## (102)輔仁大學碩士班招生考試試題

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科目:個體經濟學

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- 1. Suppose a consumer have utility U = u(x, y) when he consumes two goods x and y.
  - (a) (6pts) Please define marginal utility (MU) with respect of x and y, and marginal rate of substitution (MRS) for x and y.
  - (b) (6pts) Please fine the MRS of the following utilities:
    - (1)  $U = 10 + (x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2$ ,
    - (2)  $U = 10 + (x-2)^2(y-3)^2$  with x > 2 and y > 3,
    - (3)  $U = 10 + \min\{3x + y, x + 5y\}.$
  - (c) (6pts) Do the above utilities <u>all</u> satisfy the property of convexity? Prove your answer.
- 2. Mary has an income of \$400 in period 1 and will have an income of \$600 in period 2. His utility function is  $U(c_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{3} \ln c_1 + \frac{2}{3} \ln c_2$ . The interest rate is 0.5. Please answer the following questions.
  - (a) (6pts) Draw the budget line of Mary's consumption problem and then specify the intercept and the slope. Please also specify Mary's endowment.
  - (b) (6pts) What is the optimal consumption bundle?
  - (c) (6pts) Will Mary be a lender or a borrower in consumption? Show it.
  - (d) (6pts) If the interest rate goes up to be 0.75, will she be a lender or a borrower? Show it.
- 3. Suppose a firm's production function being  $q = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2}$ , where q is output and  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  are inputs. The factor price of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , respectively.
  - (a) (10pts) Given  $a_1 = 1/3$ ,  $a_2 = 1/3$ , what is the profit function?
  - (b) (10pts) Given  $a_1 = 1/2$ ,  $a_2 = 1/2$ , what is the cost function?
- 4. (a) (8pts) What is Warlas' law? What is Walrasian equilibrium?
  - (b) (10pts) Let x and y be two goods and  $\omega_i = (e_x, e_y)$  be consumer i's endowments for x and y goods. There are two consumers A and B with the following utilities  $U_i$  and endowments  $\omega_i$ .

$$U_A(x_A, y_A) = a \ln x_A + (1 - a) \ln y_A, \quad \omega_A = (0, 2);$$
  
 $U_B(x_B, y_B) = \min\{x_B, y_B\}, \quad \omega_B = (2, 0).$ 

Herein 0 < a < 1. Calculate the market clearing prices and the equilibrium allocation.

- 5. Suppose that firm 1 can produce an item at a constant marginal cost of  $c_1$  per unit while firm 2 can produce it at a marginal cost of  $c_2$  per unit. In addition, the demand curve for the industry is P = a Q, where P is the market price, Q is the industry output, and a is a constant with  $a > c_2 > c_1$ .
  - (a) (10pts) Suppose firm 1 is an industry leader. Find the Stackelberg duopoly outcome: firm 1's quantity and firm 2's quantity.
  - (b) (10pts) Social welfare (SW) is defined as SW = consumers' surplus + firms' profits. Please find SW=?.

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