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Part I. Binary Choice Questions (9 questions each worth 2 points = 18 points)

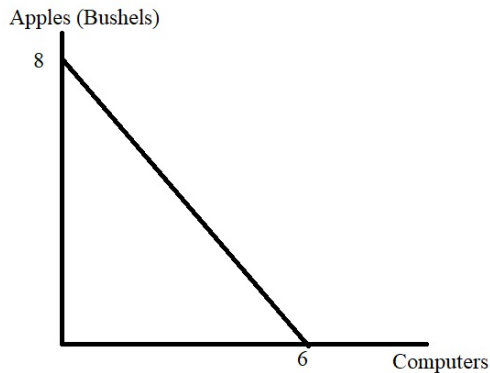
1. In the perfectly competitive market for pizza, which of the following would NOT result in a shift in supply?
 - a. A change in the price of cheese, an input in making pizza.
 - b. A change in the price of pizza.

2. According to the paradox of thrift, it is not good for the economy if people _____ more during a recession. Fill in the blank:
 - a. spend
 - b. save

3. Eric is an economist working for the US government. In recent data, he notices that there has been an increase in the average wage and a decrease in the amount of leisure time for the average American. This trend illustrates what important economic concept?
 - a. Opportunity cost
 - b. Externality

4. Suppose Lisa and Bob have linear production possibility frontiers with respect to producing gadgets and widgets. Lisa can produce 30 gadgets or 10 widgets every 2 hours. Working together, Lisa and Bob can produce 40 gadgets or 30 widgets every hour. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is Bob's opportunity cost of producing 1 gadget?
- a. 2 widgets
 - b. 1 widget
5. Which of the following statements about price floors is true?
- a. There is an excess supply in the market when a price floor is imposed.
 - b. A price floor in a market must be higher than the equilibrium price in that market in order to be effective.
6. In the fall semester, Sarah started running to strengthen her back muscles. As she ran whenever she had the chance, her backpain was gone. However, during the semester she developed an overuse injury to her knee joint from all of that running and this led Sarah to stop running by the end of the semester. In this scenario, which was bigger for Sarah by the end of the fall semester – the marginal cost or the marginal benefit from running?
- a. Marginal cost
 - b. Marginal benefit

7. Based on the graph below, the opportunity cost of producing one more computer is:



- a. $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of apples
 - b. $\frac{4}{3}$ bushels of apples
8. Katy is an ECON 101 student that cares about the environment, and because of this she does not use single-use plastic straws. She surveys all 400 ECON 101 students in her class and finds that 90% say they care about the environment. She thus concludes that at most 40 students in the class use single-use plastic straws. Is Katy justified in concluding this?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
9. Alice purchases a new tablet and begins bringing it to lecture. Despite its note-taking features, she finds that she is unable to focus on the class as a result. Additionally, Bob is distracted by the very bright screen, which slows his own note-taking. Which of the following is an externality due to Alice's decision to bring her tablet to class?
- a. Alice's decrease in focus.
 - b. Bob's decrease in focus.

Part II. Multiple Choice Questions (20 questions each worth 4 points = 80 points)

10. Tim frequently purchases two goods, widgets and gizmos. Tim considers these two goods to be complements to one another. He also knows that widgets are an inferior good. Suppose Tim's income increases. How many of the following statements are true given this information and holding everything else constant?

- The demand curve for widgets will shift to the left.
 - The demand curve for gizmos will definitely shift to the right.
 - The new equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity in the market for gizmos cannot be determined from the given information.
- a. All three statements are true statements.
b. Two of these statements are true.
c. One of these statements is true.
d. None of these statements is true.

11. Consider a market with the following equations:

$$\text{Demand: } Q = 24 - 2P$$

$$\text{Supply: } Q = 4P$$

The government imposes an effective price control that fixes the price at $P = \$3$. Find the consumer surplus (CS), producer surplus (PS), and deadweight loss (DWL) following the implementation of this price control.

- a. CS = \$60, PS = \$28, DWL = \$8
b. CS = \$72, PS = \$18, DWL = \$6
c. CS = \$96, PS = \$26, DWL = \$10
d. CS = \$108, PS = \$18, DWL = \$12

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Use the following information to answer the next **THREE (3)** questions.

The market for apples consists of four people. Paul and Robin are consumers. The following equations describe Paul and Robin's demand curves for apples where P is the price per apple, and Q is the number of apples:

$$\text{Paul's Demand: } 5P = 10 - Q$$

$$\text{Robin's Demand: } 2P = 6 - Q$$

Krugman and Wells produce apples, and the following equations describe Krugman and Wells' supply curves for apples:

$$\text{Krugman's Supply: } P = (1/9)Q$$

$$\text{Wells' Supply: } P = 2 + Q$$

12. Which of the following statements about market demand is **not** true?
- a. The market demand for apples is 2 apples when the price of an apple is \$2.
 - b. The x-intercept of the market demand curve is equal to 16 apples.
 - c. When $2 \leq P \leq 3$, the slope of the market demand curve is $-1/2$.
 - d. When $0 \leq P \leq 2$, the slope of the market demand curve is $-1/5$.
13. Which among the following equations is a segment of the market supply curve?
- a. $P = (1/9)Q$, for $0 \leq P \leq 2$
 - b. $P = (1/9)Q$, for $0 \leq P \leq 3$
 - c. $P = 2 + (10/9)Q$, for $2 \leq P$
 - d. $P = 1 + (1/10)Q$, for $2 \leq P$
14. What is the market equilibrium price? At the equilibrium price, who of the suppliers is supplying apples to the market?
- a. $P = \$1$; Both Krugman and Wells supply apples
 - b. $P = \$1$; Only Krugman supplies apples
 - c. $P = \$3$; Both Krugman and Wells supply apples
 - d. $P = \$18/17$; Only Krugman supplies apples

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Use the following information to answer the next **TWO** (2) questions.

Consider a small economy composed of three people: Andreu, Michael and Jerry. They produce tea (T) and coffee (C). The three people together can produce 50 bags of coffee, or 60 tins of tea in one day. Assume that each segment in the joint PPF is linear. Also, consider the following information:

- Two kink points on the joint PPF can be represented in the form of (tea, coffee). The coordinates for these two kink points are (30, 40) and (50, 20).
- Andreu has the comparative advantage in producing tea.
- Jerry has the comparative advantage in producing coffee.

15. Given the joint PPF, which of the following points (tea, coffee) is **not** feasible?

- (30,35)
- (32,20)
- (24,45)
- (55,10)

16. Given the above information and holding everything else constant, how many of the following statements are true?

- Jerry's PPF is expressed as: $C = 20 - 2T$
 - When the economy is producing 45 tins of tea and 25 bags of coffee, Michael is producing 15 tins of tea.
 - When the price of 1 tin of tea is 1/2 bag of coffee, both Michael and Andreu are willing to sell tea at this price.
- All three of these statements are false.
 - 1 of these statements is true.
 - 2 of these statements are true.
 - 3 of these statements are true.

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17. There's a nasty rumor going around that all the bread in Guilder has been poisoned by the Prince of Florin! That's sure to make the buyers of Guilder less likely to want bread. Given this information and holding everything else constant, which of the following statements is true for this market?
- a. Demand will decrease at every price and the equilibrium price will increase.
 - b. Demand will decrease at every price and the equilibrium price will decrease.
 - c. Demand will increase at every price and the equilibrium price will decrease.
 - d. Supply will decrease at every price and the equilibrium price will decrease.

Use the following information to answer the next TWO (2) questions.

Consider the market for giant pumpkins. President Trump's favorite holiday is Halloween and he believes that "yuge" pumpkins are an important part of it. He wants to support this market via a price guarantee program, where the government pays the suppliers the difference between the consumer price and the guaranteed price for every unit sold. This market is characterized by the following, where Q is quantity of giant pumpkins, and P is the price per pumpkin in dollars:

$$\text{Demand: } P = 100 - (1/4)Q$$

$$\text{Supply: } P = 10 + (1/2)Q$$

$$\text{Guaranteed Price: } \$90$$

18. After implementing this program, we expect the quantity of giant pumpkins sold to be _____ than 120 and the market price that consumers pay to be _____ than \$70.
- a. greater; greater
 - b. lower; lower
 - c. greater; lower
 - d. lower; greater
19. Given this information and assuming the government implements a guaranteed price of \$90 per giant pumpkin, how much will this program cost the government? Hold everything else constant when making this calculation.
- a. \$4,800
 - b. \$6,400
 - c. \$10,800
 - d. \$3,200

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20. The market for designer pizzas is defined by the following supply and demand equations where Q is the quantity of pizzas and P is the price per pizza measured in dollars:

Demand: $Q = 20 - (2/5)P$

Supply: $Q = (3/5)P$

An increase in the cost of inputs, such as gold flakes, results in the supply curve shifting such that the slope of the new supply curve is greater than the slope of the initial supply curve. This shift in supply results in the new equilibrium price in this market being 5 dollars greater than the initial equilibrium price. You also know that the new supply curve goes through $(Q, P) = (0, 0)$. Assume nothing else changes in this market. Find the equation of the new supply line:

- a. $Q = (2/5)P$
 - b. $Q = (3/5)P + 5$
 - c. $Q = (5/2)P$
 - d. $Q = (5/2)P - 52.5$
21. Suppose the market for cranberries can be described by the following supply and demand equations where P is the price per unit of cranberries and Q is the number of units of cranberries:

Demand: $P = 60 - Q$

Supply: $P = 2Q$

The government plans to implement a price support program, in which the government sets a price floor and purchases the excess supply from producers. Suppose this program results in an excess supply of 15 units of cranberries. What are the values of consumer surplus (CS), producer surplus (PS), and cost to the government when this program is implemented in this market? Assume there are no storage costs with this price support program.

- a. CS = \$100; PS = \$400; Cost to the government = \$600
- b. CS = \$50; PS = \$625; Cost to the government = \$750
- c. CS = \$50; PS = \$400; Cost to the government = \$750
- d. CS = \$50; PS = \$200; Cost to the government = \$600

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Use the following information to answer the next **THREE (3)** questions.

The table below shows the maximum amount of each task George and Lenny can complete each day if they use all their time to do so. For example, George can move 10 hay bales if he moves hay all day, or plow 20 acres if he plows all day.

	George	Lenny
Hay Bales Moved	10	50
Acres Plowed	20	20

22. Which of the following combinations is feasible for Lenny?
- a. 10 acres and 28 hay bales.
 - b. 16 acres and 8 hay bales.
 - c. 4 acres and 42 hay bales.
 - d. 24 acres and 2 hay bales.
23. George and Lenny decide to work together. They need to move exactly 30 hay bales. If they allocate the work in the most efficient manner, how many acres will they be able to plow with their remaining time?
- a. 28 acres
 - b. 18 acres
 - c. 8 acres
 - d. 0 acres
24. Lenny hurt his wrist last week and while this injury did not change his ability to plow acres at all, it reduced the total number of hay bales he can move to, at most, 20 bales of hay. Given this information and holding everything else constant, which of the following statements is now true?
- a. Lenny has the absolute advantage in acres plowed.
 - b. George has the absolute advantage in moving hay bales.
 - c. Lenny's opportunity cost of plowing an acre is lower than it used to be.
 - d. George has comparative advantage in moving hay bales.

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Use the following information to answer the next **THREE (3)** questions.

In Country UW, the demand and supply curves in the market for green peppers can be described by the following equations, where P is the price per unit of green peppers and Q is the quantity of green peppers:

Market demand for green peppers: $Q = 140 - 10P$

Market supply of green peppers: $Q = 5P - 10$

25. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is the equilibrium price and quantity in the market for green peppers?
- a. $P^* = \$40$ and $Q^* = 10$
 - b. $P^* = \$10$ and $Q^* = 40$
 - c. $P^* = \$6$ and $Q^* = 80$
 - d. $P^* = \$80$ and $Q^* = 6$
26. The government implements a price support program in the market for green peppers where it sets a price floor and agrees to buy any surplus green peppers in the market at this price floor price. Now the quantity of green peppers bought by consumers is only half of the quantity they bought at the initial equilibrium before the price support program was implemented. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what will be the cost of the program to the government? Assume there are no storage costs associated with this program.
- a. \$360
 - b. \$240
 - c. \$180
 - d. \$600
27. Which of the following statements is **false** about the price support program that was implemented in the market for green peppers?
- a. Producers' revenue increases as a result of the implementation of this program.
 - b. Consumer surplus decreases compared with the initial equilibrium.
 - c. Government expenditure on this price support program will increase if the price floor price is increased.
 - d. Producer surplus with the price support program is larger than the government expenditure under the price support program.

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Use the following information to answer the next **TWO** (2) questions.

A company plans to offer health insurance for its employees. The firm currently employs 30 people who have the following healthcare costs:

Group A: 5 people cost \$100,000 each per year

Group B: 10 people cost \$10,000 each per year

Group C: 10 people cost \$5,000 each per year

Group D: 5 people cost \$2,000 each per year

The healthcare plan takes an administration fee of 10% on the total healthcare costs of the plan. There is no additional profit margin.

28. Assuming all employees are required to participate in the plan, what is the premium cost per employee per year?

- a. \$22,000
- b. \$22,200
- c. \$24,000
- d. \$24,200

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29. In the next year, the requirement to participate is waived, and the administrative fee is removed. Assuming employees expect the price to remain similar to the price in the first year, who remains in the plan? What is the new actual premium for the participants who elect to get health insurance?
- a. Group A: \$100,000
 - b. Group A: \$110,000
 - c. Groups A and B: \$40,000
 - d. Groups A and B: \$44,000

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