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**I. Multiple choice questions** (4 point for each question, total is 40 points)

1. Economic profit is defined as the difference between revenue and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. explicit cost
  - B. total economic cost
  - C. implicit cost
  - D. shareholder wealth
  - E. none of the above
  
2. Which of the following statements concerning the price elasticity of demand is (are) true?
  - A. The greater the number of substitute goods, the more price elastic the demand for the product.
  - B. The demand for durable goods tends to be more price elastic than the demand for nondurables.
  - C. The demand for relatively low-priced goods tends to be more price elastic than the demand for expensive items.
  - D. a and b only
  - E. a, b, and c
  
3. In an open economy with few capital restrictions and substantial import-export trade, a rise in interest rates and a decline in the producer price index of inflation will
  - A. raise the value of the currency
  - B. lower the nominal interest rate
  - C. increase the volume of trading in the foreign exchange market
  - D. lower the trade-weighted exchange rate
  - E. increase consumer inflation.
  
4. The law of diminishing marginal returns:
  - A. states that each and every increase in the amount of the variable factor employed in the production process will yield diminishing marginal returns
  - B. is a mathematical theorem that can be logically proved or disproved
  - C. is the rate at which one input may be substituted for another input in the production process
  - D. none of the above
  
5. The isoquants for inputs that are perfect substitutes for one another consist of a series of:
  - A. right angles
  - B. parallel lines
  - C. concentric circles
  - D. right triangles
  - E. none of the above

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6. Given a Cobb-Douglas production function estimate of  $Q = 1.19L^{.72}K^{.18}$  for a given industry, this industry would have:
- increasing returns to scale
  - constant returns to scale
  - decreasing returns to scale
  - negative returns to scale
  - none of the above
7. For a short-run cost function which of the following statements is (are) not true?
- The average fixed cost function is monotonically decreasing.
  - The marginal cost function intersects the average fixed cost function where the average variable cost function is a minimum.
  - The marginal cost function intersects the average variable cost function where the average variable cost function is a minimum.
  - The marginal cost function intersects the average total cost function where the average total cost function is a minimum.
  - b and c
8. Which of the following statements concerning the long-run average cost curve of economic theory is (are) not true?
- it is L-shaped
  - it consists of the lower boundary of all the (infinitely many) short-run curves
  - the long-run average cost of producing any given level of output, in general, occurs at the point where short-run average costs are minimized
  - a and b
  - a and c
9. At the long-run profit maximizing level of output under pure competition, equilibrium will be achieved at a point where price equals:
- marginal revenue
  - marginal cost
  - average cost
  - a and b only
  - a, b, and c
10. Charging lower rates to large users for successive blocks of output is an example of:
- first-degree price discrimination
  - second-degree price discrimination
  - third-degree price discrimination
  - inverted block pricing
  - none of the above

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II. Problem (60 points)

1. Characterize each of the following statement as **true** or **false**. Justify your response.

(No explanation, no points. 7 points for each, total is 28 points.)

- (a) Effective oligopolistic collusion is more likely to occur when customer orders are large and received infrequently at irregular intervals as compared with small orders, frequent, and received on a regular basis.
- (b) The demand for many products tends to become more price elastic in the long run than in the short run.
- (c) A natural monopoly exists if average cost falls as output expands.
- (d) Linear isoquants describe production systems when inputs are perfect complements

2. Firm A manufactures a variety of toys selling for NT \$100 each. Sales have averaged 10,000 units per month during the last year. Recently Firm A's closest competitor, Firm B, cuts its prices on similar toys from NT \$115 to \$85. Firm A noticed that its sales declined to 8,000 units per month after the price cut.

- (a) What is the arc cross elasticity of demand between Firm A's and Firm B's toys? (8 points)
- (b) If Firm A knows the arc price elasticity of demand for its toys is -2, what price would they have to charge in order to obtain the same level of sales as before Firm B's price cut? (8 points)

3. B&B is a typical firm in the perfectly competitive plastic shoe industry. If the marginal cost of output is described by the relation:

$$MC = 250 + 0.05Q$$

Where  $Q$  is pairs of shoes per year.

- (a) Derive the firm's supply curve, expressing quantity as a function of price. (6 points)
- (b) Calculate the industry supply per year at a market price of \$300, given B&B is one of 400 competitors. (10 points)