

Please answer each question sincerely. That's it.

Don't over-think the questions. They aren't supposed to be trick questions. If the answer to a question looks obvious, then choose that answer. If no answer looks obvious, then just follow your instincts.

This isn't about getting the "right" answers. It's about preparing you, and to a lesser extent me, to appreciate just how your thinking on these issues might have changed by the time you have completed this course.

A good indicator of a person's wealth is how much money that person has.

True

False

In general, a community would be much more prosperous if the things people buy were made entirely by other people in that community.

True

False

On balance, the government could create more jobs if it hired teams of workers to dig ditches and fill them in again.

True

False

In general, people who save their money do less to spread wealth than people who spend.

True

False

The main reason that people are able to be productive and create wealth is due to the success of central planning and legislation in designing economic systems and coordinating economic behavior.

True

False

The more that people around the globe can find ways to trade with each other, the wealthier they can all become.

True

False

Simply increasing the number of people engaged in trading can create wealth.

True

False

The most efficient way for work to be done would be for the person who is most skilled at a certain job to do that job.

True

False

The main reason that markets create things like pencils, say, is the concentration of the knowledge of how to create pencils in the minds of people who operate pencil factories.

True

False

We could all enjoy more goods and services if governments did more to control prices and keep them from rising very much.

True

False

The main reason that people desire new goods and services when they become available is that entrepreneurs are skilled at creating desire through advertising.

True

False

Because middlemen collect profits, in general societies can create savings by eliminating middlemen from transactions.

True

False

A market that is dominated for years by one very large company is for that reason not a very competitive market.

True

False

An important cause of domestic prosperity is the restriction of foreign imports, and other policies that protect domestic production from competition.

True

False

The prices at which things are generally being bought and sold on the market are often more than those things are really worth.

True

False

In the aftermath of natural disasters, it is important to help the victims of those disasters by protecting them from sellers who raise the prices of essential goods and services.

True

False

If every company were prohibited from running sweatshops overseas, the people who currently work in sweatshops would be better off.

True

False

In general, companies do more good for poor people overseas by refusing to use sweatshop labor than by using sweatshop labor.

True
False

The chief tendency of government oversight of industry is to protect the interests of taxpayers and consumers against producers eager to drive down competition and drive up prices.

True
False

In democratic countries, the economic policies that are created tend to result from the informed preferences of voters seeking what is best for consumers.

True
False

If natural resources weren't owned privately but shared openly by all the people who need to use them, there would be a lot less depletion of natural resources.

True
False

In general, when someone claims ownership to something that previously belonged to no one, that person thereby subtracts from the available wealth.

True
False

Very few remedies for global poverty are as effective as foreign aid.

True
False

The main reason that the poorest people in the world are poor is that there is not much that they own.

True
False

Karl Marx argued that employers exploit their workers, on the grounds that employers often collude to keep wages below the real value of their workers' labor.

True
False

What makes someone a socialist is believing in things like public support for daycare provision, public healthcare, and the rights of workers to form unions.

True
False