

Econ 2113 - Exam #2 (03-02-2017)

- (1) In general, elasticity is a measure of
- the extent to which advances in technology are adopted by producers.
 - the extent to which a market is competitive.
 - how firms' profits respond to changes in market prices.
 - how much buyers and sellers respond to changes in market conditions.**

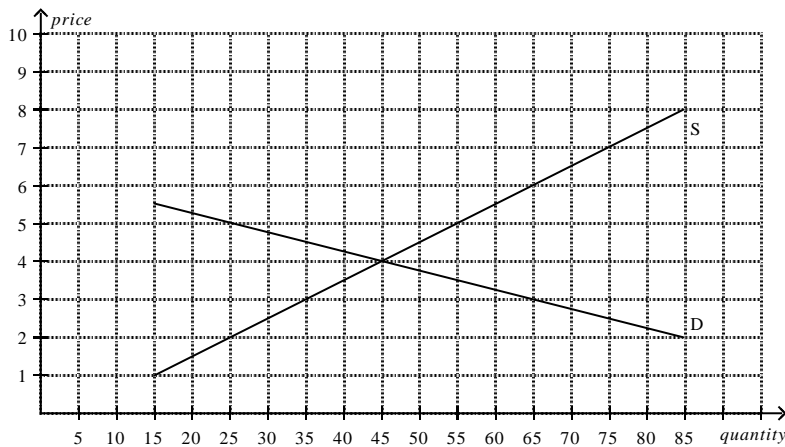
Table 1 -

Good	Price Elasticity of Demand
A	1.3
B	2.1

- (2) Refer to Table 1. Which of the following is consistent with the elasticities given in Table 5-2?
- A is a luxury, and B is a necessity.
 - A is a good several years after a price increase, and B is that same good several days after the price increase.
 - A is a Kit Kat bar, and B is candy.
 - A has fewer substitutes than B.**
- (3) Refer to Table 1. Which of the following is consistent with the elasticities given in Table 5-2?
- A is grapes, and B is fruit.
 - A is T-shirts, and B is socks.
 - A is train tickets before cars were invented, and B is train tickets after cars were invented.**
 - A is diamond necklaces, and B is beds.
- (4) For a good that is a luxury, demand
- tends to be inelastic.
 - tends to be elastic.**
 - has unit elasticity.
 - cannot be represented by a demand curve in the usual way.
- (5) Demand is elastic if the price elasticity of demand is
- less than 1.
 - equal to 1.
 - equal to 0.
 - greater than 1.**
- (6) You are in charge of the local city-owned aquatic center. You need to increase the revenue generated by the aquatic center in order to meet expenses. The mayor advises you to decrease the price of a day pass. The city manager recommends increasing the price of a day pass. You realize that
- the mayor thinks demand is elastic, and the city manager thinks demand is inelastic.**
 - both the mayor and the city manager think that demand is elastic.
 - both the mayor and the city manager think that demand is inelastic.
 - the mayor thinks demand is inelastic, and the city manager thinks demand is elastic.
- (7) If the demand for textbooks is inelastic, then a decrease in the price of textbooks will
- increase total revenue of textbook sellers.
 - decrease total revenue of textbook sellers.**
 - not change total revenue of textbook sellers.
 - There is not enough information to answer this question.

- (8) Which of the following is *not* an example of a public policy?
- rent-control laws
 - minimum-wage laws
 - taxes
 - equilibrium laws**
- (9) Policymakers use taxes
- to raise revenue for public purposes but not to influence market outcomes.
 - both to raise revenue for public purposes and to influence market outcomes.**
 - when they realize that price controls alone are insufficient to correct market inequities.
 - only in those markets in which the burden of the tax falls clearly on the sellers.
- (10) A binding price ceiling on a market causes quantity demanded to be
- greater than quantity supplied.**
 - less than quantity supplied.
 - equal to quantity supplied.
 - Both a) and b) are possible.
- (11) When a binding price ceiling is imposed on a market to benefit buyers,
- every buyer in the market benefits.
 - every buyer and seller in the market benefits.
 - every buyer who wants to buy the good will be able to do so, but only if he waits in long lines.
 - some buyers will not be able to buy any amount of the good.**

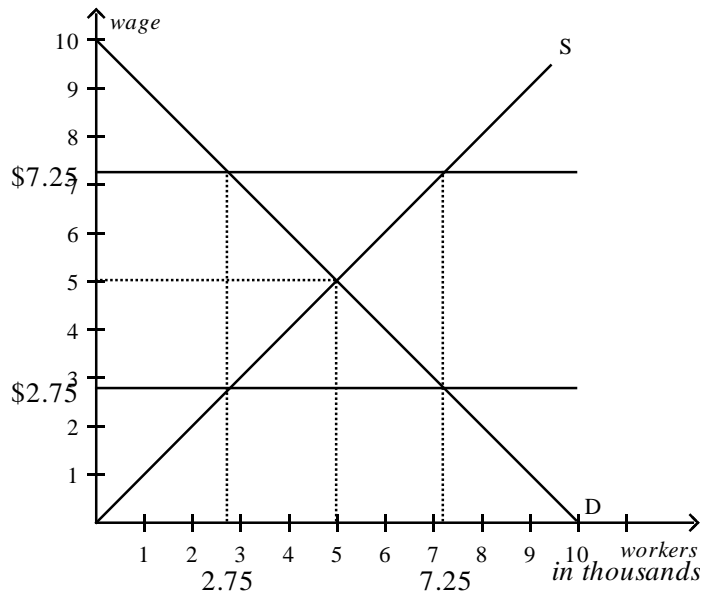
Figure 1



- (12) **Refer to Figure 1.** If the government imposes a price ceiling of \$2 on this market, then there will be
- no shortage of the good.
 - a shortage of 40 units of the good.
 - a shortage of 60 units of the good.**
 - a shortage of 85 units of the good.
- (13) **Refer to Figure 1.** If the government imposes a price floor of \$5 on this market, then there will be
- no surplus of the good.
 - a surplus of 20 units of the good.
 - a surplus of 30 units of the good.**
 - a surplus of 55 units of the good.

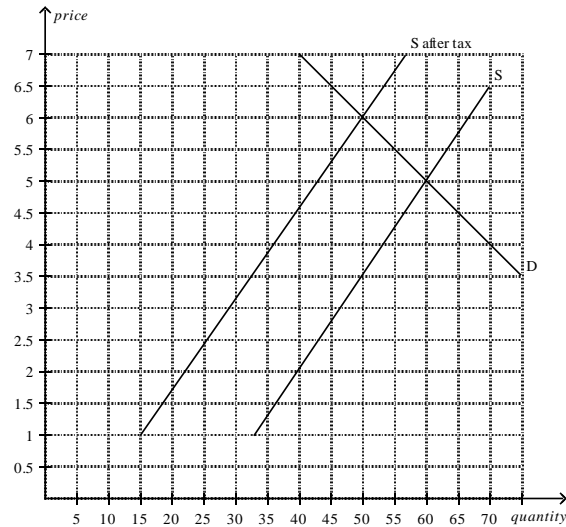
- (14) A binding minimum wage tends to
- cause a labor surplus.
 - cause unemployment.
 - have the greatest impact in the market for teenage labor.
 - All of the above are correct.**
- (15) The minimum wage, if it is binding, lowers the incomes of
- no workers.
 - only those workers who become unemployed.**
 - only those workers who have jobs.
 - all workers.

Figure 2



16. Refer to Figure 2. In this market, a minimum wage of \$7.25 is
- binding and creates a labor shortage.
 - binding and creates unemployment.**
 - nonbinding and creates a labor shortage.
 - nonbinding and creates neither a labor shortage nor unemployment.
17. Refer to Figure 2. In this market, a minimum wage of \$2.75 is
- binding and creates a labor shortage.
 - binding and creates unemployment.
 - nonbinding and creates a labor shortage.
 - nonbinding and creates neither a labor shortage nor unemployment.**

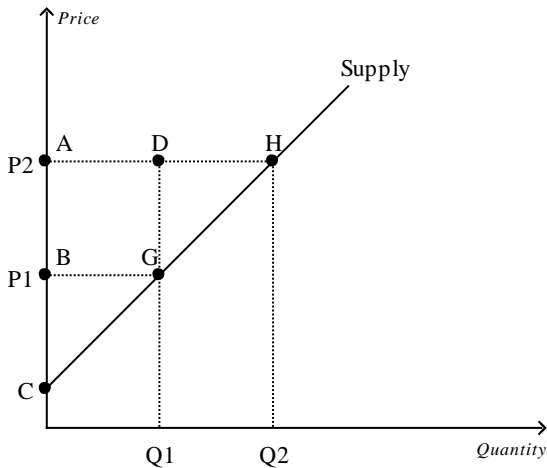
Figure 3



18. Refer to Figure 3. The equilibrium price in the market before the tax is imposed is
- \$3.50.
 - \$5.**
 - \$6.
 - \$7.
19. Refer to Figure 3. As the figure is drawn, who sends the tax payment to the government?
- The buyers send the tax payment.
 - The sellers send the tax payment.**
 - A portion of the tax payment is sent by the buyers, and the remaining portion is sent by the sellers.
 - The question of who sends the tax payment cannot be determined from the graph.
20. Refer to Figure 3. The price paid by buyers after the tax is imposed is
- \$2.50.
 - \$3.50.
 - \$5.00.
 - \$6.00.**
21. Refer to Figure 3. The effective price sellers receive after the tax is imposed is
- \$2.50.
 - \$3.50.**
 - \$5.00.
 - \$6.00.
22. Welfare economics is the study of
- taxes and subsidies.
 - how technology is best put to use in the production of goods and services.
 - government welfare programs for needy people.
 - how the allocation of resources affects economic well-being.**
23. The particular price that results in quantity supplied being equal to quantity demanded is the best price because it
- maximizes costs of the seller.
 - maximizes tax revenue for the government.
 - maximizes the combined welfare of buyers and sellers.**
 - minimizes the expenditure of buyers.

24. The maximum price that a buyer will pay for a good is called the
- cost.
 - willingness to pay.**
 - equity.
 - efficiency.
25. If the price of oak lumber increases, what happens to consumer surplus in the market for oak cabinets?
- Consumer surplus increases.
 - Consumer surplus decreases.**
 - Consumer surplus will not change consumer surplus; only producer surplus changes.
 - Consumer surplus depends on what event led to the increase in the price of oak lumber.

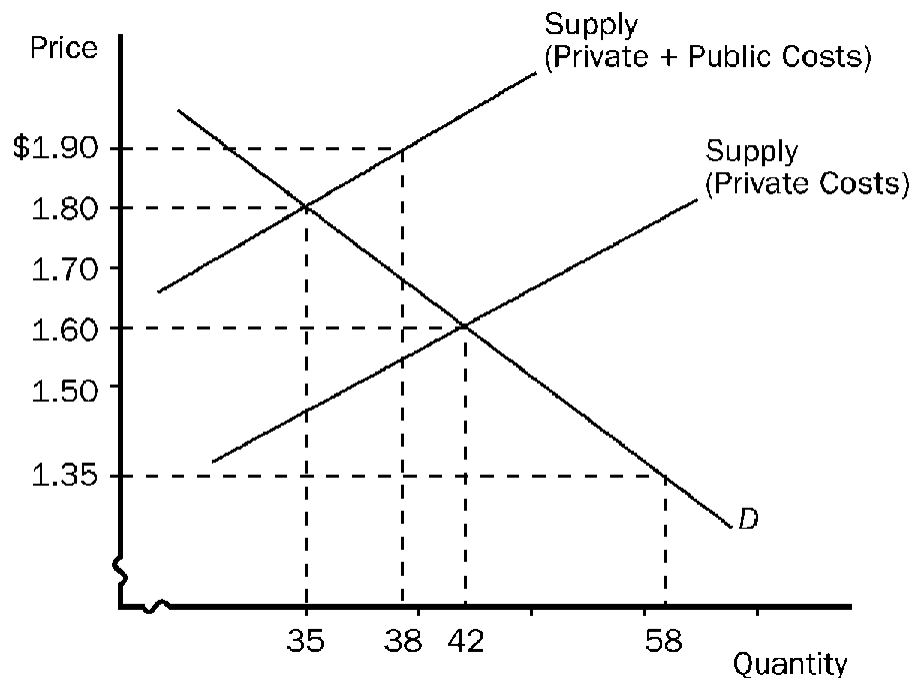
Figure 4



26. Refer to Figure 7-8. Which area represents producer surplus when the price is P1?
- BCG**
 - ACH
 - ABGD
 - DGH
27. Refer to Figure 7-8. Which area represents producer surplus when the price is P2?
- BCG
 - ACH**
 - ABGD
 - AHGB
28. Refer to Figure 7-8. Which area represents the *increase* in producer surplus when the price rises from P1 to P2?
- BCG
 - ACH
 - ABGD
 - AHGB**
29. Bill created a new software program he is willing to sell for \$300. He sells his first copy and enjoys a producer surplus of \$250. What is the price paid for the software?
- \$50.
 - \$250.
 - \$300.
 - \$550.**

30. Market failure can be caused by
- too much competition.
 - externalities.**
 - low consumer demand.
 - scarcity.
31. An externality exists whenever
- the economy cannot benefit from government intervention.
 - markets are not able to reach equilibrium.
 - a firm sells its product in a foreign market.
 - Bobbi engages in an activity that influences the well-being of Rosa and yet Bobbi neither pays nor receives payment for that influence.**
32. Which of the following is an example of an externality?
- cigarette smoke that permeates an entire restaurant
 - a flu shot that prevents a student from transmitting the virus to her roommate
 - a beautiful flower garden outside of the local post office
 - All of the above are correct.**
33. When a market is characterized by an externality, the government
- can correct the market failure only in the case of positive externalities.
 - can correct the market failure only in the case of negative externalities.
 - can correct the market failure in the case of both positive and negative externalities by inducing market participants to internalize the externality.**
 - cannot correct for externalities due to the existence of patents.

Figure 5



34. **Refer to Figure 5.** This graph represents the tobacco industry. The industry creates
- positive externalities.
 - negative externalities.**
 - no externalities.
 - no equilibrium in the market.
35. **Refer to Figure 5.** This graph represents the tobacco industry. Without any government intervention, the equilibrium price and quantity are
- \$1.90 and 38 units, respectively.
 - \$1.80 and 35 units, respectively.
 - \$1.60 and 42 units, respectively.**
 - \$1.35 and 58 units, respectively.
36. **Refer to Figure 5.** This graph represents the tobacco industry. The socially optimal price and quantity are
- \$1.90 and 38 units, respectively.
 - \$1.80 and 35 units, respectively.**
 - \$1.60 and 42 units, respectively.
 - \$1.35 and 58 units, respectively.
37. John Nash was a renowned mathematician at what university?
- Harvard University
 - Columbia University
 - Yale University
 - Princeton University**
38. The Nash equilibrium of a prisoner's dilemma is for....
- Both players to confess.**
 - Both players to deny.
 - One player to confess and one player to deny.
39. Jake insured his new motorcycle then drove it 150mph down the highway. This is an example of...
- Moral hazard**
 - Equilibrium
 - Ultimatum game
 - Adverse selection
40. China King created an evening buffet and the entire ECU football team showed up for dinner... For China King, this is an example of...
- Moral hazard
 - Equilibrium
 - Ultimatum game
 - Adverse selection**

Extra Credit –

40. This Columbia University economist would be most likely to support a minimum wage policy...

- a. Milton Friedman
- b. Joseph Stiglitz**
- c. Greg Mankiw
- d. Ronald Coase

41. This University of Chicago economist downplayed the role of economic inequality...

- a. Milton Friedman**
- b. Joseph Stiglitz
- c. Greg Mankiw
- d. Ronald Coase