Econ 6401 – Fall 2003 Midterm #1 – Dr. Rupp Name_____

Pledge (sign)_____ "I have neither given nor received assistance on this exam"

- 1. (12 pts) Find the first derivative: f'(x) of the following functions:
 - a. $f(x) = 16 + 100x^2 5/x$
 - b. $f(x) = 8x^{-0.5} + 8x^{0.5}$
 - c. $f(x) = (x^3 1)(2x + 5)$

d. $f(x) = (6x - 2)/(x^2 + 1)$

- 2. (12 pts) For the function $f(x) = 100 + 20x x^2$
 - a. Find the x that maximizes the above function?

b. Prove that this x is a maximum point and not a minimum point

- 3. (12 pts) House Cleaners Inc. goal is to maximize (Q) the daily number of houses cleaned which is a function of labor (L) and capital (K). Specifically, $Q = 4K^2 2K KL + 2L^2 6L 80$
 - a. Find the first order conditions that maximizes Q

b. How much labor (L) and capital (K) will House Cleaners use to maximize Q? (Assume that House Cleaners can hire fractions of labor and capital).

4. (12 pts) Using words **and** a graph to illustrate the distinction between a "change in demand" and a "change in quantity demanded".

5. (12 pts) The price elasticity of demand for chicken is -0.65. Interpret what this number means.

6. (12 pts) Find the equilibrium price and quantity in a market with the demand and supply curves: $Q^d = 6 - \frac{1}{2} P$ $Q^s = \frac{1}{4} P$

- 7. (15 pts) Given the linear demand curve, Q = 100 5P
 - a. Derive the inverse demand curve
 - b. What is the choke price?
 - c. What is the price elasticity of demand at P = \$5?
- 8. (13 pts) Calculate the cross-price elasticity of demand of steak with respect to the price of chicken if the $P_{chicken} =$ \$4, $P_{steak} =$ \$8 and given the demand curve: $Q^{D}_{steak} = 100 10P + 6P_{chicken}$