) : Demand for essential goods is less fluctuating in nature.

3. **Assertion (A)** : Elasticity of demand is the same as slope of demand curve.

Reason (R) : Slope of demand curve = $(-) \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q}$.

4. **Assertion (A)** : A perfectly elastic demand curve is a horizontal straight line parallel to X-axis.

Reason (R) : $E_d = 0$ is a situation when change in price causes no change in the quantity demanded.

5. **Assertion (A)** : Total expenditure method to measure elasticity of demand was given by Prof. Marshall.

Reason (R) : Total expenditure method does not give us any exact value of elasticity.

ANSWERS

SET-1

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|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. infinity | 2. luxury | 3. different | 4. less than unity |
| 5. inelastic | 6. less than unity | 7. perfectly inelastic | 8. Electricity |
| 9. zero | 10. shorter | | |

SET-2

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (a) 10. (b)
11. (a) 12. (a) 13. (b) 14. (c) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (b) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (c)

SET-3

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False

SET-4

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (b)

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1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b)

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1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b)

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