

Q4

$$Q^d = 100 - 10P$$

$$Q^s = 10P$$

and price ceiling imposed

with $P = 3$.

(a.) initial equilibrium,

$$Q^d = Q^s$$

$$\therefore 100 - 10P = 10P$$

$$\therefore P_e = 100/20 = 5$$

and, $Q_e = 100 - 10(5)$

$$Q_e = 50$$

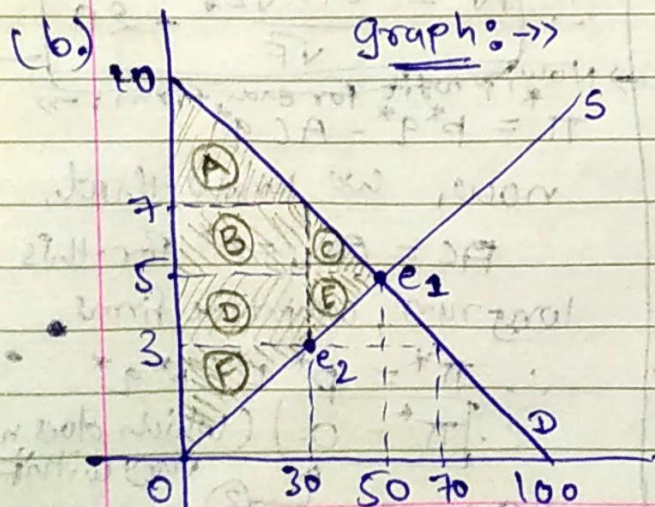
now, with price ceiling of $P = 3$,

$$Q^d = 100 - 10(3) = 70$$

$$\text{and } Q^s = 10(3) = 30$$

$$\therefore \text{Excess demand} = 70 - 30 = 40 \text{ units}$$

This shows how equilibrium changes with new $Q_{e2} = 30$ and $P_{e2} = 3$.



\rightarrow So, we have plotted our both equilibriums e_1 & e_2 in the graph.

\rightarrow now, we have to find the effect of this price ceiling on the consumer surplus (CS), producer surplus and deadweight loss, and total surplus (TS).

Previous Equilibrium e_1 :

$$CS = \text{Area (A+B+C)} = \frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 5 = 125$$

$$PS = \text{Area (D+E+F)} = \frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 5 = 125$$

$$\therefore TS = CS + PS = 125 + 125 = 250$$

$$\text{or } DWL = 0$$

New equilibrium e_2 (after Price ceiling):

$$CS = \text{Area (A+B+D)} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 30 \times 3 \right) + (4 \times 30) = 45 + 120 = 165$$

$$PS = \text{Area (F)} = \frac{1}{2} \times 30 \times 3 = 45$$

$$\therefore TS = CS + PS = 165 + 45 = 210$$

$$\text{or } DWL = \text{Area (C+E)} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 2 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 2 \right) = 20 + 20 = 40$$

changes in surpluses and DWL due to price ceiling :-

$$\Delta CS = 165 - 125 = 40$$

$$\Delta PS = 45 - 125 = (-80)$$

$$\Delta TS = 210 - 250 = (-40)$$

$$\Delta DWL = 40 - 0 = 40$$

Answer