Econ 6401 – Fall 2003 Final Exam – Dr. Rupp Name_____

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- 1. (16 pts) A monopolist faces market demand curve of: P = 970 20Q and the monopolist has two plants, one in Greenville: $MC_G = 10$ and one in Wilson: $MC_W = 1 + 0.5Q_W$.
 - a) Graph the market supply curve for this monopolist.

b) Find this monopolist's profit-maximizing price and total output.

c) How much does monopolist produce at the Greenville and Wilson plants?

- 2. (20 pts) The monopolist has demand curve: P = 20 2Q and total cost: $TC = Q^2 + 2Q + 20$
 - a. Find the perfectly price discriminating quantity.

b. Find the perfectly price discriminating producer surplus. On a graph, lightly shade the producer surplus area.

- 3. (4 pts) For the demand curve: $Q = 50 \frac{1}{2} P$ and MC = Q.
 - a. Find the monopolist price and quantity.

b. Find the deadweight loss for the monopolist. Lightly shade the deadweight loss area on a graph.

- 4. For a perfectly competitive firm with demand curve: Q = 100 P and MC = 3Q.a. Find the price and quantity.

b. Lightly shade in the area of consumer surplus on a graph. How much is consumer surplus?

- 5. (8 pts) Given the market demand is: $Q^d = 18 P^d$ where Q^d is quantity demanded and the price consumers pay is P^d . The supply curve is: $Q^s = P^s 2$ where Q^s is quantity supplied and P^s is the price producers receive.
 - a. In a competitive market find equilibrium price and quantity.

b. If the government implements a \$4 excise tax, find the after-tax equilibrium P^s , P^d , and quantity.

- 6. (8 pts) Given the demand curve: P = 100 Q and MC = 10.
 - a. Find the equilibrium price and quantity in a perfectly competitive market if the government imposes a price ceiling of \$20.

b. Find the equilibrium price and quantity in a perfectly competitive market if the government imposes a price floor of \$20.

- 7. (8 pts) The paper industry consists of 10 producers, all of which have identical short-run total cost functions: $STC(Q) = Q^2 + 4Q + 20$. The market demand curve for paper is: D(P) = 106 2P.
 - a. Find the short-run market supply curve.

b. Find the equilibrium price and quantity in this industry.

- 8. (4 pts) The battery industry is perfectly competitive. Each battery maker has a long-run marginal cost curve: $MC(Q) = 20 4Q + 1.5Q^2$. The long-run average cost function is: $AC(Q) = 20 2Q + 0.5Q^2$ for each firm. The market demand for batteries is D(P) = 500 10P.
 - a. What is the long-run equilibrium price for batteries?

b. At this price, how many would an individual firm produce?

c. How many firms are in the battery market in a long-run equilibrium?

- 9. (12 pts) Determine the degree of price discrimination (1^{st} , 2^{nd} or 3^{rd} degree) in the following scenarios:
 - a. ECU students get 15% off at Scott's Cleaners.
 - b. The U.S. government auctions off the Statue of Liberty via a sealed bid process, the highest bidder wins the auction and pays the 2nd highest bid amount.
 - c. Krispy Kreme sells donuts: 1 for \$0.65, 3 for \$1 and 12 for \$2.
 - d. Carmike12 offers a daily matinee for \$5 all seats before 6pm. After 6pm the price is \$7 for adults.
 - e. The Hyatt reduces its room rate for AARP members.
- 10. The price elasticity of demand for fireworks in South Carolina is –1.50 and the price elasticity of demand for fireworks is –0.75 in North Carolina. Which state will have higher firework prices? Why?

11. A perfectly competitive firm has a short-run production function given by $Q = 10L^{0.5}$. The price of L is \$1. If the price of the final product is \$4, how much labor will the firm use?

12. For the utility function: $U(x,y) = x^{0.6}y^{0.4}$, the price of X = \$2 and the price of Y = \$1 and income = \$100. Find the optimal consumption levels of X and Y.

13. Given the demand curve: P = 100 - 2Qa. Find the choke price.

b. What is the price elasticity of demand at P = \$20?

c. Explain in words so that a non-economist can understand what the price elasticity number you calculated in (b) means.