

Economics Exam Questions List

1. When the price of a product increases, a consumer's real income decreases, causing the consumer to decrease the quantity of the product demanded. This is known as:

- the substitution effect
- the income effect (Answer)
- income elasticity
- cross-price elasticity

2. A profit-maximizing firm will shut down in the short run if

- marginal cost is greater than average total cost
- marginal cost is equal to average total cost
- price is less than average total cost
- price is less than average variable cost (Answer)

3. Which of the following is true of the marginal factor cost for a firm hiring labor in a perfectly competitive labor market?

- It is constant and equal to the market wage rate. (Answer)
- It is greater than the market wage rate.
- It is less than the market wage rate.
- It increases as the number of workers hired increases.

4. When individuals increase their personal wealth through production and exchange, they:

- Reduce the wealth of others.
- Must rely heavily on government intervention and regulation.
- Increase the wealth of others. (Answer)
- Must be selfish and greedy.

5. Antitrust laws are designed mainly to

- protect businesses from unfair foreign competition
- facilitate mergers of firms to increase efficiency
- regulate prices charged by natural monopolies
- promote a competitive market environment (Answer)

6. Who gains in a voluntary trade?

- The buyer only.
- The seller only.
- Both the buyer and the seller. (Answer)
- Both the buyer and the seller, but the seller usually gains more.