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- PROBLEM SET 1 -

c : cost
w : wage
p : probability
q : output

1) a+b)

High effort $\rightarrow w^H = w_0 + c(e^H)$

$$w^H = 0.1 + 0.1$$

$$\boxed{w^H = 0.2}$$

Low effort $\rightarrow w^L = w_0 + c(e^L)$

$$w^L = 0.1 + 0$$

$$\boxed{w^L = 0.1}$$

Expected profits:

High effort: $H = p^H \cdot q^H + (1-p^H) \cdot q^L - w^H$

$$H = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 20 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1 - 0.2$$

$$H = 15.25 - 0.2 = 15.05 //$$

Low effort: $L = p^H \cdot q^L + (1-p^H) \cdot q^H - w^L$

$$L = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 20 - 0.1$$

$$L = 5.75 - 0.1 = 5.65 //$$

Conclusion: $15.05 > 5.65$. So, the principal will hire an agent with high effort

c) Incentive compatibility constraint:

$$H \geq L$$

$$p^H \cdot w^H + (1-p^H) \cdot w^L - c(e^H) \geq p^H \cdot w^L + (1-p^H) \cdot w^H - c(e^L)$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot w^H + \frac{1}{4} \cdot w^L - 0.1 \geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot w^L + \frac{1}{4} \cdot w^H - 0$$

$$\frac{w^H}{2} \geq \frac{w^L}{2} + 0.1 \Rightarrow \boxed{w^H - w^L = 0.2}$$

d) participation constraint:

$$p^H \cdot w^H + (1-p^H) \cdot w^L - c(e^H) \geq w_0$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot w^H + \frac{1}{4} \cdot w^L - 0.1 \geq 0.1$$

$$\frac{3}{4} w^H + \frac{1}{4} w^L \geq 0.2 \Rightarrow \boxed{3w^H + w^L = 0.8}$$

e) $w^H - w^L = 0.2$

$$+ 3w^H + w^L = 0.8$$

$$4w^H = 1$$

$$\rightarrow w^H = 0.25 //$$

$$\rightarrow w^L = 0.05 //$$

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2) a)

$$\text{Firm 1: } \pi_1 = (200 - 2(q_1 + q_2))q_1 - 8q_1$$

$$\pi_1 = 192q_1 - 2q_1^2 - 2q_1q_2$$

$$\max(\pi_1) = 192 - 4q_1 - 2q_2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{96 - 2q_1 - q_2 = 0}$$

$$\text{Firm 2: } \pi_2 = (200 - 2(q_1 + q_2))q_2 - 10q_2$$

$$\pi_2 = 190q_2 - 2q_1q_2 - 2q_2^2$$

$$\max(\pi_2) = 190 - 2q_1 - 4q_2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{95 - q_1 - 2q_2 = 0}$$

b)

$$96 - 2q_1 - q_2 = 0 \quad \text{substitute}$$
$$95 - q_1 - 2q_2 = 0 \Rightarrow q_1 = 95 - 2q_2$$

$$96 - 2(95 - 2q_2) - q_2 = 0$$

$$96 - 190 + 4q_2 - q_2 = 0$$

$$3q_2 = 94$$

$$q_2 = 31.\bar{3} \quad \wedge \quad q_1 = 32.\bar{3} \quad \rightarrow$$

In fact, they should be integers!

$$\text{market price at the equilibrium} \Rightarrow P = 200 - 2(31.\bar{3} + 32.\bar{3}) = 72.\bar{6}$$

c) Price will be lower and quantities will be higher because there will be more competition.

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3)

		player 2		
		L	M	R
player 1	A	6, 9	-5, 0	0, 0
	B	9, -3	5, 1	0, 0
	C	0, -4	0, 0	1, 5

a) There is no dominated strategy for player 2. Because:

if player 1 plays A : player 2 will play L

if " " B : " " M

if " " C : " " C

A is dominated strategy for player 1. Because:

if player 2 plays L : player 1 will play B

if " " M : " " B } player 1 will never play A. → we delete row A.

if " " R : " " C

b)

	L	M	R
A	6, 9	-5, 0	0, 0
B	9, -3	5, 1	0, 0
C	0, -4	0, 0	1, 5

Pure NE = { (B, M), (C, R) }

		L	M	R	player 1
		x	y	$1-x-y$	
P	A	6, 9	-5, 0	0, 0	$6x - 5y$
	B	9, -3	5, 1	0, 0	$-3x + y$
	C	0, -4	0, 0	1, 5	$-4x + 5(1-x-y)$
					$-9x - 5y + 5$

$1-p-q$
 $9p - 3q - 4(1-p-q)$
 9
 $5(1-p-q)$

$L = M$
 $9p - 3q - 4 + 4p + 4q = 9$
 $13p + q - 4 = 9$
 $\boxed{p = \frac{4}{13}}$

$M = R$
 $q = 5 - 5p - 5q$
 $6q = 5 - 5p$
 $6q = 5 - \frac{20}{13}$
 $\boxed{q = \frac{15}{26}}$

$L = R$
 $13p + q - 4 = 5 - 5p - 5q$
 $18p + 6q = 9$
 $18 \cdot \frac{4}{13} + 6 \cdot \frac{15}{26} = 9$ ✓ it satisfied.

$A = B$
 $6x - 5y = -3x + y$
 $9x = 6y$
 $3x = 2y$
 $A = C$
 $6x - 5y = -9x - 5y + 5$
 $15x = 5$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$B = C$
 $-3x + y = 5 - 9x - 5y$
 $6x + 6y = 5$
 $6x + 9x = 5$
 $15x = 5$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$
 $y = \frac{1}{2}$

satisfied

Conclusion: There is a mixed strategy with

$p = \frac{4}{13}$ $q = \frac{15}{26}$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$ $y = \frac{1}{2}$