

Learning Economics Concepts through Game-Play: An Experiment
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Appendix D. Essay Questions

PART 2 – Essay Questions

Your seat number: _____

For the following questions, please use the text box provided to give your answer. You have 30 minutes to complete this part.

Question 1

- a) Explain what “having a comparative advantage” at producing a particular good or service means.
- b) What does “having an absolute advantage” at producing a good or service means?

Question 2

If one person is absolutely better at every activity than another person, there can be no gain from and specialization and exchange. True or false? Explain your answer.

Question 3

In what way are an individual’s opportunity costs of producing related to the rate at which they will be exchanged or traded?

Question 4

Why does saying that people are poor because they do not specialize make more sense than saying that perform their own services because they are poor?

Question 5

Ted can wax a car in 20 minutes or wash a car in 60 minutes. Dan can wax a car in 15 minutes or wash a car in 45 minutes. Who has an absolute advantage in washing cars? What is each man’s opportunity cost of washing a car? Who has a comparative advantage in washing cars? Can Ted and Dan benefit from specialisation and trade? Explain.