

# A warm welcome to all the students to our virtual class.

#### Rules for class:

- 1) Be on time for all your classes.
- Respect all the participants of the class.
- 3) Do not create any disturbance,
- 4) Pay attention to your teacher.
- 5) Raise hand if you have a question.
- 6) Entre into the class with your actual name.
- 7) Ask only questions relevant to the topic.

# Chapter One

Nature and scope of economics.

## Lesson Objectives:

- By the end of this part of lesson, students will be able to:
- 1. Understand the basic economic problem.
- 2. Classify micro and macro economics.

# Brainstorming

- What is the basic economic problem?
- Economic problem, in essence, is the problem of scarcity & choices.
- How an economic problem can be solved?
- Since the available resources are scarce and cannot fulfill all of our desires so economic problem can be solved by making choices.

### Economic Problem (Revisited)

- Economic problem in essence is the problem of scarcity of resources in comparison with human wants.
- Scarcity compels us to make choices.
- The basic economics problem is;
- What, who, for whom?

# Why scarcity Exists

- Scarcity arises because of two underlying conditions,
- I. Physical conditions, i.e. limited productive resources.
- II. Mental conditions, i.e. unlimited wants.

#### Limited resources or means

- 1. Land.
- 2. Labour.
- 3. Capital.
- 4. Entrepreneurship.

Resources have alternative uses.

#### <u>Unlimited human wants</u>

1. Wants are unlimited.

2. Wants are of unequal importance.

Economic problem kis permanent.

#### Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

- Micro Economics: Microeconomics is the branch of economics that studies small economic units and parts of an economy.
- Major topics included in microeconomics are:
- 1. Theory of consumer behaviour.
- Theory of prices.
- 3. Theory of production.
- 4. Theory of firm.

- Macro Economics: Macro economics is the branch of economics that studies the working of the whole economic system as a whole.
- Major topics included in macroeconomics are:
- 1. Theory of income and employment.
- 2. Money and banking.
- 3. Public finance.
- 4. International trade.

# Closure

- Key points:
- Economic problem is the problem of scarcity and choices.
- Scarcity force choices.
- Resources can be used alternatively.
- The basic economic questions are what, how and for whom.
- Microeconomics studies the smaller units of an economy.
- Macroeconomics studies economy as a whole.

# Thank you. See you in the next lesson.