## Exam 02 - ECON 2301-05 - Wednesday, November 3

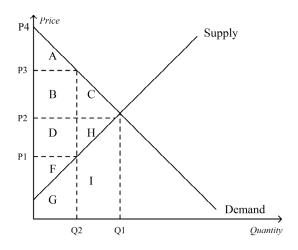
## **Multiple Choice**

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1. The price of a good that prevails in a world market is called the
  - a. absolute price.
  - b. comparative price.
  - c. relative price.
  - d. world price.
- 2. If an economy used gold as money, its money would be
  - a. fiat money, but not commodity money.
  - b. both fiat and commodity money.
  - c. commodity money, but not fiat money.
  - d. functioning as a store of value and as a unit of account, but not as a medium of exchange.
- 3. When a tax is levied on a good,
  - a. neither buyers nor sellers are made worse off.
  - b. only buyers are made worse off.
  - c. both buyers and sellers are made worse off.
  - d. only sellers are made worse off.

## Figure 1

Suppose that the government imposes a tax of P3 - P1.



- 4. Refer to Figure 1. After the tax is levied, consumer surplus is represented by area
  - a. A+B+C.
  - b. F.
  - c. A.
  - d. D+H+F.

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- 5. Waldo works eight hours and produces 7 units of goods per hour. Emerson works six hours and produces 10 units of goods per hour.
  - a. Waldo's productivity and output are greater than Emerson's.
  - b. Emerson's productivity and output are greater than Waldo's.
  - c. Emerson's productivity is greater than Waldo's but his output is less.
  - d. Waldo's productivity is greater than Emerson's but his output is less.
- 6. M1 includes
  - a. demand deposits.
  - b. travelers' checks.
  - c. currency.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 7. The amount of deadweight loss that results from a tax of a given size is determined by
  - a. the ratio of the tax per unit to the effective price received by sellers.
  - b. the number of buyers in the market relative to the number of sellers.
  - c. the price elasticities of demand and supply.
  - d. whether the tax is levied on buyers or sellers.
- 8. Which of the following is *not* correct?
  - a. Most economists agree that eliminating unemployment insurance would increase the nation's overall level of well-being.
  - b. The unemployment rate is an imperfect measure of a nation's overall level of economic well-being.
  - c. Other things the same, countries that offer more generous and longer-lasting unemployment insurance benefits are likely to have higher unemployment rates.
  - d. Most job search in the U.S. economy takes place without intervention by the government.
- 9. The consumer price index tries to gauge how much incomes must rise to maintain
  - a. the highest standard of living possible.
  - b. a decreasing standard of living.
  - c. a constant standard of living.
  - d. an increasing standard of living.

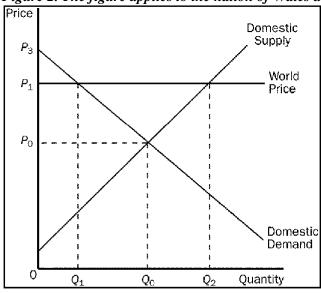


Figure 2. The figure applies to the nation of Wales and the good is cheese.

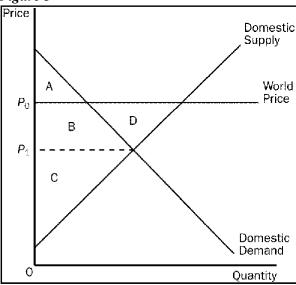
- 10. **Refer to Figure 2**. With trade, Wales
  - a. imports  $Q_2$   $Q_0$  units of cheese.
  - b. exports  $Q_2$   $Q_0$  units of cheese.
  - c. exports  $Q_2$   $Q_1$  units of cheese.
  - d. imports  $Q_2$   $Q_1$  units of cheese.
- 11. Jouke is on a temporary layoff from his factory job. The Bureau of Labor Statistics counts Jouke as
  - a. unemployed and not in the labor force.
  - b. employed and not in the labor force.
  - c. unemployed and in the labor force.
  - d. employed and in the labor force.
- 12. Consider a small economy in which consumers buy only two goods: apples and pears. In order to compute the consumer price index for this economy for two or more consecutive years, we assume that
  - a. the number of apples bought by the typical consumer is equal to the number of pears bought by the typical consumer in each year.
  - b. neither the number of apples nor the number of pears bought by the typical consumer changes from year to year.
  - c. the percentage change in the price of apples is equal to the percentage change in the price of pears from year to year.
  - d. neither the price of apples nor the price of pears changes from year to year.
- 13. If the nominal interest rate is 4 percent and the real interest rate is -2.5 percent, then the inflation rate is
  - a. -1.5 percent.
  - b. -6.5 percent.
  - c. 6.5 percent.
  - d. 1.5 percent.

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- 14. The Bureau of Labor Statistics produces data on
  - a. types of employment.
  - b. length of the average workweek.
  - c. unemployment.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 15. The assumption of a *closed economy* 
  - a. applies to the world economy.
  - b. applies to most national economies.
  - c. requires us to assume that the government's budget is always balanced.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 16. Which of the following statements about *mutual funds* is correct?
  - a. A mutual fund is a financial intermediary.
  - b. A mutual fund acquires its funds primarily by selling shares to the public.
  - c. People who buy shares from a mutual fund accept all of the risk and return associated with the mutual fund's portfolio.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 17. If the reserve ratio is 8 percent, banks do not hold excess reserves, and people do not hold currency, then when the Fed purchases \$20 million of government bonds, bank reserves
  - a. increase by \$20 million and the money supply eventually increases by \$250 million.
  - b. decrease by \$20 million and the money supply eventually increases by \$250 million.
  - c. decrease by \$20 million and the money supply eventually decreases by \$250 million.
  - d. increase by \$20 million and the money supply eventually decreases by \$250 million.
- 18. Educated people may generate ideas that increase production. These ideas
  - a. could justify government subsides for education.
  - b. produce a return to society from education that is greater than the return to the individual.
  - c. are external benefits of education.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 19. Frictional unemployment is
  - a. inevitable, because at any given time, jobs are being created in some firms and destroyed in other firms.
  - b. not inevitable; rather, it could be reduced to zero if by the elimination of unemployment insurance.
  - c. not inevitable; rather, it can be reduced to zero by well-designed public policies.
  - d. inevitable, because in some industries, wages are always set above the level that brings supply and demand into equilibrium.
- 20. Which of the following would be considered physical capital?
  - a. bulldozers, backhoes and other construction equipment
  - b. the available knowledge on how to make semiconductors
  - c. a taxi-cab driver's knowledge of the fastest routes to take
  - d. All of the above are correct.

- 21. Which of the following is consistent with the catch-up effect?
  - a. Although the United States has a relatively high level of output per person, its growth rate is rather modest compared to some countries.
  - b. After World War II the United States had lower growth rates than war-ravaged European countries.
  - c. The United States had a higher growth rate before 1900 than after.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 22. Deadweight loss measures the loss
  - a. in a market to buyers and sellers that is not offset by an increase in government revenue.
  - b. of total revenue to business firms due to the price wedge caused by the tax.
  - c. in revenue to the government when buyers choose to buy less of the product because of
  - d. of equality in a market due to government intervention.

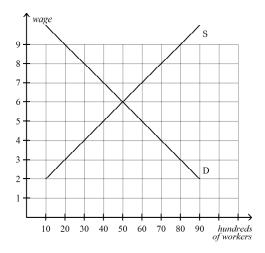
Figure 3



- 23. **Refer to Figure 3**. Consumer surplus in this market after trade is
  - a. C.
  - b. A.
  - c. A + B + D.
  - d. A + B.
- 24. If the reserve ratio is 10 percent, the money multiplier is
  - a. 100.
  - b. 9/10.
  - c. 10.
  - d. 1/10.

- 25. In addition to
  - a. serving as stores of value, stocks and bonds also serve as media of exchange.
  - serving as financial markets, mutual funds are important in that they help create a store of value.
  - c. performing financial intermediation, banks are important in that they help create a medium of exchange.
  - d. All of the above are correct.
- 26. Which of the following equations represents GDP for a closed economy?
  - a. I = Y C + G
  - b. S = I G
  - c. Y = C + I + G
  - d. Y = C + I + G + T
- 27. Which of the following entities actually executes open-market operations?
  - a. the Board of Governors
  - b. the Federal Open Market Committee
  - c. the New York Federal Reserve Bank
  - d. the Open Market Committees of the regional Federal Reserve Banks
- 28. Which of the following statements about GDP is correct?
  - a. Nominal GDP values production at current prices, whereas real GDP values production at constant prices.
  - b. Nominal GDP consistently underestimates the value of production, whereas real GDP consistently overestimates the value of production.
  - c. Nominal GDP values production at constant prices, whereas real GDP values production at current prices.
  - d. Nominal GDP values production at market prices, whereas real GDP values production at the cost of the resources used in the production process.

Figure 4



- 29. **Refer to Figure 4.** At the equilibrium wage, how many workers are employed?
  - a. 9000
  - b. 5000
  - c. 1000
  - d. 0
- 30. Which of the following terms do we use to mean the same thing as *physical capital*?
  - a. capital
  - b. manual labor
  - c. factor of production
  - d. assembly line
- 31. Suppose that in a country people gain more confidence in the banking system and so hold relatively less currency and more deposits. As a result, bank reserves will
  - a. decrease and the money supply will eventually increase.
  - b. increase and the money supply will eventually increase.
  - c. decrease and the money supply will eventually decrease.
  - d. increase and the money supply will eventually decrease.

Table 1

2003 Labor Data for Adults (age 16 and older) in Meditor

Males not in labor force	45 million
Females not in labor force	35 million
Males unemployed	5 million
Females unemployed	5 million
Males employed	85 million
Females employed	65 million

- 32. **Refer to Table 1**. What is the adult female labor force in Meditor?
  - a. 100 million
  - b. 40 million
  - c. 70 million
  - d. 65 million
- 33. Suppose the economy is closed and consumption is 6,500, taxes are 1,500, and government purchases are 2,000. If national saving amounts to 1,000, then what is GDP?
  - a. 10,000
  - b. 10,500
  - c. 9,500
  - d. None of the above is correct.