

2011 AP[®] MICROECONOMICS FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- (f) Assume instead that regulators impose a price ceiling of \$22.
- (i) What is the marginal revenue for the eighth unit?
 - (ii) What quantity will be produced?
- (g) Assume instead that the monopolist practices perfect price discrimination (also called first-degree price discrimination).
- (i) What quantity will be produced?
 - (ii) What will be the value of the consumer surplus?
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2. Assume that the market for avocados is perfectly competitive. The typical firm is earning positive economic profit in the short-run equilibrium.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph for the typical firm, illustrating the short-run equilibrium and labeling the equilibrium market price and output P_E and Q_E , respectively.
 - (b) Assume there is an increase in the market wage rate for labor, a variable input. Show on your graph in part (a) the effect of the wage increase on the marginal cost curve in the short run.
 - (c) Assume that avocado producers hire workers from a perfectly competitive labor market. Draw a graph of labor supply and demand for the typical firm and label the supply curve MFC and the demand curve MRP. Assume the market wage rate increases from w_1 to w_2 . Show the effect of the wage increase on the graph, labeling the initial quantity of labor hired QL_1 and the new quantity of labor hired QL_2 .
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3. Assume that the market for good X is perfectly competitive and that the production of good X creates a negative externality.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the market for good X and show each of the following.
 - (i) The marginal private cost and marginal social cost of good X, labeled MPC and MSC, respectively
 - (ii) The market quantity, labeled Q_m
 - (iii) The allocatively efficient quantity, labeled Q_s
 - (iv) The area of deadweight loss, shaded completely
 - (b) Assume that a lump-sum tax is imposed on the producers of good X. What happens to the deadweight loss? Explain.

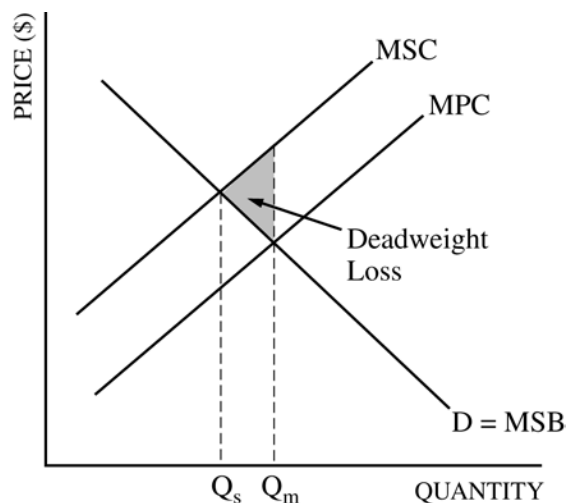
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Question 3

5 points (4 + 1)



(a) 4 points:

- One point is earned for showing a correctly labeled MSC curve above a correctly labeled MPC curve.
- One point is earned for drawing the correctly labeled graph with an upward-sloping MPC curve and a downward-sloping MSB curve and showing the private market equilibrium, Q_m .
- One point is earned for showing the allocatively efficient quantity Q_s with $Q_s < Q_m$.
- One point is earned for shading the area representing the deadweight loss.

(b) 1 point:

- One point is earned for stating that the deadweight loss does not change because marginal cost does not change.