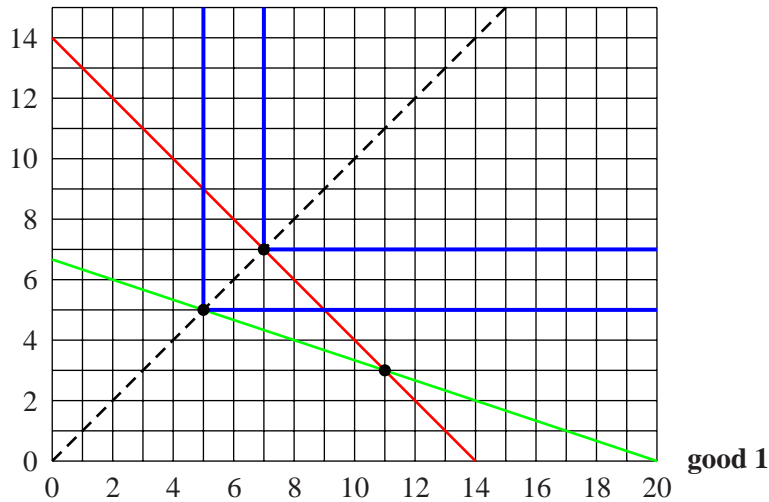


**Question 1** Because good 2 is less expensive,  $x_1 = 0$ . The value of his endowment is  $36 + 10 = 46$ . Because  $p_2 = 1$ ,

**He consumes 46 units of good 2**

**Question 2**  $e = (11, 3)$ .

good 2



**Question 3** Note that  $MRS = -\frac{3x_2}{x_1} = -\frac{p_2}{p_1} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . therefore,  $6x_2 = x_1$ . Since  $x_1 = 5$ ,

**Mary's endowment of good 2 is 5**

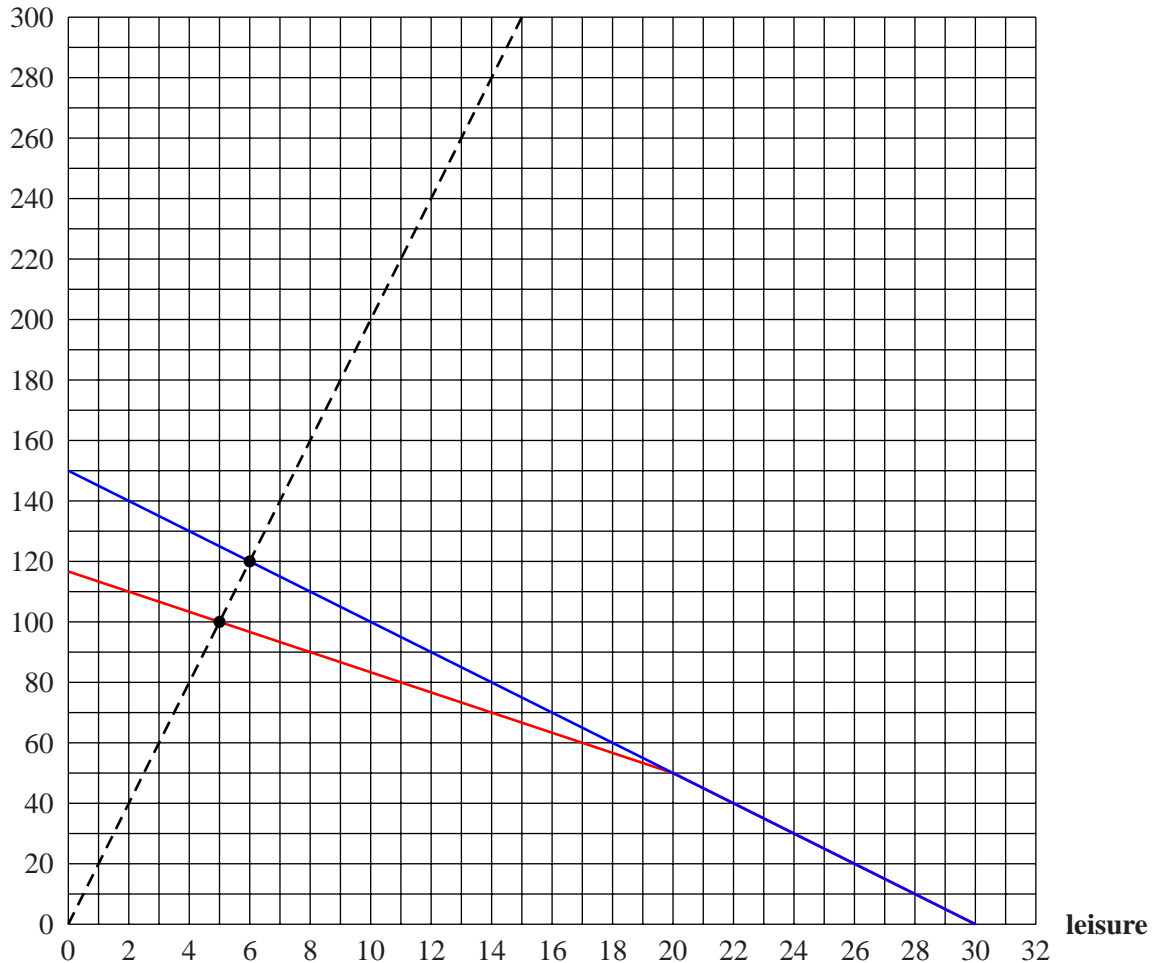
**Question 4**  $-\frac{c^2}{R^2} = -25$  implies  $\frac{c}{R} = 5$ . Therefore,  $c = 5R$ . His budget line equation is  $25R + c = 1,500 + 120$ . Therefore,  $R = 54$ .

**Joe will work 6 hours per week.**

**Question 5** **Alice will work 25 hours per week.**

**If the tax is eliminated then Alice will work 24 hours per week.**

consumption



### Question 6

- (a) At the optimal choice  $-\frac{x_2}{0.9x_1} = -(1+r) = -1.1$ , which implies  $x_2 = 0.99x_1$ .  
The budget line equation is  $1.1x_1 + x_2 = 22,000 + 44,880 = 66,880$ .  
Therefore,

**George will spend \$32,000 this year.**

- (b) At the optimal choice  $-\frac{x_2}{0.9x_1} = -(1+r) = -1.2$ , which implies  $x_2 = 1.08x_1$ .  
The budget line equation is  $1.2x_1 + x_2 = 26,400 + 46,104 = 72,504$ .  
Therefore,  $x_1 = 31,800$ .

**George will spend \$31,800 this year.**

10 points

**Question 7**  $c_g = 1.4y + (450 - y)0.9 = 0.5y + 405$  and  $c_b = 0.8y + (450 - y)1.1 = 495 - 0.3y$ . Eliminating  $y$ , these equations can be combined to the budget line equation  $3c_g + 5c_b = 3,690$ . Expected utility is given by

$u(c_g, c_b) = (1/3) \ln(c_g) + (2/3) \ln(c_b)$ . Therefore,  $MRS = -\frac{c_b}{2c_g}$ . At the optimal choice,  $-\frac{c_b}{2c_g} = -\frac{3}{5}$ . Therefore,  $5c_b = 6c_g$ . This, and the budget line equation yields,  $c_g = 410$  and  $c_b = 492$ . Using  $c_g = 0.5y + 405$  or  $c_b = 495 - 0.3y$  we can now determine  $y$ . Therefore,

**Susan will invest \$10 in fund A.**

**Susan will invest \$440 in fund B.**

**Question 8** Nick's expected utility is  $0.3(-1) + 0.1(-0.1) + 0.6(-10)$ . Therefore,

**Nick's expected utility from playing the lottery is -6.31**

The maximum he should pay is the certainty equivalent, i.e., we must find the value  $x$  at which  $-\frac{100}{x} = -6.31$ . Thus,  $6.31x = 100$ , which implies

**Nick should pay at most \$15.85 to play the lottery.**

**Question 9** We must have  $\sqrt{6,400} = (3/4)\sqrt{400} + (1/4)\sqrt{6,400 + y}$ . Therefore,  $80 =$

$15 + \sqrt{6,400 + y}/4$ . Therefore  **$y = 61,200$**