## Chapter 3

## Put into practice questions

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Consider the demand curve in Figure 3.2.


What quantity is demanded at price P 3 ?
Answer Q3
What price is necessary for quantity Q 4 to be demanded?
Lower price
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According to the law of diminishing marginal utility states that .
a. As more variable factors are added to a fixed factor, the additional output produced will decline. FALSE
b. As more of a product is consumed, the extra satisfaction will decline. TRUE
c. As more of all factors are employed, the additional output produced will fall. FALSE
d. The total satisfaction from consuming a product will be maximised when marginal utility is negative. FALSE

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If the equation for a demand curve is $Q=50-4 P$ :
a. what is the quantity demanded if the price is $£ 5$ ?
$=50-20=30$ units
b. what is the quantity demanded if the price is $£ 10$ ?
$=50-40=10$ units
c. what is the price at which the quantity demanded is 46 units?
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If $Q=46 ; 4 P=4 ; p=£ 1$
d. what is the price at which the quantity demanded is 42 units?

If $\mathrm{Q}=42 ; 4 \mathrm{P}=8 ; \mathrm{p}=£ 2$
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If the equation for a demand curve is $\mathrm{Q}=\mathbf{2 0} \boldsymbol{+ 2 P}$, why does this mean that the demand curve for this product is upward-sloping? Show your answer, using calculations to calculate the quantity demanded for different prices.

Demand is upward sloping; if price increases quantity demanded increases e.g. price $=£ 1$ Quantity demanded $=20+2=22$ units
if price $=£ 2$; Quantity demanded $=20+4=24$ units
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What do you think are likely to be the major determinants of the demand for each of the following?
a. New cars: could be income, and population size
b. Textbooks : could be number of students
c. Diamonds: could be incomes and number of weddings
d. Healthcare: could be population size and age breakdown
e. Flat screen TVs: income
f. Eggs: population size; eating habits

Complete the table below showing the demand curves for the three firms in the market.?

| Price | Quantity <br> demanded from <br> firm A <br> units | Quantity <br> demanded from <br> firm B <br> units | Quantity <br> demanded from <br> firm C <br> units | Market demand <br> $(A+B+C)$ <br> units |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 50 | 20 | 8 |  |
| 8 | 60 | 35 | 23 |  |
| 6 | 80 | 45 | 34 |  |
| 4 | 100 | 56 | 45 |  |

## Price Market demand

$10 \quad 78$
$8 \quad 118$
6 ..... 159
201

## End of chapter put into practice questions

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If the equation for the demand curve is $Q=300-2 P$ what is the quantity demanded when the price is $£ 10 ? £ 20$ ?

Price $£ 10$; quantity demanded $=300-20=280$ units
Price $=£ 20$; quantity demand $=300-40=260$ units
Show on a diagram the effect of a demand curve changing from $Q=200-4 P$ to $\mathrm{Q}=500-4 \mathrm{P}$.

Demand shifts outwards
What happens to a demand curve if it changes from being $Q=600-3 P$ to $Q=$ 600-8P?

Demand shifts inwards
What does a demand curve look like if its equation is $\mathrm{Q}=100 \boldsymbol{+} \mathbf{2 P}$ ?
Upward sloping
The marginal utility for each additional unit of consumption is $\mathbf{1 2}$ units of utility then $10,7,5,2,-2,-4$. Plot the total utility derived from the consumption of these units.

Total utility will be: $12,22,29,34,36$
Complete the table below.

| Unit | Total utility | Marginal utility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 20 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| 2 | 30 |  |
| 3 | 55 |  |
| 4 | 76 |  |
| 5 | 97 |  |

Marginal utility is: $10,25,21,21$.

## Complete the table below showing the demand curves for the three firms in the market.

| Price | Quantity demanded <br> from firm $A$ | Quantity demanded <br> from firm $B$ | Quantity demanded <br> from firm $C$ | Market demand <br> $(A+B+C)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| units | units | units | units |  |
| 18 | 20 | 2 | 9 |  |
| 16 | 30 | 5 | 23 |  |
| 14 | 40 | 15 | 44 |  |

Total demand is: $31,58,99,141$.

