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**Comprehensive Scholastic
Ability Examination**

Standard References

Graduate School of Business Administration
Kobe University

Group 1

Management and Organization

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Management Systems

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Decision Sciences

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 - Appx.9 Strategic-Form Games
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 - Appx.12 Beliefs and Sequential Rationality
 - Appx.13 Common Knowledge and Games of Incomplete Information
 - Appx.14 Forward Induction, Strategic Stability and Beliefs-Based Refinements
 - Ch.18 Cournot and Bertrand
 - Ch.20 Private Information Part I: One-shot Interactions
 - Ch.21 Private Information Part II: An Introduction to Dynamics
 - Ch.23 Bilateral Bargaining
 - Ch.24 Auctions
 - Ch.25 Matching Markets
 - Ch.26 Mechanism Design

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- Ch.3 Extensive-form games
 - Ch.4 Strategic-form games
 - Ch.5 Mixed strategies
 - Ch.7 Equilibrium refinements
 - Ch.8 Correlated equilibria
 - Ch.9 Games with incomplete information and common priors
 - Ch.10 Games with incomplete information: the general model
 - Ch.12 Auctions
 - Ch.23 Stable matching

Financial Accounting I

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- (5) The Business Accounting Council, “*Kansa-kijun* (Revised November 2020),” “*Zaimu-houkoku ni Kakaru Naibu-tosei no Hyoka oyobi Kansa no Kijun* (Revised April 2023),” “*Kichu-review Kijun* (Revised March 2024),” “*Kansa ni Okeru Husei-risk-taio-kijun* (March 2013),” “*Kansa ni Kansuru Hinshitsu-kanri-kijun* (March 2024),” and the preambles of these (in Japanese).
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Management Accounting

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Marketing

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- (11) Ogawa, S., *Innovation no Hasei-ronri*, Chikura Shobo, 2000 (in Japanese). Chapter 1.
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Mathematical Method

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Statistical Method

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Qualitative Method

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