

- 1. According to Marxist theory, after the dictatorship of the proletariat and the withering away of the state have taken place, private property would
  - A. be returned to the rightful owners of the property before the revolution.
  - B. be controlled by a government elected by the workers' party.
  - C. serve as a taxable base to help the neediest in society.
  - D. provide incentives for central planners to use the property efficiently.
  - E. not exist; there would be communal ownership of property.
- 2. The theory of decreasing marginal utility (decreasing marginal value) implies that individuals will
  - A. spend less of their income on necessities as consumer incomes increase.
  - B. place the most value on the goods for which they are the lowest cost producers.
  - C. value the third hamburger they consume less than the second.
  - D. value the tenth hamburger they consume more than the ninth.
  - E. produce fewer products on the margin as more workers are hired.
- 3. According to the principle of the invisible hand,
  - A. everyone acting in his or her self interest leads to the best outcomes for society.
  - B. government must carefully guide economic activity to reach the best outcomes for society.
  - C. government policies work like an invisible handle on a safe to protect valuable resources.
  - D. producers must cooperate with each other so that low prices do not lead to negative profits.
  - E. when everyone intentionally pursues the best outcomes for society, they are guided to help the neediest people the most.
- 4. According to the Coase theorem,
  - A. government should charge value-added taxes on firms that produce public goods.
  - B. government spending should replace taxation to balance the federal budget.
  - C. coastal properties should be protected from development.
  - D. under certain conditions, semi-public goods such as libraries can be provided efficiently by the government.
  - E. under certain conditions, bargaining between private parties can solve externality problems.



- 5. "The government bailed out banks that were in financial trouble because they made risky loans to borrowers who could not repay the loans. Banks therefore had incentives to make more risky loans because they expected government bailouts if they got in financial trouble again." Which of the following best describes these statements?
  - A. adverse selection
  - B. symmetrical information
  - C. public choice
  - D. moral hazard
  - E. Herfindahl index

Directions: Use the graph below to answer questions 6, 7, and 8. The graph shows the domestic supply and demand for gadgets, a standardized product, in the small country of Econia.



- 6. If the world price for gadgets were \$4 and there were no trade restrictions, Econia would have a domestic
  - A. surplus of 100 gadgets, and would import 100 gadgets.
  - B. surplus of 100 gadgets, and would export 100 gadgets.
  - C. equilibrium of gadgets, and would neither import nor export gadgets.
  - D. shortage of 100 gadgets, and would import 100 gadgets.
  - E. shortage of 100 gadgets, and would export 100 gadgets.
- If the world price for gadgets were \$1 and there were no trade restrictions, Econia would produce \_\_\_\_\_ gadgets and foreign producers would export \_\_\_\_\_ gadgets to Econia.
  - A. 10; 90
  - B. 90; 10
  - C. 40; 90



- D. 100; 0
- E. 0; 10
- 8. If the world price for gadgets were \$1 and a per-unit tariff of \$1 was imposed on the sale of gadgets in Econia, consumers would pay a price of \_\_\_\_\_\_. The total quantity of gadgets sold would be \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the total amount of tariff collected on gadgets would be \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \$1; 100; \$100
  - B. \$1; 70; \$50
  - C. \$2; 90; \$50
  - D. \$2; 40, \$80
  - E. \$3; 70; \$70

Directions: Use the information below to answer question 9.

APC = average propensity to consume APS = average propensity to save MPC = marginal propensity to consume MPS = marginal propensity to save

- 9. Which of the following is not necessarily true?
  - A. MPC + MPS = I
  - B. APC = MPC
  - C. APC + APS = I
  - D. APC + APS = MPC + MPS
  - E. If APC is falling as income increases, MPC is less than APC
- 10. If taxpayers with a greater ability to pay are required to pay more taxes than those with less ability to pay, this is an example of what economists call
  - A. a proportional tax.
  - B. horizontal equity.
  - C. a social security tax.
  - D. vertical equity.
  - E. the benefits received principle.



Directions: The table below shows the production possibilities for Country X and Country Y. Use the information provided in this table to answer questions 11, 12, and 13.

	COUNTRY X'S PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES				
	Α	В	С	D	E
Bananas (tons)	8	6	4	2	0
Steel (tons)	0	10	20	30	40
	COUNTRY Y'S PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES				
	Α	В	С	D	E
Bananas (tons)	16	12	8	4	0
Steel (tons)	0	12	24	36	48

- 11. According to the data in the table, the opportunity cost of producing steel is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Country X and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Country Y. The opportunity cost of producing bananas is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Country X and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Country Y. (All quantities are in tons)
  - A. 1/5 banana; 1/3 banana; 5 steel; 3 steel
  - B. 1/3 banana; 5 bananas; 3 steel; 1/3 steel
  - C. 5 steel; 1/5 steel; 3 bananas; 1/3 bananas
  - D. 1/5 banana; 1/3 banana; 3 steel; 5 steel
  - E. 3 steel; 5 bananas; 1 banana; 3 steel
- 12. If both countries specialize completely according to their comparative advantage, which of the following is true? (All quantities are in tons.)
  - A. Country X will produce 8 steel and Country Y will produce 48 bananas.
  - B. Country X will produce 40 steel and Country Y will produce 16 bananas.
  - C. Country X will produce 0 steel and Country Y will produce 0 bananas.
  - D. Country X will produce 40 bananas and Country Y will produce 48 steel.
  - E. Country X will produce 4 steel and 20 bananas, and Country Y will produce 8 bananas and 24 steel.
- 13. Assuming that both countries specialize where they have the comparative advantage, which of the following are possible terms of trade between Country X and Country Y that would benefit both countries?
  - A. I ton of bananas for I ton of steel
  - B. I ton of bananas for 2 tons of steel
  - C. I ton of bananas for 6 tons of steel
  - D. I ton of bananas for 4 tons of steel
  - E. I ton of bananas for 8 tons of steel



- 14. Under a system of freely floating exchange rates, if the US has a trade deficit with China, this should cause the dollar to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Chinese renminbi (yuan) to \_\_\_\_\_\_ in foreign exchange markets.
  - A. not change; appreciate
  - B. appreciate; depreciate
  - C. depreciate; appreciate
  - D. depreciate; depreciate
  - E. depreciate; not change

Directions: Use the graph below, which shows a Lorenz curve for a certain country, to answer question 15.



15. The Gini coefficient (ratio) for this country can be computed by using the formula

- A. 100 x 100 / 50
- B. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (100 x 100)
- C. Area X + Area Y
- D. Area X + Area Y / 100<sup>2</sup>
- E. Area X / (Area X + Area Y)



## ANSWER KEY

- I. E
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. E
- 5. D
- 6. B
- 7. A
- 8. C
- 9. B
- 10. D
- II. A
- I2. B
- 13. D
- 14. C
- 15. E