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填充題 (每格 5 分, 共 20 格)

1.

Under current U.S. tax law some individuals can save up to \$2,000 a year in an Individual Retirement Account (I.R.A.), a saving vehicle that has an especially favourable tax treatment. Consider an individual at a specific point of time who has income  $Y$ , which he or she wants to spend on consumption  $C$ , I.R.A. savings  $S_1$ , or ordinary savings  $S_2$ . Suppose that the utility function is taken to be:

$$U(C, S_1, S_2) = S_1^\alpha S_2^\beta C^\gamma.$$

The budget constraint of the consumer is given by:

$$C + S_1 + S_2 = Y$$

and the limit that he or she can contribute to the I.R.A. is denoted by  $L$ .

- (a) Derive the demand functions for  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  for a consumer for whom the limit  $L$  is *not* binding  $S_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $S_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
- (b) Derive the demand functions for  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  for a consumer for whom the limit  $L$  is binding  $S_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $S_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . (i.e., His/Her saving in I.R.A is  $L$ ).

2.

Suppose there are 100 identical firms in a perfectly competitive industry. Each firm has a short-run cost curve of the form

$$C = \frac{1}{300}q^3 + 0.2q^2 + 4q + 10.$$

- (a) Calculate the firm's short-run supply curve with  $q$  as a function of market price  $P$   $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
- (b) On the assumption that there are no interaction effects among costs of the firms in the industry, calculate the short-run industry supply curve  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
- (c) (5%) Suppose market demand is given by  $Q = -200P + 8,000$ . What will be the short-run equilibrium price-quantity combination ( $P = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $Q = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ )?

3.

A monopolist can produce at constant average and marginal costs of  $AC = MC = 5$ . The firm faces a market demand curve given by  $Q = 53 - P$ .

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- (a) (10%) Calculate the profit-maximizing price-quantity combination for the monopolist ( $P^M =$  \_\_\_\_\_,  $Q^M =$  \_\_\_\_\_). Also, calculate the monopolist's profit  $\pi^M =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) What output level would be produced by this industry under perfect competition  $Q^C =$  \_\_\_\_\_? Calculate the consumer surplus obtained by the consumers  $CS^C =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) What is the value of the deadweight loss from monopolization  $DWL^M =$  \_\_\_\_\_?

4.

Suppose firms A and B operate under conditions of constant average and marginal cost, but that  $MC_A = 10$ ,  $MC_B = 8$ . The demand for the firms' output is given by

$$Q_D = 500 - 20P.$$

- (a) If the firms practice Bertrand price competition, what will be the market price under a Nash equilibrium  $P_A =$  \_\_\_\_\_,  $P_B =$  \_\_\_\_\_?
- (b) (5%) What will the profit for each firm ( $\pi_A =$  \_\_\_\_\_,  $\pi_B =$  \_\_\_\_\_)?

5.

Consider an increase in the real demand for money in country  $i$ .

- (a) Under a fixed exchange rate, what happens to the country  $i$ 's price level,  $P^i$  (rise, unaffected, fall), and the quantity of money,  $M^i$  (rise, unaffected, fall)? What happens to the country's quantity of international currency,  $H^i$  (rise, unaffected, fall) if the monetary authority does not increase its purchases of domestic interest-bearing assets?
- (b) Under a flexible exchange rate — with a fixed quantity of domestic money,  $M^i$  — What happens to the country's price level,  $P^i$  (rise, unaffected, fall), and exchange rate,  $\epsilon^i$  (appreciate, unaffected, depreciate)?