

This review sheet is intended to cover everything that could be on the exam; however, it is possible that I will have accidentally left something off. You are still responsible for everything in the chapters covered except anything that I explicitly say you are not responsible for. Therefore, if I left something off of this sheet, it can still be on the exam. There will be no multiple-choice questions. Most of the questions will be like the ones in the homework assignments, and possibly a few definition questions, but I am more likely to ask questions that make you use the definitions rather than recite them. I will probably ask one of the questions from the book at the end of the chapters.

The review session will be at a time to be determined in class, probably Sunday 10/31 after 8:00 in the normal room.

Chapter 5: Be able to use probabilities to calculate expected payoff, a.k.a. expected value, and standard deviation. Be able to draw the diagram of probability vs. payoff. Know what the utility function of income looks like for a risk averse person, a risk neutral person, and a risk loving person. Be able to find the risk premium from that graph. Understand the shape of the indifference curves when income is on the vertical axis and standard deviation of income is on the horizontal axis. How can you use diversification, negatively correlated variables, and mutual funds to reduce risk. What does actuarially fair mean? Do insurance companies act that way? Why or why not? Be able to calculate the value of information for an example like the one on page 174. What are risky assets and riskless assets? Understand the differences between expected return, actual return, real return, riskless return, market return, and portfolio return. Be able to use a graph like the one on Question #1 of Assignment #5 to estimate the portfolio return and the standard deviation of the portfolio. How can you get a higher return than the market return on that graph? What are the reference point, endowment effect, loss aversion, and anchoring and how do they relate to behavioral economics?

Chapter 6: What is the production function and factors of production? What is the difference between long-run and short-run? Be able to fill in a table for TPL, APL, and MPL and be able to calculate APL and MPL from TPL. Be able to show movements of the TPL, APL, and MPL graphs. Be able to draw standard isoquants, isoquants for perfect substitutes, and isoquants for perfect complements a.k.a. fixed proportions. Understand how we get the slope, and why they look like we drew them. What is the MRTS? How do we find returns to scale? How can we tell if it is IRTS, CRTS, or DRTS?

Chapter 7 until page 234: What is the difference between accounting costs, economic costs, sunk costs, fixed costs, and variable costs. How do opportunity costs enter the picture? Be able to fill in a table with Q, TC, TFC, TVC, ATC, AFC, AVC, and MC. Be able to calculate formulas for each of those costs from a total cost function. Be able to plot all of those curves and move them.

Non-graded Homework Assignment #7A to be reviewed with Assignment #7.

1) (35 points) Fill in the table to the right. Show all work. If there is no work then explain how you got the entries.

Q	TC	TFC	TVC	ATC	AFC	AVC	MC
0	24						
1			4				
2				15			
3						3	
4							7
	60				4		
			64				14

2) (25 points) Draw the AFC/ATC/AVC/AFC/MC diagram. Illustrate an increase in the wage rate the assembly line workers are paid. Explain why the curve(s) moved as drawn.

3) (25 points) Draw the AFC/ATC/AVC/AFC/MC diagram. Illustrate an increase in the salary the top executives are paid. Explain why the curve(s) moved as drawn.

4) (15 points) Draw the TFC/TC/TVC/TFC diagram. Illustrate an increase in the wage rate the assembly line workers are paid. Explain why the curve(s) moved as drawn.