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All questions must be answered on this test form! The answers in the boxes count. For each question you must show your work and (or) provide a clear argument. All graphs must be accurate to get credit. If you need scratch paper use the last page or the back of the form.

Question 1 If Amy spends her entire allowance, she could afford 15 sodas and 2 books. She could also just afford 5 sodas and 6 books.

(a) Draw her budget line the box below.

books

5 points







Fill in the blanks only!

5 points



Question 2 A person's indifference curves are depicted below:

Note: To get credit you must graph the budget lines in above grid.

Question 3 George's utility function for apples and bananas is

$$u(x_A, x_B) = (x_A^{-1} + x_B^{-1})^{-1},$$

where x_A denote bushels of apples and x_B bushels of bananas. The MRS is therefore MRS = x_B^2/x_A^2 . Suppose that a bushel of apples costs $p_A = 4$, and a bushel of bananas $p_B = 1$. George's income is m = 180. 15 points

the equation of the income offer curve is

His optimal consumption choice is

 $x_A = , x_B = .$

Question 4 George's friend Mr. Yellowhat eats solely steak and eggs. He has perfect substitutes preferences. He is always willing to give up two steaks in exchange for 12 eggs eggs. He currently consumes 20 steaks and 2 eggs. The price of an egg is 50cents.

10 points

Note: There is enough information to solve this question.

Then Mr. Yellowhat's income is I =

Question 5 Mary only consumes pizza (graphed below on the horizontal axis) and soda (graphed on the vertical axis). If Mary has more pizza than soda, she is is always willing to acquire another pizza for 1/4 of a soda. If she has more soda than pizza, she is willing to acquire an additional pizza as long as she does not need to give up more than 3 sodas.

Draw Mary's indifference curve through the point (0, 12).

10 points

soda

Question 6 (a) Henry only consumes chocolate and ice cream. His utility function is given by $u(x_C, x_I) = \min\{x_C, x_I\}$, where x_C the quantity of chocolate cream and x_I the quantity of ice cream consumed. Suppose price are $p_C = 2$ and $p_I = 3$. His income is m = 15. Then his optimal consumption consists of 7 points

(b) Henry's brother Joe is also a chocolate and ice cream only consumer. However, his utility function is $u(x_C, x_I) = \max\{x_C, x_I\}$. Then his optimal consumption consists of

	units of choc	olate, and	units of ice cream.	
tion consists of				7 points

- **Question 7** Charlie's preferences over long distance calls, t (measured in hours), and consumption of other goods, x (measured in money available for consumption) is given by $u(t, x) = 20\sqrt{t} + x$. Charlie's income is m.
 - (a) Suppose that the phone company charges a price of 2 Dollars per hour of calls. Then

(b) Suppose that the phone company offers a "calling plan." For a fixed fee of 10 Dollars, the hourly cost of a long distance call is only 1 Dollar. If Charlie signs up for this plan then

7 points

the optimal t =

He spends

Dollars on long distance calls.

(c) Let income be m = 200. Then

Question 8 A utility function is given by $u(x_1, x_2) = \min\{2x_2, x_1 + x_2\}$. Graph the indifference curve through (0, 10).

Note: This is utility function is very similar to that we graphed in Lecture 4. It doesnot describe perfect complements preferences.10 points

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