IB Economics – Competitive Markets: Demand and Supply

Exam Practice Questions: 2.1 – Demand



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1.1 DEMAND: EXAM PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Answer the questions that follow.

1. IB ECONOMICS PAPER 1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

- a. <u>Explain</u> the law of demand, and use diagrams and examples to distinguish between shifts of the demand curve and movements along the demand curve. **[10 marks]**
- b. <u>Explain</u> the apparent contradiction: a demand decrease leads to falling prices, and when there is an increase in the quantity demanded prices also fall. **[10 marks]**
- c. Over a period, the quantity of chocolate bought and consumed has increased as too has the price of chocolate. <u>Explain</u> whether this situation is a violation of the law of demand. Use diagrams to support your argument. [10 marks]

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2. IB ECONOMICS HL PAPER 3 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

a. Richard consumes pizza. Calculate the missing TU **and** MU values in Richard's table of pizza consumption. **[2 marks]**

Quantity consumed (slices of pizza)	Total utility (TU)	Marginal utility (MU)
0	0	-
1	32	
2		25
3	70	
4	74	
5	72	

b. Annabel consumes both bagels and toy cars. The table below shows Annabel's marginal utility from bagels and toy cars. [2 marks]

Quantity of bagels	Marginal utility from bagels (utils)	Quantity of toy cars	Marginal utility from toy cars (utils)
1	8	1	10
2	7	2	8
3	6	3	6
4	5	4	4
5	4	5	3
6	3	6	2

c. What is her total utility from purchasing three toy cars?

d. What is her total utility from purchasing 2 toy cars and 4 bagels?

