## Question 1

(a) 
$$h(p, v(p, w)) = x(p, w)$$
  
(b)  $ph(p, v(p, w)) = w$   
(c)  $px(p, e(p, u)) = e(p, u)$ 

Question 2 Note that  $x_i(p, w) = h_i(p, v(p, w))$ . Thus,  $x_1(p_1, p_2, w) = \frac{p_2^2}{p_1^2}$ . We can use Walras' law to determine the demand of good 2. In particular,  $p_1 \frac{p_2^2}{p_1^2} + p_2 x_2 = w$ . Thus,  $p_2 x_2 = w - \frac{p_2^2}{p_1}$ , which implies  $x_1(p, w) = \frac{p_2^2}{p_1^2}, x_2(p, w) = \frac{w}{p_2} - \frac{p_2}{p_1}$ 

**Question 3** *Proof:* Let x = x(p, w) and x' = x(p', w'). Then

$$x = (w/2.w/2)$$
, and  $x' = (w'/2, w'/4)$ 

Thus, p'x = 3w/2 and px' = 3w'/4. If  $p'x \le w'$  then  $w' \ge 3w/2$ . Thus, 3w'/4 > 9w/8 > w.

Next, suppose that  $px' \le w$ . Then  $3w'/4 \le w$ . Then  $p'x = 3w/2 \ge 9w/8 > w$ .

Question 4 Note that w = px = 36 and  $w' = p'x' = 4 + x'_2$ . If  $px' \le w$  then  $16 + 2x'_2 \le 36$ (i.e.,  $x'_2 \le 10$ ). But then p'x > w', i.e.,  $13 > 4 + x'_2$ , i.e.,  $x'_2 < 9$ . If, instead,  $p'x \le w'$ , i.e.,  $13 \le 4 + x'_2$  implying  $x_2 \ge 9$ , then px' > w, i.e.,  $16 + 2x'_2 > 36$ , i.e.,  $x'_2 > 10$ . Thus,

$$x'_2 < 9 \text{ or } x'_2 > 10.$$

**Question 5** Note that  $x_2 = x_3$ . Let  $y = x_2 = x_3$ . Then the consumer maximizes  $u(x_1, y) = x_1 y$  subject to prices  $q_1 = p_1, q_2 = p_2 + p_3$  and wealth w. The MRS is given by  $y/x_1$ , the wealth expansion path by  $q_1x_1 = q_2y$ . To get a utility of u we need  $x_1y = u$ . Thus,  $x_1q_2y = q_2u$  which implies  $q_1x_1^2 = q_2u$ . Thus,  $x_1 = \sqrt{(q_2/q_1)u}$  and similarly,  $y = \sqrt{(q_1/q_2)u}$ . Substituting  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  yields

$$h_2(p_1, p_2, p_3, u) = \sqrt{\frac{p_1}{p_2 + p_3}}u$$

As a consequence, goods 2 and 3 are **complements** because  $\frac{\partial h_2(p_1, p_2, p_3, u)}{\partial p_3}$  < 0.

**Question 6** Suppose a utility function is given by  $u(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 - 2x_2$ . Then  $x_2 = 0$ . To obtain utility  $u, x_1 = \sqrt{u}$ . Thus,  $h_1(p, u) = \sqrt{u}$ . Therefore,

 $e(p_1, p_2, u) = p_1 \sqrt{u}$  $w = p_1 \sqrt{u} \text{ implies, } u = w^2/p_1^2.$  $v(p_1, p_2, w) = w^2/p_1^2$ 

**Question 7** 



**Question 8** We must show that  $x'' = \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)x' \in h(p, u)$ . Note that  $u(x) \ge u$ and  $u(x') \ge u$ . Thus, quasi concavity implies  $u(x'') \ge \min\{u(x), u(x')\} \ge u$ . As a consequence, x'' fulfills the constraint of the expenditure minimization problem, when the required utility level is u. Further  $px'' = \alpha px + (1 - \alpha)px' = \alpha e(p, u) + (1 - \alpha)e(p, u) = e(p, u)$ . Hence, x'' minimizes expenditure, which implies  $x'' \in h(p, u)$ .