

## YLEISEN TENTIN TENTTILOMAKE - GENERAL EXAM FORM

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| answer:   |  |

Answer to all five (5) questions. All questions are equally weighted.

- 1. Joe likes fruits and consumes apples  $x_A$  and bananas  $x_B$  and his utility function is  $U(x_A,x_B)=x_Ax_B$ . The price of apples is  $p_A=3$  and the price of bananas is  $p_B=4$ , and Joe's income to spend on fruits is 48 $\in$ .
  - a) Write down Joe's budget constraint. What is the slope of the budget line?
  - b) What does the marginal rate of substitution (MSR) measure? Calculate the marginal rate of substitution for Joe.
  - c) Solve Joe's utility maximizing affordable consumption bundle  $(x_A^*, x_B^*)$ .
  - d) What is the highest achievable level of utility  $U(x_A^*, x_B^*)$ ?
- 2. Emily is offered a possibility to make a risky investment of 10 000 $\varepsilon$ . Initial wealth is w=10 000 $\varepsilon$  and with investment she can earn 4400 $\varepsilon$  with probability  $\pi$  or lose 1900 $\varepsilon$  with probability 1- $\pi$ .

Utility function is  $U(w) = \sqrt{w}$ .

- a. Is Emily risk averse, risk neutral or risk loving? Why?
- b. If  $\pi$ =0.4 what is Emily's certainty equivalent (CE) for risky choice?
- c. Again, with  $\pi$ =0.4 what is Emily's risk premium?
- d. With  $\pi$ =0.4, is Emily going to invest her money?
- e. At what probability  $\pi$  is Emily indifferent between investing and not to invest?
- 3. Answer shortly (total max 1 page), but explain your answers:
  - a) Explain in your own words what condition "market price equals market costs" (p=mc) means. Why is it important in economics?
  - b) Firm's cost function is  $c(q) = 2q^2$ . Inverse demand is  $D^{-1}(q) = 100 q$ . What is the perfect competition equilibrium price and quantity?
  - c) What is difference between short-run and long-run? At what price would firm produce zero output in short run?
  - d) When would firm exit markets? When are the firms entering the market?

- 4. In the large beach, there is competitive markets for renting out surfboards for one day. Market demand for surfboards per one day is D(p)=350-2p and market supply is S(p)=5p
  - a. Write down the inverse demand function  $D^{-1}(q)$  and inverse supply function  $S^{-1}(q)$
  - b. Solve equilibrium quantity  $q^*$  and equilibrium price  $p^*$
  - c. What are the consumer and producer surpluses (CS, PS) and total surplus?

## Government imposes quantity tax t=7€ on sellers.

- d. Solve new market equilibrium quantity  $q^t$  and prices  $p^t$ .
- e. Calculate tax revenue and consumer and producer surpluses ( $CS^t$ ,  $PS^t$ ) after the tax.
- f. What is the deadweight loss of the tax?
- 5. There is two waste management companies, Firm A and Firm B, operating in the city area. Amount (quantity) of waste received is defined by q. Cost function for Firm A is  $c(q_A)=15q_A$  and cost function for Firm B is  $c(q_B)=q_b^2$ . Inverse demand function for waste management is  $p(q_T)=55-q_T$ , where  $q_T$  is total quantity waste received:  $(q_T=q_A+q_B)$

## Assume that firms are Cournot firms.

- a) Write down the reaction functions  $R_A(q_B)$  and  $R_B(q_A)$ .
- b) What are the Cournot-Nash equilibrium quantities  $q_A^st$  ,  $q_B^st$  and market price?
- c) What are the profits of the firms?

## Now suppose that two firms form a cartel.

- d) Write down profit function for the cartel,  $\Pi^m(q_T)$
- e) What are the quantities  $q_A$  and  $q_B$  that cartel produces and equilibrium price?
- f) What are total profits of the cartel?