Econ 6401 - Fall 2003
Final Exam - Dr. Rupp

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1. (16 pts) A monopolist faces market demand curve of: $\mathrm{P}=970-20 \mathrm{Q}$ and the monopolist has two plants, one in Greenville: $\mathrm{MC}_{\mathrm{G}}=10$ and one in Wilson: $\mathrm{MC}_{\mathrm{W}}=1+0.5 \mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{W}}$.
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: $P=20-2 Q$ and total cost: $T C=Q^{2}+2 Q+20$
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: $\mathrm{Q}=50-1 / 2 \mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{MC}=\mathrm{Q}$.
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: $\mathrm{Q}=100-\mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{MC}=3 \mathrm{Q}$.
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 $\mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{d}}$, and quantity.
6. (8 pts) Given the demand curve: $\mathrm{P}=100-\mathrm{Q}$ and $\mathrm{MC}=10$.
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: $S T C(Q)=Q^{2}+4 Q+20$. The market demand curve for paper is: $D(P)=106-2 P$.
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: $\mathrm{MC}(\mathrm{Q})=20-4 \mathrm{Q}+1.5 \mathrm{Q}^{2}$. The long-run average cost function is: $\mathrm{AC}(\mathrm{Q})=20-2 \mathrm{Q}+0.5 \mathrm{Q}^{2}$ for each firm. The market demand for batteries is $D(P)=500-10 \mathrm{P}$.
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 ( $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ or $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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 $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 6 pm. After 6 pm 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 $\mathrm{Q}=10 \mathrm{~L}^{0.5}$. 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: $\mathrm{P}=100-2 \mathrm{Q}$
a. Find the choke price.
b. What is the price elasticity of demand at $\mathrm{P}=\$ 20$ ?
c. Explain in words so that a non-economist can understand what the price elasticity number you calculated in (b) means.
