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You have 2 hours (120 minutes) to complete 60 questions. Good luck!

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1. Private firms will not produce nonexcludable goods, because
   a. people can consume the goods without paying for them.
   b. demand for nonexcludable goods is inelastic.
   c. production costs are high.
   d. **ALL** of the above

2. The own-price elasticity of an upward sloping supply curve
   a. can be either positive or negative.
   b. must be negative.
   c. must be positive (but not always 1).
   d. is always 1.

**Figure RMN.** This graph represents the Cheetam company, a profit-maximizing nondiscriminating monopoly. [*AC represents average total cost.*]

3. **See Figure RMN.** What price will Cheetam charge?
   a. 90
   b. 60
   c. 46
   d. 20

4. **See Figure RMN.** What price would a monopoly regulator set if the regulator wants to maximize social surplus?
   a. 90
   b. 60
   c. 20
   d. 46

5. **See Figure RMN.** How many units would Cheetam produce if Cheetam could price-discriminate perfectly?
   a. 50
   b. 40
   c. 35
   d. 46

**Figure SDA.** Supply and Demand in the market for milk.

6. **See Figure SDA.** At a price of $35, there would be a
   a. surplus of 100 units.
   b. surplus of 300 units.
   c. shortage of 200 units.
   d. surplus of 200 units.

7. **See Figure SDA.** When the price increases from $25 to $30, the price elasticity of supply is approximately
   a. 2.75
   b. 0.5
   c. 5.0
   d. 1.25

8. **See Figure SDA.** Suppose bad weather kills half the dairy cows. The new equilibrium price of milk would be about ___. [*Hint: Draw on the graph in Figure SDA.*]
   a. 18
   b. 32
   c. 25
   d. 40

9. Social surplus is maximized
   a. by a monopolist with perfect price discrimination.
   b. under monopolistic competition.
   c. by a nondiscriminating monopolist.
   d. **NONE** of the above

10. A key determinant of the price elasticity of supply is
    a. the ability of sellers to change the amount of the good they produce.
    b. how responsive buyers are to changes in sellers’ prices.
    c. the slope of the demand curve.
    d. the ability of sellers to change the price of the good they produce.
11. **See Figure TXM.** Consumers effectively pay a larger portion of the tax than producers do, because in the relevant price range
   a. supply is more elastic than demand.
   b. the demand curve is elastic.
   c. the supply curve is inelastic.
   d. demand is more elastic than supply.

12. **See Figure TXM.** The loss of social surplus caused by the tax is
   a. 60.
   b. 40.
   c. 0.
   d. 120.

13. **See Figure TXM.** The total reduction in consumer surplus as a result of the tax is
   a. 120.
   b. 0.
   c. 20.
   d. 240.

14. Which of the following does **not** affect a consumer's demand curve for cotton shirts?
   a. expectations about future clothing prices
   b. manufacturing costs
   c. current fashion
   d. the consumer’s income

15. A statistical study demonstrated that smokers have 50 percent more automobile accidents than nonsmokers. We can be sure that
   a. smoking causes drivers to have accidents.
   b. bad drivers are more likely to smoke.
   c. smokers tend to take more risks than nonsmokers.
   d. **NONE** of the above

16. **In Scenario CAV,** Yao’s opportunity cost of 1 pie is
   a. 2/3 cake.
   b. 8 cakes.
   c. 2 cakes.
   d. 1/2 cake.

17. **In Scenario CAV,** which of the following is true?
   a. Wei should specialize in making pies.
   b. Neither Wei nor Yao should specialize.
   c. Wei should specialize in making cakes.
   d. Yao should specialize in making cakes.

18. An increase in stock-market values implies that
   a. the GDP is higher.
   b. unemployment is lower.
   c. most people are wealthier.
   d. **NONE** of the above

19. **See Table EXR.** The market-equilibrium quantity of watch dogs bought would be
   a. 4.
   b. 3.
   c. 6.
   d. 5.

20. **See Table EXR.** What excise tax per dog would be enough to move the market from the equilibrium number of watch dogs to the socially optimal number?
   a. $3
   b. $1
   c. $10
   d. $6
**Scenario BST.** Suppose farmers begin to treat cows with the hormone BST, which causes the cows to produce a lot more milk. However, many people believe that milk from BST-treated cows can cause cancer in humans.  
*You may draw in the space below to help you answer. The drawing will NOT be graded.*

21. **See Scenario BST.** The supply curve for milk will  
   a. shift left.  
   b. rotate.  
   c. shift right.  
   d. be unaffected.

22. **See Scenario BST.** The demand curve for milk will  
   a. be unaffected.  
   b. shift left.  
   c. shift right.  
   d. rotate.

23. **See Scenario BST.** The equilibrium quantity of milk  
   a. will increase.  
   b. could increase or decrease.  
   c. will not change.  
   d. will decrease.

24. Anandi is planning to attend Purdue University, but she decides to go to Bentley College instead after Bentley offers her a scholarship that reduces her tuition charge by $25,000. The economic cost of the scholarship to Bentley is  
   a. $25,000.  
   b. zero, because Bentley does not pay anything to the student or to her family.  
   c. $25,000 minus any other payments Anandi makes to Bentley.  
   d. much less than $25,000 if Bentley has plenty of room for more students in its courses.

25. A private foundation offers financial aid for attending college to high school students with excellent grades. This would  
   a. decrease the supply of college education.  
   b. decrease the demand for college education.  
   c. increase the demand for college education.  
   d. increase the supply of college education.

**Figure CCV.** Suppose that a firm in a competitive market has the following cost curves, and assume that competing firms do not enter or exit the market.

26. **See Figure CCV.** If the market price is exactly $16 then the firm should  
   a. stay in business until fixed costs become avoidable, and then shut down.  
   b. stay in business in the long run.  
   c. shut down immediately.  
   d. stay in business in the short run, but not in the long run.

27. **See Figure CCV.** The firm’s short-run supply curve is the same as  
   a. its average total cost curve at prices above $9.00 and is on the vertical axis at lower prices.  
   b. its average total cost curve at prices above $12.60 and is on the vertical axis at lower prices.  
   c. its marginal cost curve at prices above $9.00 and is on the vertical axis at lower prices.  
   d. its marginal cost curve.

28. **See Figure CCV.** The firm should shut down immediately if the market price is  
   a. above $12.60 but less than $16.  
   b. above $9 but less than $12.60.  
   c. above $16.  
   d. less than $9
29. A reduction in a monopolist’s fixed costs would
   a. not affect the profit-maximizing price or quantity.
   b. increase the profit-maximizing price and decrease the profit-maximizing quantity produced.
   c. have an effect that depends on the elasticity of demand.
   d. decrease the profit-maximizing price and increase the profit-maximizing quantity produced.

30. See Figure MNC. The graph below describes the short-run situation of Tor Inc, a typical profit-maximizing firm in a monopolistically competitive industry.

   ![](image)

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31. See Figure MNC. In the short run, how many units of output will Tor produce?
   a. 15
   b. 30
   c. 20
   d. 0

32. See Figure MNC. In long-run equilibrium, Tor would produce **approximately _____** units.
   a. 40
   b. 50
   c. 0
   d. 20

33. When the demand for a good increases and the supply of the good remains unchanged, consumer surplus
   a. increases.
   b. may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged.
   c. is unchanged.
   d. decreases.

**Scenario QON.** Two firms, A and B, each produce the same product with costs $AC = MC = 8$. They each set prices: $P_A$ and $P_B$. If $P_A \neq P_B$, consumers buy 10 units from the low-price firm, and 0 from the high-price firm. If $P_A = P_B$, consumers buy 5 from each firm. The payoffs are the profits of each firm.

34. See Scenario QON. Which of the following strategy profiles forms a Nash equilibrium?
   a. both firms charge $8
   b. firm B charges $48 and A charges $8
   c. both firms charge $48
   d. firm A charges $48 and B charges $8

35. See Scenario QON. If both firms charge $48 per unit, then
   a. both firms will want to deviate.
   b. neither firm will want to deviate.
   c. only firm B will want to deviate.
   d. only firm A will want to deviate.

36. See Scenario QON. If $P_A = 8$ then what price is B’s best response?
   a. $48
   b. $8
   c. $32
   d. **ALL** of the above

37. Suppose a thief breaks your car window and steals $100 that you left on the driver’s seat. You decide to be more careful in the future. Which of the following does **not** represent a loss of social surplus?
   a. the stolen $100
   b. the broken car window
   c. the thief’s labor
   d. your future theft-prevention efforts

38. A student spends $80 for a ticket to a concert of the Ungrateful Living. But after an hour, she decides that loud music is hurting her ears. If she is economically rational, she should
   a. leave and do something less painful.
   b. stay at the concert, because $80 is a sunk cost.
   c. stay at the concert, because she doesn’t want to waste $80.
   d. stay at the concert, because the tickets are **not** refundable.
**Scenario CPM.** Suppose a nondiscriminating profit-maximizing monopolist has a demand curve that can be expressed as \( P = 90 - 2Q \), so that the monopolist’s marginal revenue curve would be given by \( MR = 90 - 4Q \). The monopolist has constant marginal costs and average total costs of $10.

[You may draw on the graph to help you answer. The drawing will NOT be graded.]

39. **See Scenario CPM.** The monopolist will produce an output level of
   a. 20 units.
   b. 80 units.
   c. 10 units.
   d. 40 units.

40. **See Scenario CPM.** The monopolist will earn profits of
   a. $400.
   b. $800.
   c. $200.
   d. $1600.

41. **See Scenario CPM.** Suppose now that the monopolist could price-discriminate perfectly. Her output level then would be
   a. 40.
   b. 60.
   c. 80.
   d. 90.

42. In Cournot competition, the firms
   a. collude to fix prices and earn monopoly profits.
   b. match price cuts by rivals but not price increases.
   c. compete by choosing their prices.
   d. compete by choosing the quantities they will produce.

**Scenario DDH.** Michael has exactly 280 students in EC101 EE. He asks each student to close his eyes and raise either his left hand or his right hand, without knowing what other students are doing. If Michael sees an unequal number of right hands and left hands raised, he asks all students in the minority to pay $20 each, and he uses the total amount collected to make equal payments to all students in the majority. If the same number of students have raised their left hands and right hands, no one pays or receives anything.

43. **See Scenario DDH.** Suppose a student expects that among the other students, 179 will raise their left hands and 100 will raise their right hands. Then the student’s best response is
   a. to raise his left hand.
   b. to raise his right hand.
   c. to raise either his left or his right hand.
   d. MORE information needed

44. **See Scenario DDH.** If 140 students raise their left hands and 140 students raise their right hands, then which students will want to deviate?
   a. no students
   b. all students
   c. half of the students
   d. MORE information needed

45. **See Scenario DDH.** How many pure-strategy Nash equilibria does this game have?
   a. 3
   b. 1
   c. 2
   d. 0

46. Negative externalities from a good create inefficiency, because
   a. the price of the good will be too high.
   b. demand for the good is extremely elastic.
   c. too much of the good is produced and consumed.
   d. production of the good involves private costs that are not opportunity costs.

47. Which of the following statements is **not** correct about a competitive market in equilibrium?
   a. Those sellers whose costs are less than the price choose to produce and sell the good.
   b. The price determines which buyers and which sellers participate in the market.
   c. Consumer surplus will be equal to producer surplus.
   d. Consumers who buy have a higher willingness to pay than consumers who don’t buy.
48. Suppose your roommate is very messy. Being messy is worth $50 to her because it makes her life easier, but the mess makes you feel $100 worse off. One efficient solution would be for you to:
   a. pay $120 to a cleaning company to clean up her mess.
   b. pay your roommate $60 to stop being messy.
   c. pay your roommate $120 to stop being messy.
   d. offer to clean up her mess if she pays you $60.

49. Which of the following could be the cross-price elasticity of supply for two goods that are complements in production?
   a. –0.2
   b. –1.3
   c. 1.4
   d. 0

50. See Scenario CDO. This table shows a game played between two firms, Firm A and Firm B. In this game each firm must decide how much output (Q) to produce: 12 units or 20 units. The profit for each firm is given in the table as Profit for Firm A, Profit for Firm B.

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51. See Scenario CDO. A’s dominant strategy is to produce ______, and B’s is to produce ______.
   a. 12; 12
   b. 20; 12
   c. 20; 20
   d. 12; 20

52. See Scenario CDO. If both firms cooperate in order to maximize their total profits, then A will produce ______, and B will produce ______.
   a. 20; 12
   b. 12; 12
   c. 20; 20
   d. 12; 20

53. In competitive economies, many workers are often paid more than would be required to make them willing to do their jobs, because
   a. good workers receive economic rents when firms compete with each other for labor.
   b. firms will not pay economic rents to workers under competition.
   c. firms cannot receive economic rents under competition.
   d. a fair wage maximizes profits.

54. See Figure LFR. Which of the following is true about Arthur?
   a. He would rather see football with Thea than see it alone.
   b. He would rather see football and opera alone than see either one with Thea.
   c. He would rather see football than opera, no matter what Thea does.
   d. NONE of the above

55. See Figure LFR. Thea has ______ possible strategies; Arthur has ______ possible strategies.
   a. two; four
   b. four; two
   c. four; four
   d. two; two

56. See Figure LFR. In a subgame-perfect equilibrium, Arthur gets ____ and Thea gets ____.
   a. 3; 4
   b. 8; 3
   c. 5; 6
   d. 9; 2
57. A perfectly competitive market is efficient, partly because
   a. those with the lowest costs sell the goods.
   b. goods are produced if and only if the value to
      the consumer exceeds the cost of production.
   c. those willing to pay the most obtain the goods.
   d. ALL of the above

   **Figure CRQ.** Firm A and firm B produce exactly the same product. They each set the quantity produced,
   but they accept the market price for their output.
   Market demand is given by \( Q_d = 70 - P \). For each
   firm, \( AC = MC = 25 \).

58. **See Figure CRQ.** In order to maximize social
   surplus, firm A and firm B, together, should produce a
   total of ___ units.
   a. 65
   b. 20
   c. 70
   d. 45

59. **See Figure CRQ.** If firm B plans to produce 5 units,
   firm A’s best response would be to produce ___ units.
   a. 50
   b. 65
   c. 20
   d. 25

60. **See Figure CRQ.** In Nash equilibrium, each firm
   produces ___ units.
   a. 20
   b. 35
   c. 15
   d. 10