

LECON2112 Advanced Microeconomics II

– Assignment 9 –

(SOLUTIONS)

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Exercises¹

11Ba. We have two agents (1 and 2). We also have two goods, one private good in which both have an endowment (w_1 and w_2 respectively) and pollution. Their utility functions are $u_1 = x_1 + -(h - 5)^2$ and $u_2 = x_2 - h$ where x is the amount of the private good they enjoy and h the amount of pollution they experience. 1 is the one choosing the level of h .

- (a) What will happen if only the private good is transferable from one agent to the other?
Is it Pareto efficient?

SOLUTION. See solutions from class.

¹Inspired by Mas-Colell, Whinston, & Green, 1995. "Microeconomic Theory," Oxford University Press.