

**Question 1**



1. Suppose prices are  $p_1 = 1$ ,  $p_2 = 2$  and that income is  $I = 30$ . Then the optimal consumption is  $x_1 = 30, x_2 = 0$ . 5 points
2. Suppose that (12, 4) is the optimal consumption. Then the budget line must have the same slope as the indifference curve, i.e.,  $p_1/p_2 = 2/3$ . Since  $p_1 = 6$ ,  $p_2 = 9$ .  $p_2 = 9, I = 108$ . 5 points
3. Suppose that (10, 0) is the optimal consumption and that  $p_1 = 12$ . Then  $p_1/p_2 \leq 2/3$ . Thus,  $p_2 \leq 18$ . 5 points

**Question 2** A demand function is given by  $Q_D(P) = 100 - 2P$ . Then the price elasticity of demand is given by

$$\epsilon_D^P = \frac{-2P}{100-2P} . \quad \text{5 points}$$

$\frac{-2P}{100-2P} = -1$  implies  $2P = 100 - 2P$ , i.e.,  $P = 25$ . **Revenue is maximized at price  $P = 25$ .**

At this price, demand is  **$Q = 50$**  and **revenue is 1,250**. 5 points

**Question 3** At equilibrium  $140 - 0.2P = 50 + 0.1P$ . Thus, the equilibrium wage is given

by  $P = 300$ .

4 points

Now,  $140 - 0.2P = 100 + 0.2P$ . Thus, the new equilibrium wage is  $P = 100$ .

4 points

Restriction on immigration will result in a higher wage for unskilled workers. Thus, unions representing such workers may favor such restrictions.

At  $P = 200$ , demand is 100. Supply is 140. Thus, the excess demand for labor is

$40\%$  of the total demand of labor.

4 points

**Question 4** Suppose that demand is linear. At a price of  $P = 10$  demand is  $Q = 30$  and the demand elasticity at  $-2$ . Thus,  $-2 = \frac{-bP}{Q} = \frac{-10b}{30}$ . Thus,  $b = 6$ . Therefore, demand is  $Q = a - 6P$ . Thus,  $30 = a - 60$ , i.e.,  $a = 90$ .

Then demand is given by

$Q_D(P) = 90 - 6P$ .

6 points

Thus,  $\epsilon = \frac{-6P}{90-6P}$ . Therefore

if the price is  $P = 5$  the demand elasticity is  $-0.5$ .

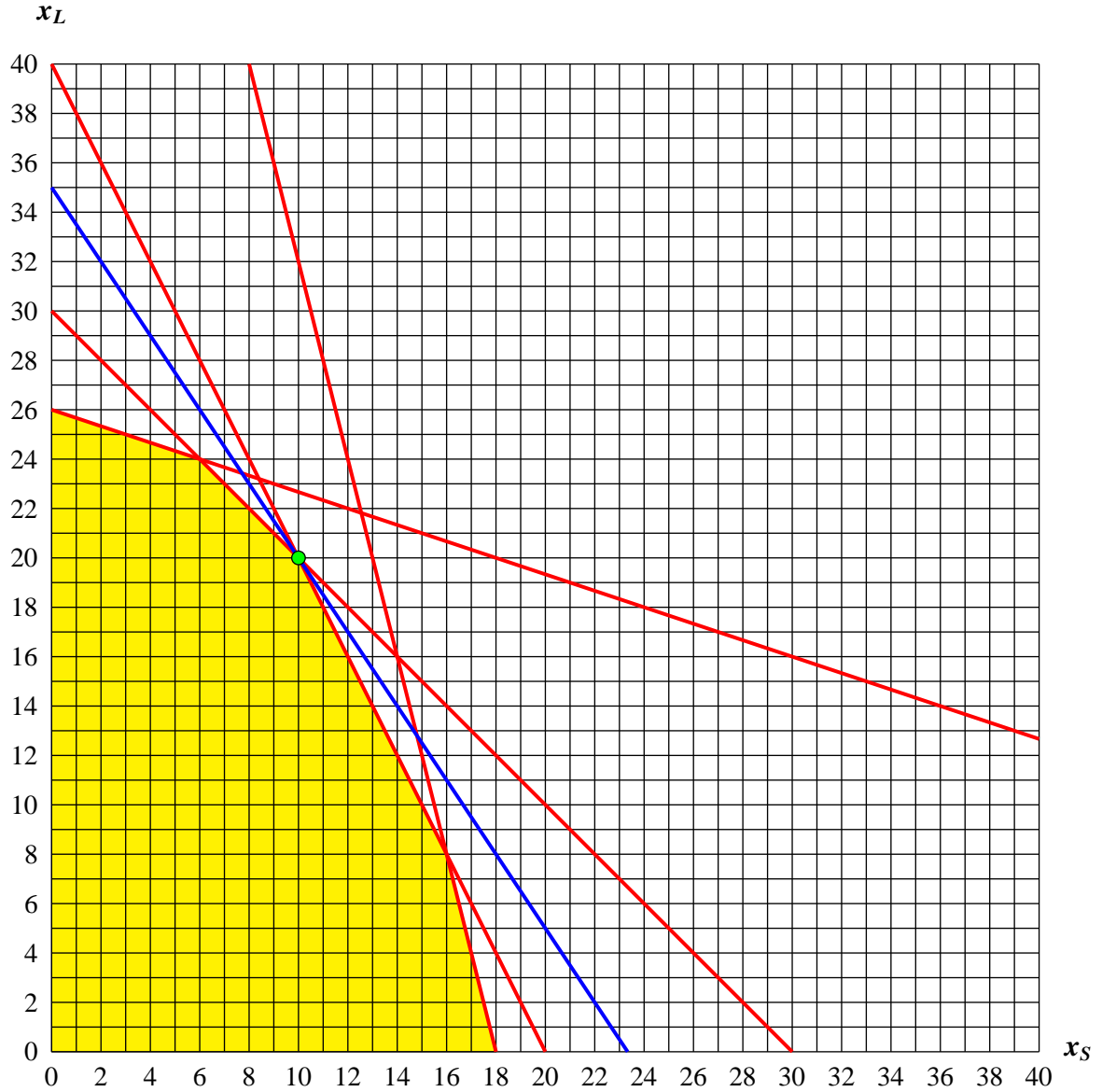
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**Question 5**

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At an optimum  $x_1 = 10, x_2 = 20$

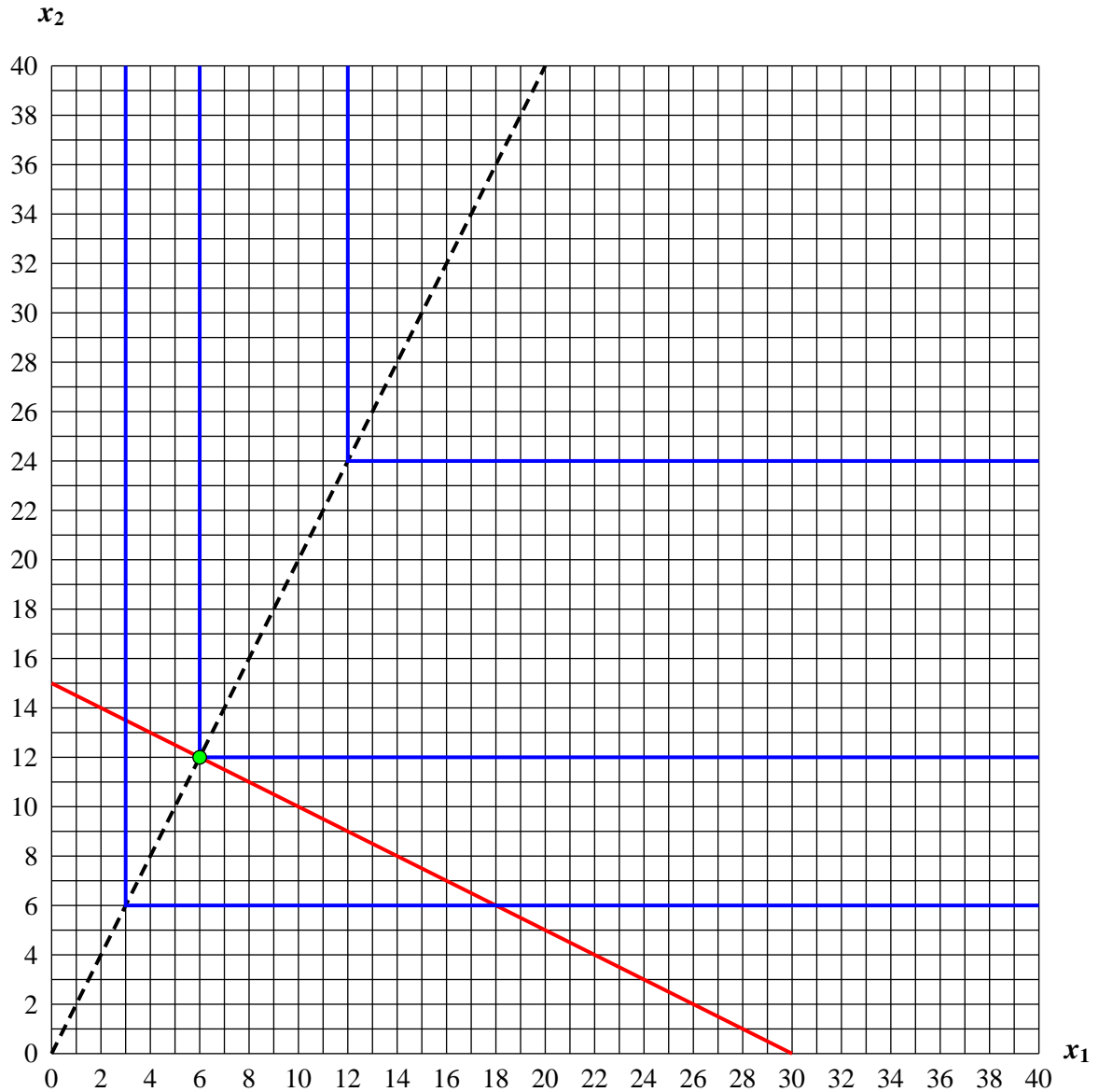
The maximum revenue is 70



Question 6

**At the optimal choice,  $x_1 = 6, x_2 = 12$**

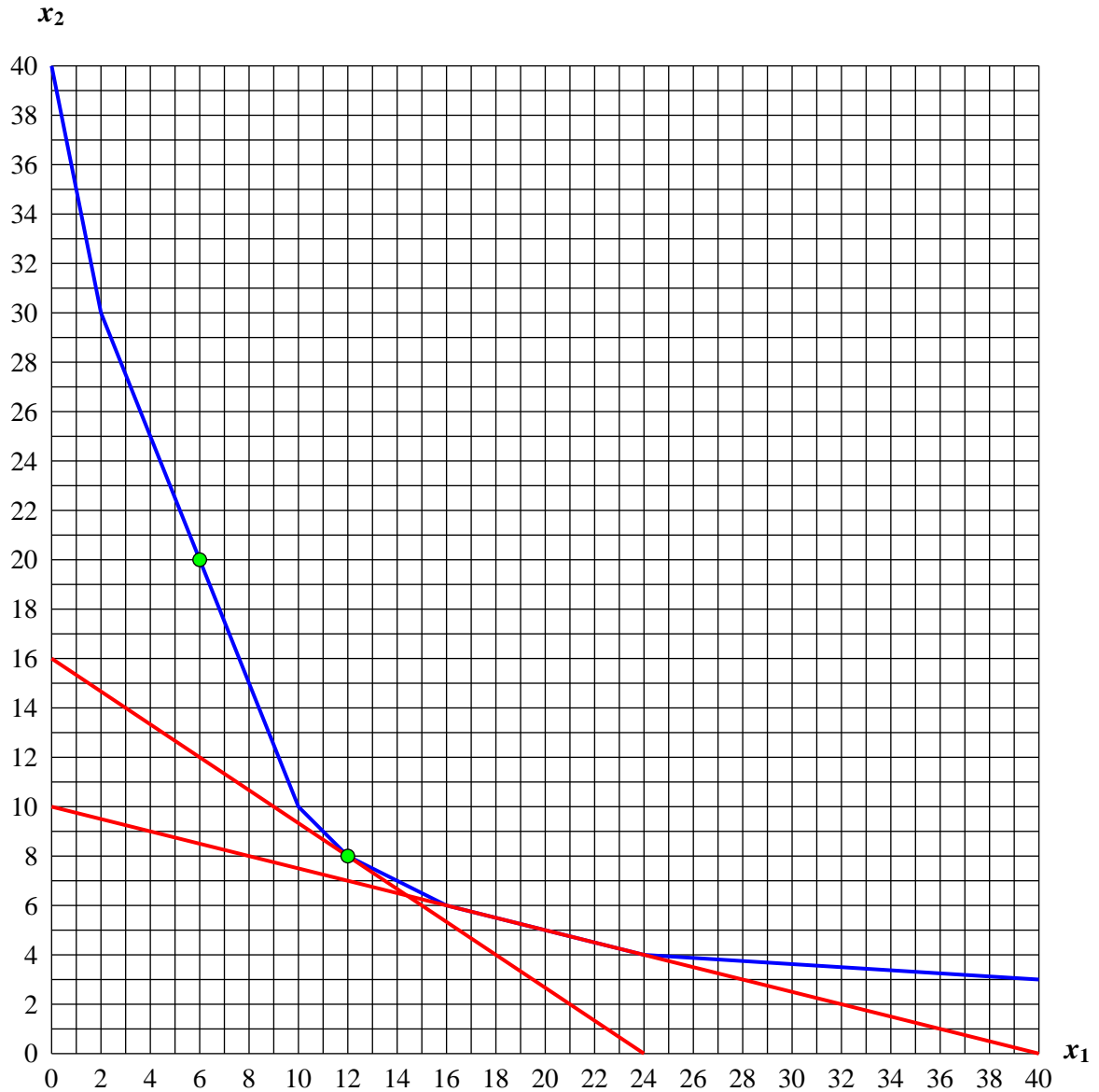
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**Question 7**

(a) The least costly consumption bundle that gives the same utility as (6, 20) at price  $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3$  is  $x_1 = 12, x_2 = 8$  5 points

(b) At prices  $p_1 = 1, p_2 = 4$  how much money does the person need to get the same utility ase (6, 20)  $I = 40$  5 points



**Question 8** In equilibrium  $100 - 2P = 10 + P$ , i.e.,  $P = 30$ .

If the government pays a subsidy of 6 Dollars per unit produced to suppliers, then supply is  $Q_S(P + 6) = 10 + (P + 6) = 16 + P$ . Thus,  $16 + P = 100 - 2P$ , i.e.,  $P = 28$

**The equilibrium price before the subsidy is  $P = 30$**

**The equilibrium price after the subsidy is  $P = 28$**

Firms supply  $16 + 28 = 44$  units. Thus,

**The government's total subsidy payment is 264**

*10 points*