

# Example Items

## Economics

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Source: McGraw Hill

The cartoon supports the idea that trade barriers protect —

- A U.S. businesses from international competition but limit their market
- B American companies from international competition and create jobs
- C domestic companies and expand international trade opportunities
- D the standing of the United States as the dominant world trading partner

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### How Technology Benefits the Economy

- Business innovation
- Workforce transformation
- GDP growth
- New services and industries
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

Which statement best completes the list?

- A Limited consumer markets
- B New job creation
- C Expanded trade barriers
- D Fewer small businesses

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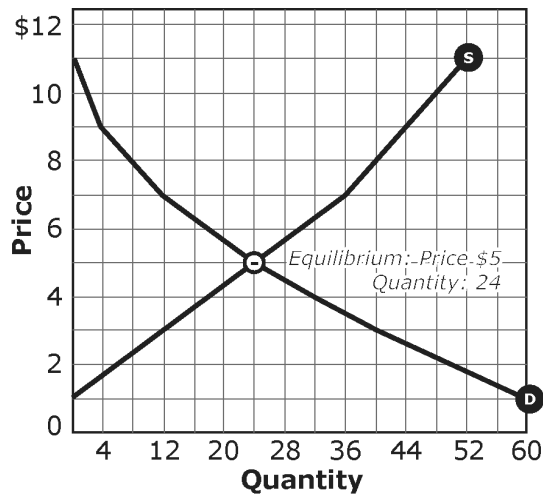
3 The laissez-faire economic approach is best demonstrated by which economic system?

- A Command
- B Mixed
- C Free enterprise
- D Traditional

4 What incentive does a startup business offer investors?

- A A cash bonus due to the low risk of the investment
- B Position on the Board of Directors
- C Preferred stock to attract bond buyers
- D A high return on investment due to the high risk

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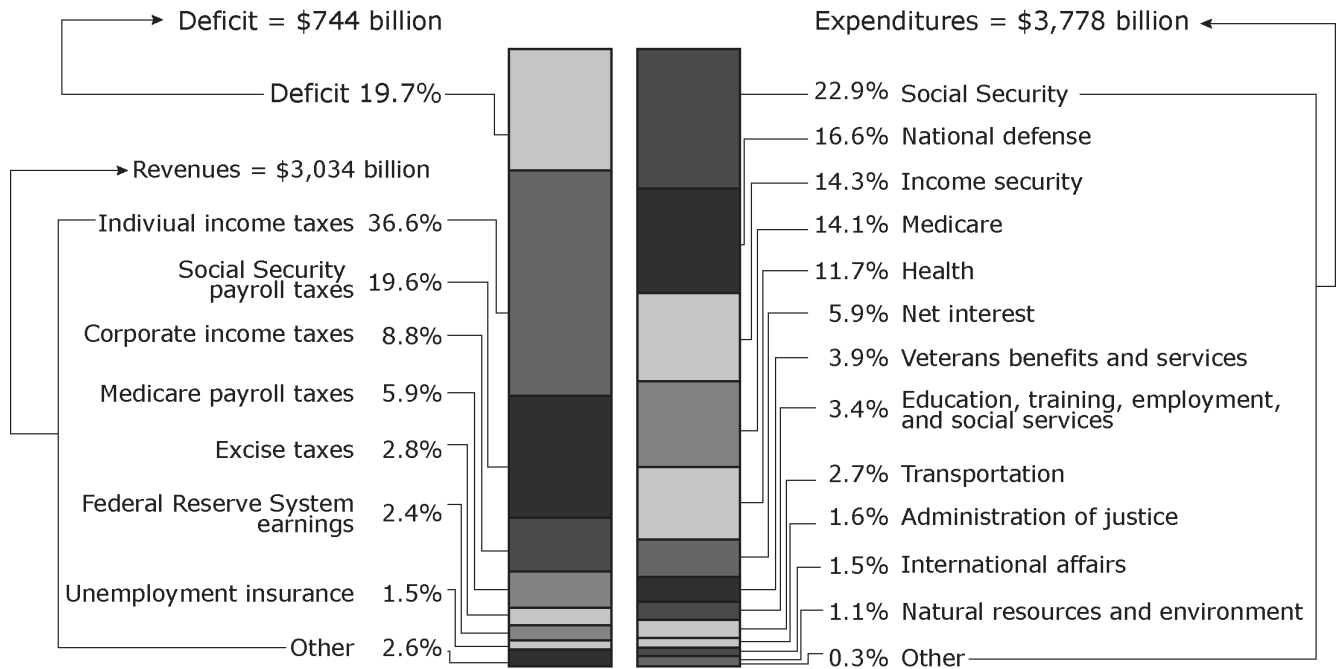
At a price of \$3, there is a —

- A surplus of 52 units
- B shortage of 60 units
- C surplus of 40 units
- D shortage of 28 units

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### Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 DEFICIT AND REVENUE = EXPENDITURES



Source: Office of Management and Budget, 2013

According to the chart, what was the largest expenditure in the 2014 federal budget?

- A National defense
- B Medicare
- C Transportation
- D Social Security

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One of the roles of government in the U.S. free enterprise system is —

- A setting quotas for production
- B appointing CEOs of corporations
- C preventing monopolies
- D ensuring full employment

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Any point on the curve of a Production Possibilities Curve Model indicates an economy with —

- A full employment of resources
- B inflation risks
- C high unemployment
- D less than maximum efficiency

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### Benefits of Renting

- Amenities
- Little to no responsibility for maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Which choice best completes the list?

- A** More tax deductions
- B** Easier to relocate
- C** Builds equity
- D** Increased privacy

10 A business invests in a new computer to handle customer phone inquiries. Which economic question is being addressed?

- A** How to produce?
- B** How much to produce?
- C** For whom to produce?
- D** What to produce?

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### How To Avoid Credit Card Debt

- Pay credit card bills on time
- Avoid unnecessary purchases
- Limit the number of credit cards
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Which choice best completes the list?

- A** Check credit scores on a regular basis
- B** Use credit cards for food and gas purchases
- C** Make payments on the interest first
- D** Apply for a prepaid debit card

12 What is a disadvantage of a sole proprietorship?

- A** Owner controls all aspects of the business.
- B** Owner is liable for all business debts.
- C** Stockholders receive portion of profits.
- D** Management requires one decision maker.

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**13** Which is **not** a characteristic of the United States free enterprise system?

- A** Competition among businesses
- B** Consumer choice of goods and services
- C** Government control of all businesses
- D** Private ownership of property

**14** Land, capital, labor, and entrepreneurs are referred to as —

- A** factors of production
- B** consumer expenditures
- C** goods and services
- D** business income

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- Open an account in a bank or a credit union
- Avoid retail credit cards
- Get a job and keep it
- Pay service providers on time

This list represents strategies to —

- A** improve one's stock trades
- B** get a higher credit card limit
- C** improve one's personal credit score
- D** get a long-term car loan

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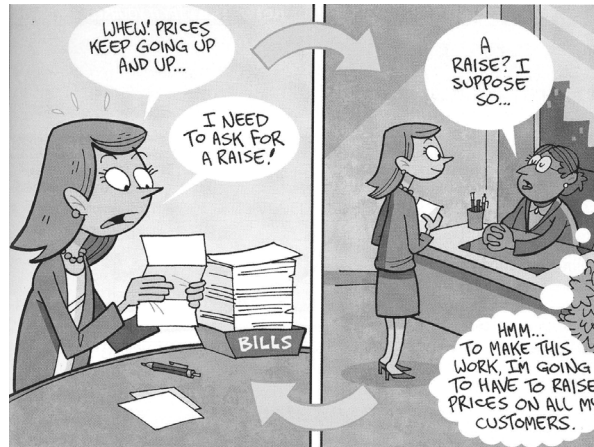
On a Saturday afternoon, Miguel asks Ana about going to the mall. Because of the large number of shops in the mall, Ana is not sure what products she is going to buy.

What benefit of free enterprise does this passage represent?

- A** Variety of goods, which lowers prices for consumers
- B** Creation of wealth, which raises prices for consumers
- C** Investment opportunities, which lower prices for consumers
- D** Responsive prices, which raise prices for consumers

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Source: McGraw Hill

Which economic concept is defined in the cartoon?

- A Stagflation
- B Deflation
- C Unemployment
- D Inflation

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After a store reduced the price of computers, it reported that the demand for software increased. What factor best explains the reason for the increase in the demand for software?

- A Computers and software are complements.
- B Computers and software are competitors.
- C Computers and software are substitutes.
- D Computers and software are not related.

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Antonio does not like carrying cash or writing checks, but he wants to have access to his money in his account. What service that fits his preferences can a bank offer him?

- A Credit card
- B Deposit Box
- C Overdraft
- D Debit Card

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**20** Alondra was able to retire early from her job and wants to start her own business, but she has limited funds. She asks her friend Pedro if he will invest in her business. He agrees, but he asks for 30% of the profits. What type of business organization did Alondra create?

- A** Sole Proprietorship
- B** Partnership
- C** Corporation
- D** Monopoly

**EXAMPLE ITEMS Economics Key, Sem 2**

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Process Skills</b>	<b>SE Justification</b>
<b>1</b>	A	ECO.3B	21A	Effects of...trade barriers on economic activities.
<b>2</b>	B	ECO.10B	21A	Analyze how technology relates to growth.
<b>3</b>	C	ECO.4A	22A	Describe the basic characteristics of economic systems.
<b>4</b>	D	ECO.16D	--	Examine the types of accounts available to consumers from financial institutions and the risks, monetary costs, and benefits of maintaining these accounts.
<b>5</b>	D	ECO.2C	--	Interpret a supply-and-demand graph using supply-and-demand schedules.
<b>6</b>	D	ECO.14B	--	Explain the categories of revenues and expenditures in the U.S. federal budget.
<b>7</b>	C	ECO.13A	--	Describe the role of government in the U.S. free enterprise system.
<b>8</b>	A	ECO.1D	--	Interpret a production-possibilities curve and apply the concepts of opportunity costs and scarcity.
<b>9</b>	B	ECO.19A	21A	Evaluate the...benefits of renting a home.
<b>10</b>	A	ECO.1B	--	Describe how societies answer the basic economic questions.
<b>11</b>	D	ECO.18A	21A	Examine ways to avoid...credit card debt.
<b>12</b>	B	ECO.15B	22A	Analyze the...disadvantages of sole proprietorships.
<b>13</b>	C	ECO.5B	--	Analyze recent changes in the basic characteristics, including private property, incentives, economic freedom, competition, and the limited role of government, of the U.S. economy.
<b>14</b>	A	ECO.7A	22A	Interpret the roles of resource owners and firms in a circular-flow model of the economy.
<b>15</b>	C	ECO.17F	21A	Develop strategies to become a low-risk borrower by improving one's personal credit score.
<b>16</b>	A	ECO.5A	--	Explain the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system, including...variety of goods.
<b>17</b>	D	ECO.9A	21A, 22A	Interpret economic data, including...rate of inflation.
<b>18</b>	A	ECO.2B	--	Identify the non-price determinants that create changes in supply and demand, which result in a new equilibrium price.
<b>19</b>	D	ECO.16A	--	Explain the functions of financial institutions and how they affect households.
<b>20</b>	B	ECO.15A	--	Explain the characteristics of...partnership.