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Binary Choice (9 Questions @ 2 Points Each for a Total of 18 Points)

1. Suppose there is a village that produces apples and bananas. Assume that this village has a linear production possibility frontier in the production of these two goods. If the x-axis (horizontal axis) represents the quantity of apples and the y-axis (vertical axis) represents the number of bananas, what does the slope of this production possibility frontier signify?
 - a. The opportunity cost of producing one apple in terms of bananas.
 - b. The opportunity cost of producing one banana in terms of apples.
2. Consider the following statement:

“Disneyworld is nothing more than seeing people in costumes resembling movie characters.”

 - a. This statement illustrates the Fallacy of Composition.
 - b. This statement is not an illustration of the Fallacy of Composition.
3. When the price of an input that is used in the production of some good falls,
 - a. The supply curve for this good shifts to the right.
 - b. There is a movement upward along the supply curve.

4. Consider a market with an upward sloping supply curve and a downward sloping demand curve. Suppose that the government implements an effective price ceiling in this market. This effective price ceiling will:
- a. Cause some deadweight loss.
 - b. Result in an excess supply of the good.
5. This question was deleted from the exam: it was deemed a bit "flawed".
6. Suppose that the cost-benefit analysis of Marion attending four years of college yields the results that are given in the table below. Will it be beneficial for this student to attend all four years of college?

Year	Total increase in future salary from attending this year of college	Cost of attending college for this additional year of college
1	\$30,000	\$20,000
2	\$20,000	\$20,000
3	\$15,000	\$20,000
4	\$10,000	\$20,000

- a. Yes
- b. No

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7. According to the Paradox of Thrift, if people increase their individual savings,
- a. This activity may hurt the general population.
 - b. This activity may benefit the general population.
8. The usage of a cellphone during class often distracts other students. Assume this distraction leads to these students learning less than they otherwise would. This is an example of:
- a. A negative externality or an external cost.
 - b. A positive externality or an external benefit.
9. The opportunity cost of an action is equal to:
- a. The possible gains from acting upon the second-best action.
 - b. The potential benefits gained from all the possible alternatives to that action.

Multiple Choice (20 Questions @ 4 Points Each for a Total of 80 Points)

10. Suppose there exists a market for flat-screen TVs. The supply and the demand curves in this market are given by the following equations where P is the price per flat-screen TV measured in dollars and Q is the quantity of flat-screen TVs:

$$\text{Demand Curve: } P = 1000 - 2Q$$

$$\text{Supply Curve: } P = Q + 400$$

Suppose the government implements a price floor of \$700 per flat-screen TV into this market. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is the reduction in the number of flat-screen TVs sold relative to the initial equilibrium quantity in this market? There is a reduction of

- a. 50 flat-screen TVs sold due to the imposition of this price floor.
- b. 100 flat-screen TVs sold due to the imposition of this price floor.
- c. 200 flat-screen TVs sold due to the imposition of this price floor.
- d. 600 flat-screen TVs sold due to the imposition of this price floor.

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11. In class we discussed the health insurance death spiral. If this spiral occurs, which of the following statements will NOT happen?
- Healthier people will continue to drop their health insurance coverage.
 - The health insurance death spiral continues until it reaches a point where the health insurance market simply collapses.
 - Health insurance premiums increase even more over time.
 - The exodus of healthy people from the health insurance pool results in a lower risk insured pool.
12. Consider the market for ice cream that is initially in equilibrium. Now, the farmers announce that the price of milk is rising. Milk is an input in the production of ice cream. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what happens to the supply curve for ice cream?
- The supply curve for ice cream does not change: there is simply a movement along the supply curve resulting in an increase in the quantity of ice cream supplied.
 - The supply curve for ice cream does not change: there is simply a movement along the supply curve resulting in a decrease in the quantity of ice cream supplied.
 - The supply curve for ice cream shifts to the left.
 - The supply curve for ice cream shifts to the right.

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

Assume there are only two firms in the automobile market: General Motors and Ford. Both firms produce cars (c) and trucks (t). The joint PPF for these two firms is described by the following equations:

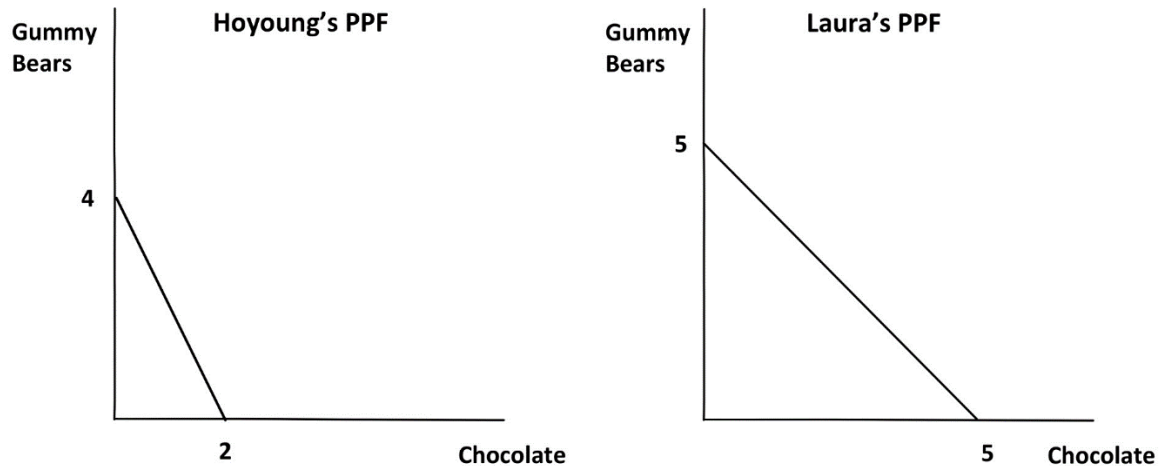
$$c = \begin{cases} 30 - \frac{3}{2}t & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 12 \\ 36 - 2t & \text{if } 12 \leq t \leq 18 \end{cases}.$$

13. Suppose both firms specialize and manufacture only the good they're most efficient at producing. Find the number of trucks and cars (t, c) produced.
- (t, c) = (30, 36)
 - (t, c) = (12, 12)
 - (t, c) = (12, 18)
 - (t, c) = (16, 18)
14. Find the equation for the PPF of the firm with the lowest opportunity cost in producing trucks.
- $c = 30 - \frac{3}{2}t$
 - $c = 36 - 2t$
 - $c = 18 - \frac{3}{2}t$
 - $c = 12 - 2t$

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

These PPFs represent possible combinations of gummy bears and chocolate that Hoyoung and Laura can individually produce in 1 hour. Assume that they both have linear production possibility frontiers. Furthermore, assume that gummy bears are measured in bags of gummy bears and chocolate is measured in bars of chocolate.



15. What is the opportunity cost of producing one bar of chocolate for Hoyoung?
- a. $\frac{1}{2}$ bags of gummy bears
 - b. 2 bags of gummy bears
 - c. 4 bags of gummy bears
 - d. 6 bags of gummy bears
16. Who has the comparative advantage in producing gummy bears and who has the absolute advantage in producing gummy bears?
- a. Laura has the absolute advantage in producing gummy bears but Hoyoung has the comparative advantage in producing gummy bears.
 - b. Laura has the absolute advantage and comparative advantage in producing gummy bears.
 - c. Hoyoung has the absolute advantage in producing gummy bears but Laura has the comparative advantage in producing gummy bears.
 - d. Hoyoung has the absolute advantage and comparative advantage in producing gummy bears.
17. Which of the following is an acceptable range of trading prices for one bag of gummy bears in terms of bars of chocolate? The acceptable trading range of one bag of gummy bears is between:
- a. 1 and 5 bars of chocolate.
 - b. 1 and 2 bars of chocolate.
 - c. $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 bars of chocolate.
 - d. $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 bar of chocolate.

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18. In the toy market, demand and supply are represented by the following equations where P is the price per toy measured in dollars and Q is the quantity of toys:

$$\text{Demand Curve: } Q = 30 - 2P$$

$$\text{Supply Curve: } Q = 2P - 10$$

Suppose the government decides to intervene in the market for toys by implementing a price ceiling of \$9 per toy. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is the deadweight loss (DWL) in the toy market from implementing this price ceiling?

- a. $DWL = \$32$
 - b. $DWL = \$2$
 - c. $DWL = \$16$
 - d. $DWL = \$4$
19. Assume that Cup noodles are an inferior good. Furthermore, assume that eggs and noodles are complements. Suppose in 2018 that consumer incomes rise, and the price of eggs decline. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what do you predict will happen to the equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity of Cup noodles? Assume that the supply of Cup noodles is unchanged.
- a. The equilibrium price of Cup noodles decreases while the equilibrium quantity of Cup noodles is indeterminate.
 - b. The equilibrium price of Cup noodles decreases, and the equilibrium quantity of Cup noodles decreases.
 - c. The equilibrium price of Cup noodles increases, and the equilibrium quantity of Cup noodles increases.
 - d. Both the equilibrium price of Cup noodles and the equilibrium quantity of Cup noodles is indeterminate given this information.
20. Suppose the market for widgets in is initially characterized by the following demand and supply equations where Q is the quantity of widgets and P is the price per widget in dollars.

$$\text{Demand Curve: } Q = 120 - 2P$$

$$\text{Supply Curve: } Q = 4P - 60$$

Suppose demand increases by 12 units at every given price. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is the new equilibrium price in the market for widgets?

- a. \$21
- b. \$25
- c. \$32
- d. \$47

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

Consider the market for corn that is described by the following equations where P is the price in dollars per unit of corn and Q is the quantity of units of corn:

$$\text{Supply Curve: } Q = 2P - 4$$

$$\text{Demand Curve: } Q = 14 - P$$

21. Given the above information and holding everything else constant, what is the value of consumer surplus (CS) when the corn market is in equilibrium?
- a. CS = \$18
 - b. CS = \$16
 - c. CS = \$32
 - d. CS = \$30
22. The government decides to raise corn prices by implementing a price support program. The government sets the price floor at \$8 per unit of corn and commits to buying any surplus corn in the market given this price floor. Given this program and holding everything else constant, how much corn does the government buy?
- a. The government buys 6 units of corn.
 - b. The government buys 4 units of corn.
 - c. The government buys 12 units of corn.
 - d. The government buys 2 units of corn.
23. Instead of the price support program described in the previous question, the government decides to implement a different price support program. The total cost to the government of this new price support program is \$120. The government commits to buy any leftover corn. Given this program, what price per unit of corn does the government set when it implements this price floor program?
- a. Government sets the price at \$12 per unit of corn.
 - b. Government sets the price at \$9 per unit of corn.
 - c. Government sets the price at \$10 per unit of corn.
 - d. Government sets the price at \$11 per unit of corn.

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

Consider the beer production in Madison. You are told that there are three beer producers in Madison: Firm A, Firm B, and Firm C. Furthermore, you are given the following information: at a price of \$4/bottle, Firm A is willing to produce 12 bottles of beer, Firm B is willing to produce 20 bottles of beer, and Firm C is willing to produce 20 bottles of beer. At a price of \$5/bottle, Firm A is willing to produce 14 bottles of beers, Firm B is willing to produce 22 bottles of beer, and Firm C is willing to produce 22 bottles of beer. Assume that the supply of beer is linear between the prices of \$4/bottle and \$5/bottle. In this set of questions Q is the quantity of bottles of beer and P is the price in dollars per bottle of beer.

24. Given the above information and holding everything else constant, what is the beer supply curve in Madison?

a. $Q = \frac{1}{6}P + 20$

b. $Q = 6P + 28$

c. $P = \frac{1}{6}Q - 3$

d. $P = 6Q - 12$

25. In this same market consider the demand for beer in Madison. Suppose on weekdays, beer consumers in Madison want 20 bottles of beer at a price of \$4/bottle and 30 bottles of beer at a price of \$3/bottle. However, beer consumers change their preferences for beer on the weekend. On the weekend they would like to drink 8 more bottles of beer at a price of \$5/bottle and 20 more bottles of beer at a price of \$2 than they wanted at these prices on weekdays. Assume that both the market demand curve for beer on weekdays and the market demand curve for beer on weekends are linear. Which of the following equations expresses the market demand curve for beer in Madison on the weekend given this information?

a. $Q = 60 - 10P$

b. $Q = 60 - \frac{1}{10}P$

c. $Q = 88 - 14P$

d. $Q = 80 - 12P$

26. Based on above information and holding everything else constant, what would be the weekend equilibrium price of beer and the equilibrium quantity of beer in Madison?

a. Price: \$5/bottle; quantity: 42 bottles

b. Price: \$4/bottle; quantity: 44 bottles

c. Price: \$3/bottle; quantity: 46 bottles

d. Price: \$2/bottle; quantity: 48 bottles

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27. Consider the market for cookies to be in equilibrium. Suppose the government imposes a binding price floor in this market. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what happens to the supply curve in this market?
- a. This scenario does not change the original supply curve for cookies: this is simply a movement up the supply curve, representing an increase in the quantity of cookies supplied.
 - b. This scenario does not change the original supply curve for cookies: this is simply a movement down the supply curve, representing a decrease in the quantity of cookies supplied.
 - c. The supply curve for cookies will shift to the right given this scenario: representing an increase in the supply of cookies.
 - d. The supply curve for cookies will shift to the left given this scenario: representing a decrease in the supply of cookies.

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

Recent studies show the health benefits of eating apples. The government of Manzanita proposes a price guarantee program that supports farmers who grow apples. Under this program the apple growers will grow the amount of apples they are willing to supply given the guaranteed price and then they will sell this quantity to consumers for whatever per unit price the consumers are willing to pay for that quantity. The government will then pay the apple growers a subsidy per unit of apples such that the price per unit consumers pay plus the subsidy per unit the government pays is equal to the guaranteed price. The government has determined that the guaranteed price will be \$5 per kilo of apples. The market for apples is described by the following equations where P is the price of apples per kilo measured in dollars and Q is the quantity of apples in millions of kilos:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Demand Curve: } P &= 9 - Q \\ \text{Supply Curve: } P &= 2Q - 9\end{aligned}$$

28. Given this program and holding everything else constant, what is the price per kilo of apples to consumers?
- a. The price per kilo of apples to consumers is \$5.
 - b. The price per kilo of apples to consumers is \$4.
 - c. The price per kilo of apples to consumers is \$3.
 - d. The price per kilo of apples to consumers is \$2.
29. What is the cost to the government of this program?
- a. The cost to the government is \$35.
 - b. The cost to the government is \$21.
 - c. The cost to the government is \$18.
 - d. The cost to the government is \$14.

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