

**Part I: Multiple Choice Questions:**

Question	Answer
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	A
5	A
6	C
7	D
8	C
9	D
10	C
11	D
12	B
13	B
14	A
15	B
16	C
17	D
18	B
19	B
20	C

**Part II:**

**I answered questions: 1. Demand side, 2. Supply in a competitive market (Short run)**

1. Demand side

a)

$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$Y = 400$$

$$P_O = 25$$

$$P_W = 25$$

I will be using O on the X – axis and W on the Y – axis

To find Eve's marginal utility of wine I differentiate the utility with respect to W

$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$MU_W = 20$$

Eve's marginal utility of wine is  $MU_W = 20$

Assuming the amount of oumph doubled, then the marginal utility of wine would double as well, as seen by the made up numbers below:

Assuming  $O = 10$

$$MU_W(O = 10) = 2 * 10 = 20$$

Assuming  $O = 20$

$$MU_W(O = 20) = 2 * 20 = 40$$

If the amount of wine were to double, it would not have an effect on marginal utility of wine

b)

$$\text{Max } \mathcal{L} = 2OW + \lambda(400 - 25O - 25W)$$

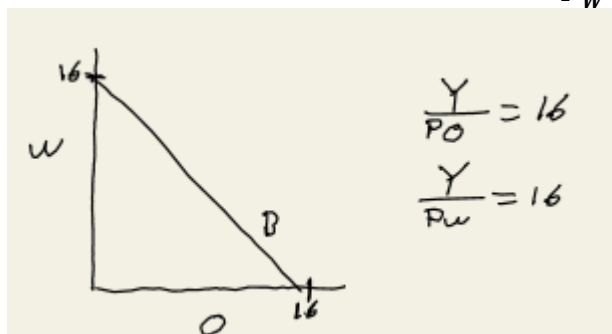
$$(i) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial O} = 2W - 25\lambda = 0$$

$$(ii) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W} = 2O - 25\lambda = 0$$

$$(iii) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 400 - 25O - 25W = 0$$

c)

$$MRT = -\frac{P_O}{P_W} = -\frac{25}{25} = -1$$



Finding intercepts by dividing income by price of the good on that axis.

d)

$$MRS = -\frac{MU_O}{MU_W} = -\frac{2W}{20} = -\frac{W}{10}$$

$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$MU_O = 2W$$

$$MU_W = 2O$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 MRT &= MRS \\
 -1 &= -\frac{W}{O} \\
 1 &= \frac{W}{O} \\
 \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{W}
 \end{aligned}$$

Insert the found relationship into the budget constraint to isolate for either O or W

$$\begin{aligned}
 400 - 25O - 25W & \\
 400 &= 25O + 25W \\
 400 &= 50O \\
 \frac{400}{50} &= O \\
 \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{8} \\
 O &= W \\
 \mathbf{W} &= \mathbf{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

e)

To find out which place is preferable we need to compare them, therefore, we find the optimal bundle in each town and compare Eve's utility in each town.

Town a:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(O, W) &= 2OW \\
 \text{Budget constraint} &= 600 - 25O - 25W = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 MRS &= -\frac{MU_O}{MU_W} = -\frac{2W}{2O} = -\frac{W}{O} \\
 MRT &= -\frac{25}{25} = -\frac{1}{2} \\
 MRT &= MRS \\
 -1 &= -\frac{W}{O} \\
 O &= W
 \end{aligned}$$

*Insert into new budget constraint to find optimal bundle*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Budget constraint} &= 600 - 25O - 25W = 0 \\
 600 &= 25O + 25W \\
 600 &= 50O \\
 \frac{600}{50} &= O \\
 \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{12} \\
 O &= W \\
 \mathbf{W} &= \mathbf{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Plug optimal bundle into utility function to calculate utility at that bundle*

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$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$U(12,12) = 2 * 12 * 12 = 288$$

***Eve's utility if she were to live in town A would be 288***

We not repeat the process for town b

Town b:

$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$\text{Budget constraint} = 400 - 20O - 13W = 0$$

$$MRS = -\frac{MU_O}{MU_W} = -\frac{2W}{2O} = -\frac{W}{O}$$

$$MRT = -\frac{p_o}{p_w} = -\frac{20}{13} = -1.5385$$

$$MRT = MRS$$

$$-1.5385 = -\frac{W}{O}$$

$$1.5385 = \frac{W}{O}$$

$$1.5385O = W$$

*Insert into budget constraint to find optimal bundle*

$$\text{Budget constraint} = 400 - 20O - 13W = 0$$

$$400 = 20O + 13W$$

$$400 = 20O + 13 * 1.5385O$$

$$400 = 40O$$

$$\mathbf{O = 10}$$

$$W = 1.5385O$$

$$10 * 1.5385 = W$$

$$\mathbf{W = 15.385}$$

*Plug optimal bundle into utility function to calculate utility at that bundle*

$$U(O, W) = 2OW$$

$$U(10,15.385) = 2 * 10 * 15.385 = 307.7$$

***Eve's utility if she were to live in town B would be 307.7***

***Eve would therefore move to town B, as she gets more utility from her optimal bundle in town B than in town A***

## 2. Supply side in a competitive market (Short run)

a)

A competitive firm will operate in the short run, if price exceeds AVC.

$$VC = 0.1q^2 + 5q$$

$$AVC = 0.1q + 5$$

$$MC = 0.2q + 5$$

*Set equal to find minimum price necessary to produce*

$$0.1q + 5 = 0.2q + 5$$

$$q + 50 = 2q + 50$$

$$0 = q$$

Plug into AVC

$$AVC = 0.1q + 5$$

$$AVC = 0.1 * 0 + 5$$

**Rosa will participate if  $p > 5$**

b)

In the short run a firm's supply function = MC

$$MC = 0.2q + 5$$

$$P - 5 = 0.2q$$

$$0.2q = P - 5$$

$$q_s = -25 + 5P$$

*Multiply  $q_s$  with 20 to find market supply*

$$Q_s = -500 + 100P$$

c)

$$Q_D = 900 - 100P$$

*Set equal to  $Q_s$  to find market equilibrium*

$$-500 + 100P = 900 - 100P$$

$$200P = 1400$$

$$P = 7$$

*Set  $P$  into either  $Q_D$  or  $Q_s$  to find  $Q$*

$$Q_s = -500 + 100P$$

$$Q_s = -500 + 100 * 7$$

$$Q_s = 200$$

d)

*Since there are 20 firms in the market we divide  $Q_s$  by 20 to find  $q_s$*

$$Q_s = 200$$

$$\frac{200}{20} = 10$$

$$q = 10$$

*Rosa's optimal production will be 10 given a market price of 7*

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

$$TR = q * P$$

$$TR = 10 * 7 = 70$$

$$TC = 0.1q^2 + 5q + 250$$

$$TC = 0.1 * 10^2 + 5 * 10 + 250$$

$$TC = 10 + 50 + 250 = 310$$

$$\pi = 70 - 310 = -240$$

*Therefore, Rosa would make a loss of 240.*

*To see whether Rosa would participate in the market, we remove fixed costs as they aren't avoidable in the short run. Therefore, we plug  $q = 10$  into our AVC to*

*see whether the AVC is above P. If  $P > AVC$  then Rosa lowers her loss by producing.*

$$P = 7$$

$$AVC = 0.1q + 5$$

$$AVC(q = 10) = 0.1 * 10 + 5$$

$$AVC(q = 10) = 6$$

$$\text{Short-run profit per unit} = P - AVC$$

$$\text{Short-run profit per unit} = 7 - 6 = 1$$

**Rosa would therefore produce at  $q = 10, P$**

**$= 7$ , as she lowers her loss by 1 per unit she sells**

*Assuming  $q = 0$*

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

$$TR = 0$$

$$TC = 0.1q^2 + 5q + 250$$

$$TC = 250$$

$$\pi = 0 - 250 = -250$$

***Her short run loss would therefore be 10 less when she produces than if she were not to produce***

*e)*

$$P = 25$$

*Plug 25 into Rosa's supply function to find  $q$*

$$q_S = -25 + 5P$$

$$q_S = -25 + 5 * 25$$

$$q_S = 100$$

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

$$TR = q * P$$

$$TR = 100 * 25$$

$$TR = 2500$$

$$TC = 0.1q^2 + 5q + 250$$

$$TC = 0.1 * 100^2 + 5 * 100 + 250$$

$$TC = 1000 + 500 + 250$$

$$TC = 1750$$

$$\pi = 2500 - 1750 = 750$$

$$\pi = 750$$

*In the long run, there are no profits to be made in perfect competition. As we have just calculated, there is profit to be made in the short run. Therefore, we can expect the price to fall until the firms make no profits.*