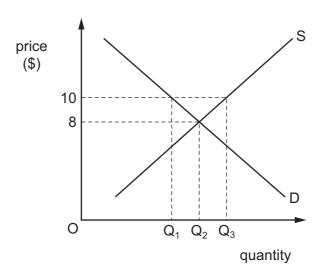
15 The diagram shows the market demand and supply curves for rice.



What would happen if a government imposed a maximum price of \$10?

- **A** The government would need to supply Q_1 to Q_3 .
- **B** The quantity sold would be Q_1 .
- **C** The quantity sold would be Q_2 .
- **D** The quantity sold would increase from Q_2 to Q_3 .
- **16** A government decides to replace a private company with its own company to collect household waste.

Why could such action be justified?

- A Because waste collection is a public good.
- **B** Costs of waste collection are bound to be lower if paid out of local taxes.
- **C** Private companies are always less efficient than government companies.
- **D** Private companies might put profits before customer needs.
- 17 Which measure would **not** be part of a government subsidy to protect domestic producers from competition?
 - A import quotas
 - **B** interest-free loans provided by the government
 - C reductions in profits (business) taxes
 - **D** transfer payments