FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

SMATVAC01 Mathematics for Competitive Examinations

Learning Objective

To introduce concepts of mathematics with emphasis on analytical ability and computational skill needed in competitive examinations.

Course Outcome

 By the end of the course, students will be able to face the Mathematics part of competitive examinations easily.

Unit I Problems on General Arithmetic

Problems of ages – Ratio and proportions -Inverse ratio-properties (Addendo, subtrahendo, componendo & dividendo) -ratio of four numbers -increasing and decreasing order of fractions.

Unit II

Percentages - Gain and loss percent's - Partnership problems.

Unit III Time, Distance and Work

Time and work - Time and distance.

Unit IV Commercial Arithmetic

Simple interest - Compound interest - Stocks and Shares.

Unit V Data Interpretation

Tabulation – Bar graphs and Pie charts – Line Graphs.

Text Book:

R.S. Agarwal, Content and treatment as in the book Quantitative Aptitude, S. Chand & Co, New Delhi, 2015.

Unit – I Sections 1.8 and 1.12

Unit – II Sections 1.10, 1.11 and 1.13

Unit – III Sections 1.15 and 1.17

Unit – IV Sections 1.21, 1.22 and 1.29

Unit – V Sections 2.36 to 2.38

Supplementary Readings:

Abhijit Guha, *Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations* IV Edition, Tata McGraw Hill Pub. Co. Ltd. New Delhi, 2011.

Edgar Thorpe, Course in Mental Abilities and Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations, II Edition, Tata McGraw Hill Pub. Co. Ltd. New Delhi, 2008.

RSN Pillai and A. Bagavathi, *Statistic*, S. 7th Revised Edition, Chand and Co., 2008.