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Multiple Choice (1 point each)

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

- 1. When a country allows trade and becomes an exporter of a good,
 - A. everyone in the country benefits.
 - B. everyone in the country loses.
 - C. the gains of the winners exceed the losses of the losers.
 - D. the losses of the losers exceed the gains of the winners.
- 2. Inefficiency in monopolistically competitive markets can be identified with
 - A. their similarities to perfectly competitive markets.
 - B. not having the ideal number of firms in the industry.
 - C. a first-best equilibrium, where price is equal to marginal cost.
 - D. government programs that effectively regulate price.
- 3. When a farmer is making a long-run decision of whether or not to exit an industry, the cost of land
 - A. will be considered as part of the farm's fixed cost.
 - B. is treated differently than the cost of machinery.
 - C. is not considered a sunk cost.
 - D. is irrelevant to the strategic decision.
- 4. Economists compute the price elasticity of demand as
 - A. the percentage change in the price divided by the percentage change in quantity demand.
 - B. the percentage change in the quantity demanded divided by the percentage change in price.
 - C. the change in quantity demanded divided by the change in the price.
 - D. the percentage change in the quantity demanded divided by the percentage change in income.
- 5. Suppose you like banana cream pie made with vanilla pudding. Assuming all other things are constant, you notice that the price of bananas is higher. How would your demand for vanilla pudding be affected by this?
 - A. It would decrease.
 - B. It would increase.
 - C. It would be unaffected.
 - D. There is insufficient information given to answer the question.

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- 6. Jack's Hotdogs is a small street vendor business. The owner is trying to get a better understanding of his costs by categorizing them as fixed or variable. Which of the following costs are most likely to be considered fixed costs?
 - A. the cost of ketchup
 - B. the cost of hotdog buns
 - C. wages paid to workers who sell hot dogs
 - D. the cost of bookkeeping services
- 7. After watching a movie, Alan chooses not to watch a second and goes for a walk instead. Economists could explain his choices using the concept of
 - A. budget constraints.
 - B. diminishing marginal utility,
 - C. income effect.
 - D. substitution effect
- 8. The tragedy of the commons is the
 - A. undersupply of a public good due to people not wanting to pay for a publicly common good.
- B. disappearance of certain markets due to the lack of willingness to pay by individuals, leading to collective misfortune.
- C. depletion of a common resource due to individually rational but collectively inefficient overconsumption.
- D. notion that common resources are generally under consumed and therefore not produced by suppliers due to artificially low demand.
- 9. The more firms there are in a market, the
 - A. larger will be the price effect of one firm's output decision.
 - B. smaller will be the price effect of one firm's output decision.
 - C. more collusion is likely to happen.
 - D. price effect must outweight the output effect.
- 10. Ethan enjoys buying books and going to the movies. He has income of \$150 to spend on these two goods each month. The price of a book is \$15 and the price of going to the movies is also \$15. He currently consumes four books and six movies a month. If the price of a book increases to \$20, then,
- A. the substitution and income effects would both predict Ethan would consume more of both goods.

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- B. the substitution and income effects would both predict Ethan would consume less of both goods.
- C. the substitution effect would predict Ethan would consume more books and less movies, and the income effect would predict he would consume less of both.
- D. the substitution effect would predict Ethan would consume less books and more movies and the income effect would predict he would consume less of both.
- 11. The rise of the price of imported goods
 - A. will directly affect GDP deflator.
 - B. will directly affect CPI.
 - C. will directly affect both GDP deflator and CPI.
 - D. will not directly affect both GDP deflator and CPI.
- 12. What is not a possible reason if a government prints money to stimulate the economy, but the unemployment rate keeps the same?
 - A. Nationals are fully rational.
 - B. There are no menu costs.
 - C. The money multiplier is greater than 1 but smaller than 2.
 - D. The short-run Phillipe curve is a vertical line.
- 13. Country A only has 5 people. The current unemployment rate is 25%. Which statement of the followings is wrong?
 - A. There is no discourage worker.
 - B. One of them might be a full-time student.
 - C. Two of them have no jobs and are seeking for jobs.
 - D. There is one discouraged worker.
- 14. Which policy of the followings is not a possible solution for the rising housing prices?
 - A. Central banks sell government bonds through open market operations.
 - B. Central banks cut the discount rate.
 - C. Central banks raise the reserve requirements.
 - D. Central banks set a mortgage cap.

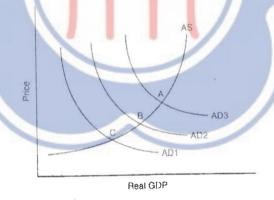
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15. The marginal propensity of saving in Country A is 0.5. Currently, the country is suffered from COVID-19 and the government gives 3000 local dollars to every national. Suppose due to this policy, each national can help to increase money supply 2000 local dollars through the fractional-reserve banking system. What is the reserve ratio for Country A?

- A. 20%
- B. 30%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%
- 16. Stagflation occurs when
 - A. real GDP increases and price levels decrease.
 - B. real GDP decreases and price levels decrease.
 - C. unemployment and price levels increase.
 - D. nominal GDP decreases and price levels increase.
- 17. The multiplier effect will be greater on aggregate demand if
 - A. there is no increase in the price level.
 - B. both aggregate demand and aggregate supply increase.
 - C. both aggregate demand and aggregate supply decrease.
 - D. aggregate demand increases and aggregate supply decreases.



18. According to the preceding diagram, the economy is at equilibrium at Point A. Choose the best fiscal policy most appropriate to control demand-pull inflation.

- A. Decrease aggregate demand by increasing taxes.
- B. Increase aggregate demand by decreasing taxes.
- C. Decrease aggregate supply by increasing taxes.
- D. Increase aggregate demand by increasing government spending.

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- 19. The crowding out effect may be avoided if
 - A. the government pursues a contractionary fiscal policy.
 - B. the government destroys a percentage of the money supply.
 - C. the government issues new money.
 - D. A and C.
- 20. A disadvantage of a floating exchange rate is that
 - A. trade may worsen due to a nation's depreciation of its currency.
 - B. tariffs cease to be effective.
 - C. exports decrease.
 - D. imports decrease.

Problems and Short-essay Questions

Please answer the following questions IN SEQUENCE. All questions may be answered in either Chinese or English.

- 1. Let the inverse demand function of good x in a country be $P_x = 5 D_x$, where P_x is the price of x and D_x is the quantity demanded. The quantity supplied is Q_x and the inverse supply function is $P_x = 3 + Q_x$. Answer the following questions.
 - A. (4 points) Derive the equilibrium price under autarky.
- B. (8 points) Suppose the country is small. The price of x in the international market is 3. Will the country import or export x? Calculate the quantity of export or import.
- C. (8 points) Calculate the consumer and producer surplus under autarky and trade. Measure the gains from trade in terms of surplus.
- 2. The inverse market demand curve for a final good is p = 100 Q and the marginal cost of supplying labor is $MC_L = 40$. Each unit of output requires half unit of labor, L, and no other factor. That is, Q = 2L.
- A. (4 points) If the factor market is perfectly competitive and the output market is a monopoly, what are the equilibrium quantity and price in both factor and output markets?
- B. (10 points) If both the factor and output markets are a monopoly, what are the equilibrium quantity and price in these two markets? How much profit does each firm make?
- C. (6 points) Show that a vertical merger of the upstream and downstream monopoly increases profit and benefits consumers.

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3. Country A's Phillips curve can be written as:

$$u = u_{natural} = 0.5(\pi - x),$$

where u is the unemployment rate, u_n is the natural unemployment rate, and π is the current inflation rate. Please answer the following questions in detail.

- A. (5 points) What does x stand for?
- B. (5 points) Suppose Country A's structural unemployment rate is 3%, frictional unemployment rate is 2%, and cyclical unemployment rate is 1%. Please calculate the inflation rate, given x equals 1%.
- C. (5 points) Following (B), suppose Country A announces to set an 3% inflation target in the coming year. Under the assumption of rational expectation and other things remaining the same, what will the current unemployment rate change?
- D. (5 points) Following (C), suppose the government does not want to hurt the investment and the current nominal interest rate is 4%. What is the ideal nominal interest rate in the coming year?
- 4. Imagine an open economy in which Ricardian equivalence holds. This economy has a budget deficit of 50, a trade deficit of 20, and investment of 100.
 - A. (6 points) Define Ricardian equivalence.
 - B. (7 points) What is the level of private savings in this economy?
 - C. (7 points) If the budget deficit rises to 70, how are private savings affected?

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