# **PHR/CT/2005**

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019 I Year II Semester Managerial Economics

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Max.marks:75

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## PART - B

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