Self Assessment Questions

Linear Economic Models

1. Demand and supply in a market are described by the equations

Qd = 66-3PQs = -4+2P

- (i) Solve algebraically to find equilibrium P and Q
- (ii) How would a per unit sales tax t affect this equilibrium and comment on how the tax is shared between producers and consumers
- (iii) What is the equilibrium P and Q if the per unit tax is t=5
- (iv) Illustrate the pre-tax equilibrium and the post-tax equilibrium on a graph

2. The demand and supply functions of a good are given by Qd = 110-5P

Os = 6P

where P, Qd and Qs denote price, quantity demanded and quantity supplied respectively.

- (i) Find the inverse demand and supply functions
- (ii) Find the equilibrium price and quantity
- 3. Demand and supply in a market are described by the equations

Qd = 120-8P

Qs = -6+4P

- (i) Solve algebraically to find equilibrium P and Q
- (ii) How would a per unit sales tax t affect this equilibrium and comment on how the tax is shared between producers and consumers
- (iii) What is the equilibrium P and Q if the per unit tax is 4.5

4. At a price of $\triangleleft 5$, and an average income of $\triangleleft 40$, the demand for CDs was 36. When the price increased to $\triangleleft 20$, with income remaining unchanged at $\triangleleft 40$, the demand for CDs fell to 21. When income rose to $\triangleleft 60$, at the original price $\triangleleft 15$, demand rose to 40.

- (i) Find the linear function which describes this demand behaviour
- (ii) Given the supply function Qs = -7+2P find the equations which describe fully the comparative statics of the model.
- (iii) What would equilibrium price and quantity be if income was $\bigcirc 0$?