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Binary Choice (worth 2 points each)

1. Suppose that the supply and demand for cigars are initially given by the following equations:

Demand: $P = 100 - Q$

Supply: $P = Q$

Suppose that an excise tax of \$30 per cigar is implemented in this market. The government then realizes that it is not maximizing its revenue from taxing cigars. Should the government increase or decrease the amount of the excise tax to maximize revenues?

- a. The government should increase the amount of the excise tax per unit.
- b. The government should decrease the amount of the excise tax per unit.

2. Suppose that the CPI, measured in 1990 dollars, increased from 80 to 120 between the year 1985 and the year 1995. Based on this information and holding everything else constant, what do we know about the nominal price and real price of a certain good in 1985?

- a. The nominal price is higher than the real price.
- b. The nominal price is lower than the real price.

3. Suppose that Donald buys 5 oranges and 5 pumpkins under the current market prices. If the price of oranges increases by 10%, then he buys no oranges and 10 pumpkins. Based on this information, for Donald oranges and pumpkins are _____.

- a. substitutes.
- b. complements.

4. **True or False:** If the average total cost for some firm is increasing as the level of its output increases, then its marginal cost is increasing.

- a. True.
- b. False.

5. In a perfectly competitive market

- a. The demand curve that any individual firm faces is perfectly elastic and the market demand is also perfectly elastic.
- b. Each firm makes zero economic profit in the long run.

6. The following equation describes the demand for Cranberries, where P is the price per pound for cranberries, I is the average income and Q is the quantity in pounds:

$$Q = 7 - 3P + 0.5I$$

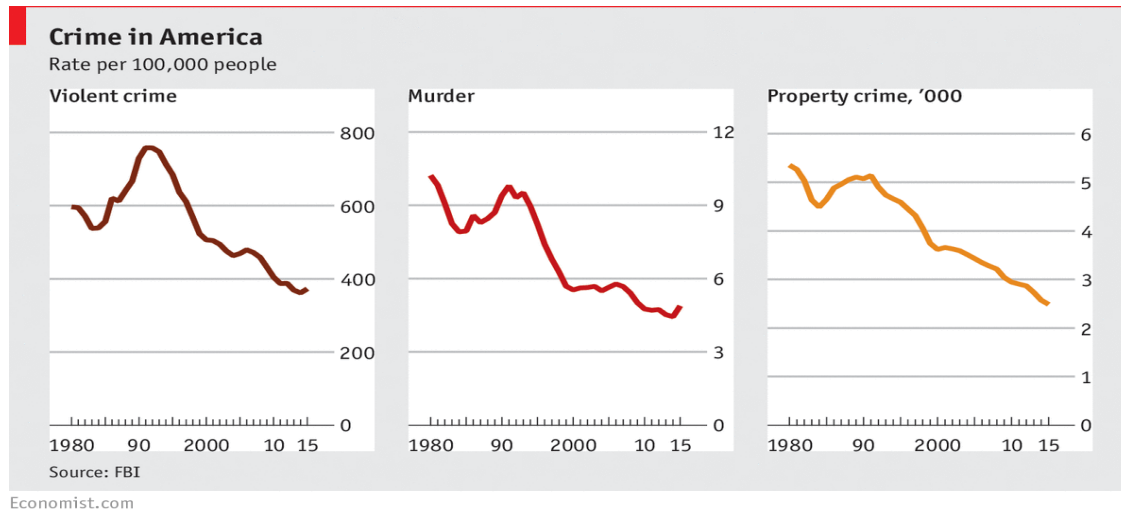
You are told that average income is \$10 and that the price of a pound of cranberries is \$3. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what should producers do to maximize their total revenue?

- a. Producers should increase price.
- b. Producers should decrease price.

7. **True or False:** If the world price of a certain good is lower than the domestic equilibrium price, then the domestic consumer surplus under free international trade must be larger than the domestic consumer surplus without international trade.

- a. True.
- b. False.

8. Based on the following graph, which of the statements is **TRUE**?



- The percentage change in the rate of property crimes between 2000 and 2015 is the greatest, while the percentage change in the rate of murders between 2000 and 2015 is the smallest.
- The rate of the total number of crimes per 100,000 declines more than 60% between 1980 and 2015.

9. The following table shows Portugal's trade with Sweden in the late 1700s. All the numbers are measured in millions of *Real* (the Portuguese currency at the time).

	Imports (1)	Exports (2)
1776	155	28
1777	183	55
1783	456	98
1787	270	30
1789	382	16
1796	673	165
1797	634	159
1798	302	205
1799	1,496	237
1800	1,164	148

Which of the following is true in this period?

- Portugal's net imports per year were always growing over the years given in the table.
- Portugal's annual trade surplus (the difference between exports and imports) for the years provided was negative.

Multiple Choice (worth 4 points each)

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

In the ninja village of Konoha, the supply and demand for ramen are given by the following equations:

$$\text{Supply: } P = 10$$

$$\text{Demand: } P = 100 - 0.5Q$$

P is measured by Japanese yen (¥), and Q is measure by bowls of ramen.

10. Hokage , the ruler of Konoha, decides to impose an excise tax on ramen noodles. What is the tax amount that maximizes Hokage's revenue? What is a tax amount that maximizes the dead weight loss (DWL)?

- a. ¥50 per bowl of ramen; ¥0 per bowl of ramen.
- b. ¥45 per bowl of ramen; ¥100 per bowl of ramen.
- c. ¥50 per bowl of ramen; ¥100 per bowl of ramen.
- d. ¥45 per bowl of ramen; ¥45 per bowl of ramen.

11. Suppose that Hokage decides on a tax amount of ¥20 per bowl of ramen. What is the tax's economic incidence on consumers, and what is the tax's economic incidence on producers, respectively?

- a. ¥0 on consumers, ¥2800 on producers.
- b. ¥4900 on consumers, ¥1400 on producers.
- c. ¥1400 on consumers, ¥1400 on producers.
- d. ¥2800 on consumers, ¥0 on producers.

12. The initial price for hot chocolate was \$2 and Sarah bought 4 cups of hot chocolate per week. Later the price increased by 50%. The arc elasticity of Sarah's demand for hot chocolate between these two prices is 5/3. Given this information and holding everything else constant, how many cups of hot chocolate does Sarah buy after the price change?

- a. 6 cups
- b. 5 cups
- c. 2 cups
- d. 1 cup

Use the following information to answer the next five (5) questions:

Consider a fictional country, Rosa, which produces rose-infused cosmetic products. The domestic demand and supply for cosmetics are:

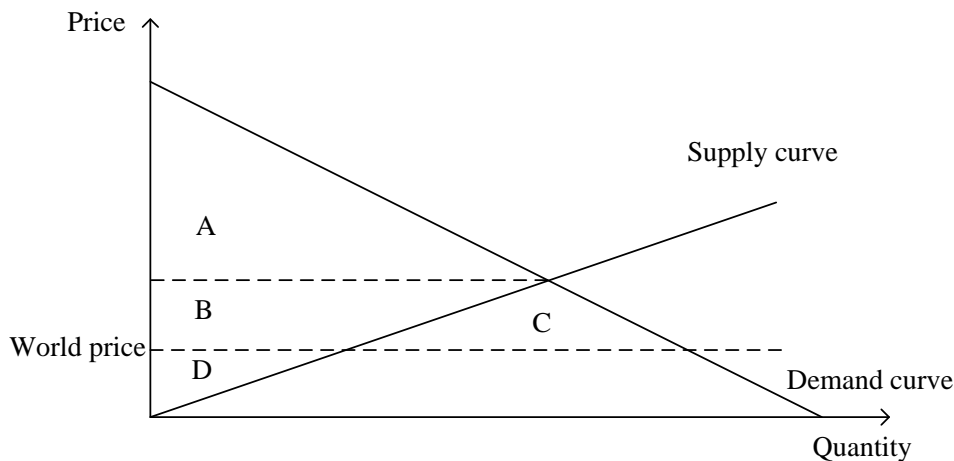
$$\text{Domestic Demand: } Q_d = 20 - 2P$$

$$\text{Domestic Supply: } Q_s = 3P$$

The price is measured in Rosarian Dollars (\$).

Previously, its cosmetic market was not open to international trade. Suppose now that Rosa decides to open its cosmetic market to imports (i.e. free trade), so that people can buy unlimited quantities of cosmetics from abroad. The world price of cosmetics is \$2 per unit.

13. Which of the following statements is **WRONG** about the interpretation of the labeled areas in the following graph?



- a. Area A is the consumer surplus before free trade is implemented.
- b. Area A+B is the consumer surplus after free trade is implemented.
- c. Area C is the increase in total surplus due to the implementation of free trade.
- d. Area B is the surplus that consumers “capture” from producers after free trade is implemented.

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14. Due to complaints from domestic producers, the government of Rosa is considering imposing a tariff on imported cosmetics that will increase the price of cosmetics in Rosa to \$3. What will be the change in consumer surplus due to the implementation of this tariff?

- a. Consumer surplus will decrease by \$15.
- b. Consumer surplus will decrease by \$49.
- c. Consumer surplus will increase by \$64.
- d. Consumer surplus will decrease by \$8.

15. Suppose that the government has successfully implemented the tariff from the last question. What is the government's revenue from this tariff?

- a. \$5
- b. \$7.50
- c. \$15
- d. \$14

16. Alternatively, the government can implement a quota to achieve their goal of increasing producer surplus by the same percentage as they accomplished with the tariff. What quota level should the government implement if it wishes to replace the tariff with an import quota that results in the same impact on domestic producers? The import quota should be:

- a. 7 units
- b. 3 units
- c. 5 units
- d. 2 units

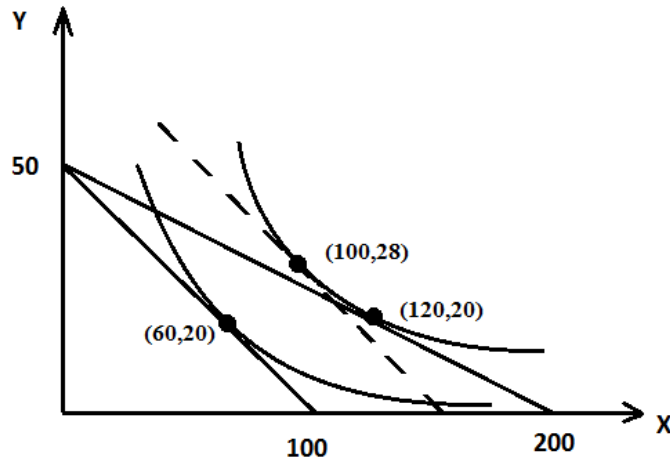
17. What is the value of the deadweight loss resulting in switching from the more efficient foreign producers of the good to the less efficient domestic producers of the good when the import quota described in the last question is implemented?

- a. \$3.00
- b. \$1.50
- c. \$0.75
- d. \$2.50

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

Jerry has 100 dollars that he can only spend on two goods: cheese curds (X) and churros (Y). Each cheese curd costs \$0.50, and each churro costs \$2.

Suppose that the price of one cheese curd increases to \$1, and the following graph depicts the change in Jerry's optimal bundle due to the price change.



18. Based on the graph above, find the income effect on cheese curds associated with this price change.

- a. -20 for cheese curds
- b. 20 for cheese curds
- c. 40 for cheese curds
- d. -40 for cheese curds

19. Assume that the demand curve for cheese curds is a straight line. Which of the following equations represents the demand for cheese curds given the above graph?

- a. $P = 1.5 - (1/120)Q$
- b. $P = 3.5 - (1/40)Q$
- c. $P = 1.75 - (1/80)Q$
- d. $P = 2.25 - (1/16)Q$

20. Given the new price levels and the above graph, what is the minimum total amount of income that Jerry needs in order to return to his original utility level before the price change?

- a. \$160
- b. \$156
- c. \$106
- d. \$100

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

Below is a table depicting the relationship between different output levels and the total cost of producing those output levels for a watch manufacturing company.

Quantity	Total Cost
0	\$40
1	\$50
2	\$62
3	\$78
4	\$100

21. If this firm produces 4 watches, what is the average variable cost (AVC) at this production level?

- a. \$10 per watch
- b. \$15 per watch
- c. \$20 per watch
- d. \$25 per watch

22. What is the average fixed cost when the firm makes 2 watches?

- a. \$10 per watch
- b. \$20 per watch
- c. \$30 per watch
- d. \$40 per watch

23. The market for ice cream consists of two consumers, Bella and Joe. Their individual demand curves for ice cream are given by the following equations where Q is the quantity of ice cream measured in cups and P is the price for each cup of ice cream measured in dollars.

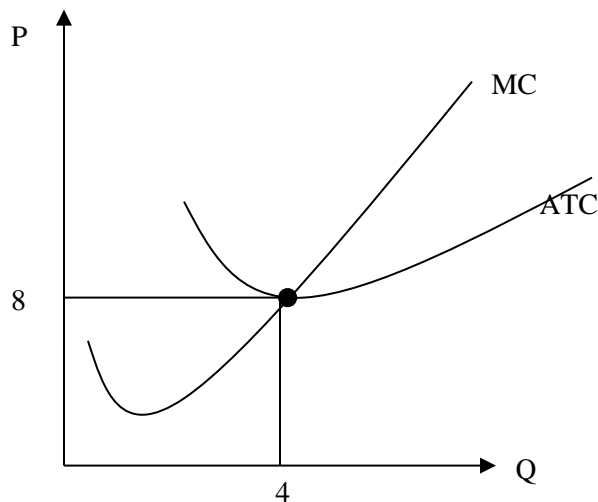
Bella's demand for ice cream: $Q^B = 12 - 2P$

Joe's demand for ice cream: $Q^J = 12 - 4P$

For what price range is the market demand for ice-cream elastic?

- a. $P < \$2$
- b. $\$1 < P < \3
- c. $\$2 < P < \6
- d. $P > \$6$

24. The following figure shows the cost information for a representative firm selling baseball hats in a perfectly competitive market.



Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- a. If market price of the baseball hat is \$8, firms are making positive economic profit.
- b. In the long run, each firm's production level is greater than 4 baseball hats.
- c. If the market price of a baseball hat is currently \$10, new firms will enter the market.
- d. Firms never produce at a production level lower than 4 baseball hats because that would generate negative economic profit for the firms.

25. Market research shows that the income elasticity of demand for iPhones is 4, and the price elasticity of demand for iPhones is 2. The cross-price elasticity between iPhones and Samsung Notes is 3.

Per experts' forecasts, the average income level will increase by 5% this year. The price for an iPhone will increase by 5%, while the price for a Samsung Notes will decrease by 5%. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what will be the percentage change in the quantity demanded for iPhones this year?

- a. Quantity demanded for iPhones will increase by 15%.
- b. Quantity demanded for iPhones will decrease by 5%.
- c. Quantity demanded for iPhones will increase by 25%.
- d. Quantity demanded for iPhones will decrease by 15%.

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

In the computer industry, each firm's cost functions are given by the following equations where q is the quantity produced by the firm:

$$TC = \frac{1}{2}q^2 + 32$$

$$MC = q$$

Assume that the industry is perfectly competitive, and that all firms are identical.

The market demand for computers is $P = 80 - Q$ where P is the price per computer and Q is the quantity demanded in the market.

26. Suppose the computer industry is in short run equilibrium, and there are currently seven firms competing in the market. Given this information and holding everything else constant, what is the short run equilibrium market price?

- a. \$5 per computer
- b. \$10 per computer
- c. \$15 per computer
- d. \$20 per computer

27. Suppose the computer industry is operating at its long run equilibrium. How many firms will be in this industry if the industry is in long run equilibrium?

- a. 7 firms
- b. 8 firms
- c. 9 firms
- d. 10 firms

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

The prices for certain goods from 2007 to 2009 are described in the table below:

Year	Price of one egg	Price of one apple	Price of one melon	Price of one avocado
2007	\$0.30	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
2008	\$1.50	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$2.00
2009	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Suppose that a typical consumer consumes a basket of 10 eggs, 6 apples, 5 melons and 5 avocados. Use the year 2007 as the base year to answer the next two questions.

28. What is the CPI for the year 2009 when measuring the CPI on a 100 point scale?

- a. 3600
- b. 150
- c. 120
- d. 90

29. Suppose that real income grows by 20% from 2007 to 2008, and then by 100% from 2008 to 2009. What is the percentage increase in nominal income from 2007 to 2009?

- a. 115%
- b. 80%
- c. 360%
- d. 260%

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