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MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) Positively related variables change such that as the value of one variable

1)

- A) increases, the value of the other variable decreases.
 - B) decreases, the value of the other variable remains the same.
 - C) decreases, the value of the other variable decreases.
- D) increases, the value of the other variable remains the same.
- E) decreases, the value of the other variable increases.

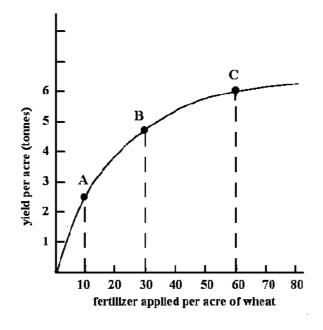
Answer: C

Explanation: A)

- B) C) D)
- E)
- 2) Which of the following statements belongs more properly in the field of normative economics than 2) positive economics?
 - A) Canadian governments should provide assistance to the auto industry.
 - B) Technological change has reduced the cost of cell phone service.
 - C) An increase in the minimum wage leads to more unemployment.
 - D) The price of one Canadian dollar is \$0.85 U.S.
 - E) When a drought occurs, the price of vegetables tends to rise.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D) E)





- 3) Refer to Figure 2-4. The slope of the non-linear function changes as we move along the curve. The 3) slope is
 - A) positive and decreasing, indicating a diminishing marginal response.
 - B) negative and decreasing, indicating a diminishing marginal response.
 - C) positive and increasing, indicating an increasing marginal response.
 - D) constant at all points, indicating a constant marginal response.
 - E) negative and increasing, indicating an increasing marginal response.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - В) С)
 - D)
 - E)
- 4) The assumptions of a theory

A) must be realistic if the theory is to be of any use.

- B) are not necessary for the scientific approach.
- C) are indirectly refuted if and when the theory itself is rejected by empirical observation.
- D) are assumed to be true even when empirical observation rejects the predictions of the theory.
- E) are supposed to be as unrealistic as possible.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

5) Which of the following best describes the relationship between positive and normative statements in economics?

- A) Normative statements evaluate the desirability of certain economic changes; positive statements do not.
- B) Neither positive nor normative statements are concerned with the desirability of certain economic changes.
- C) Normative statements are those with which all economists agree; positive statements may give rise to some disagreement.
- D) Positive and normative statements are alternate ways of describing the desirability of certain economic policies.
- E) Economists generally agree with each other regardless of whether a question is positive or normative.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B) C) D)
- E)

6) Data collected of several variables but for the same time period are called

- A) cross-sectional data.
- B) topographic data.
- C) time-series data.
- D) logarithmic data.
- E) time-analysis data.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
- 7) Suppose we observe that consumption of electricity decreases when the price of electricity rises. We can say that the two variables are related
 - A) non-linearly.
 - B) exogenously.
 - C) linearly.
 - D) positively.
 - E) negatively.

Answer: E

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D) E)

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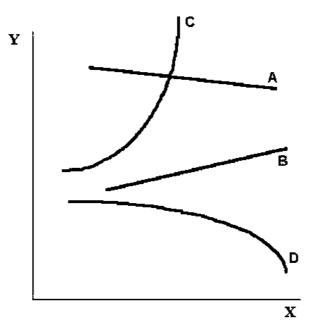


FIGURE 2-2

8) Refer to Figure 2-2. The slope of curve B isA) negative and constant.

B) undefined.

C) positive and changing.D) negative and changing.

E) positive and constant.

Answer: E

Explanation:

- A) B)
- C) D)

E)

The table below shows hypothetical data for volumes of e-books and hardcover books sold over a 3-year period in a particular city.

	E-books	Hardcover Books
Year 1	23 000	72 000
Year 2	52 000	59 000
Year 3	106 000	31 000

TABLE 2-3

- 9) Refer to Table 2-3. Suppose we choose Year 1 as the base year and construct a series of index numbers with which to analyze the sales data. The index numbers for volumes of e-books sold (starting with Year 1) is:
 - A) 100; 126.1; 360.1
 - B) 100; 226.1; 460.9
 - C) 23 000; 52 000; 106 000
 - D) 1; 0.442; 0.217
 - E) 100; 44.2; 21.7

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
 - D) E)
- 10) A theory

A) can only be tested with a controlled experiment.

B) is used to impose order on the world.

C) is designed to explain and predict what we observe.

D) assumes definitions for variables.

E) enables one to make prophesies about the future.

Answer: C

Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)

11) Suppose point A represents coordinates (X = 2, Y = 12) and point B represents coordinates (X = 6, Y 11)
= 4). The slope of the straight line joining points A and B is

A) $\frac{1}{2}$.	B) 2.	C) -2.	D) 5.	E) $-\frac{1}{2}$.
Answer: C Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)			

12) According to the Bank of Canada's website, Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2009 was 114.7, August 2010 was 116.7, August 2011 was 120.3 and August 2012 was 121.8. Given this set of index numbers, what can we conclude about average prices in Canada between August 2009 and August 2012?

A) average prices decreased each year

B) average prices increased over this time period by 7.1%

C) average prices increased each year

D) average prices increased over this time period by 21.8%

E) average prices decreased over this time period by 7.1%

Answer: C Explanation:

A) B) C) D) E) Y_{4} Y_{4} Y_{3} Y_{2} Y_{1} X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{3}



13) Refer to Figure 2-3. At X₂ on curve A, the

A) maximum occurs at Y₁.

B) slope of the curve is zero.

C) minimum occurs at Y_{4.}

D) slope is increasing.

E) slope is decreasing.

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

13)



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The table below shows hypothetical per-minute cell phone charges for "pay-and-talk" service over several years.

2008	0.55
2009	0.50
2010	0.40
2011	0.35
2012	0.25

TABLE 2-2

14) Refer to Table 2-2. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. What 14) is the percentage change in the per-minute charge from 2011 to 2012?

A) -10.0% B) -35.0% C) -25.0% D) -28.6% E) -71.4% Answer: D Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)

The table below shows hypothetical tuition costs at a Canadian university.

Year	Tuition
2008	\$5000
2009	\$5050
2010	\$5100
2011	\$5150
2012	\$5200

TABLE 2-1

15) Refer to Table 2-1. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. The value of the index number in 2010 is calculated as follows:

- A) 5100/5100 = 100 B) 5000/5100 = 0.98 C) 5100/5000 = 1.02 D) (5100/5000) × 100 = 102 E) (5000/5100) × 100 = 98 Answer: D Explanation: A) B) C) D)
 - E)

16) When it is said that variable A depends on variable B, then A is

- A) a function of B.
- B) independent of B.
- C) a derivative of B.
- D) partially exclusive of B.
- E) proportional to B.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

A) normative

- B) independent
- C) autonomous
- D) positive
- E) induced

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C) D)
 - E)

18) The slope of a straight line is necessarily

- A) positive.
- B) zero.
- C) negative.
- D) constant.

E) increasing as one moves up the line.

- Answer: D
- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C) D)
 - E)

19) Which is the best description of positive statements? Positive statements

A) have been verified by appeal to factual evidence.

B) are falsifiable in principle by appeal to factual evidence.

C) have no place in economics because economics deals only with value judgments.

D) are seldom employed in social sciences like economics.

E) form the basis of all normative arguments.

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

18) _____

19) ____

20) When an increase in one variable is associated with an increase in a second variable, the two

variables are

- A) inversely proportionally related.
- B) proportionally related.
- C) negatively related.
- D) positively related.
- E) equivalent.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D) E)

21) Choose the statement that best characterizes an economic theory. A valid theory

- A) allows one to prove irrefutably one's hypothesis.
- B) extrapolates from the past behaviour of a variable to predict its future course.
- C) allows one to deduce a normative statement.
- D) appeals to the law of large numbers.

E) generates a hypothesis that can predict future events.

Answer: E

- Explanation: A) B)
 - C)
 - D) E)

22) Which of the following statements is NOT correct?

A) Positive statements can best be tested by exposing them to empirical evidence.

- B) Normative statements cannot be tested by the scientific method.
- C) Economists test their theories by confronting the predictions of their theories with the evidence drawn from the real world.
- D) Economic predictions cannot be tested because human decisions involve free will.

E) An economic model can be useful even if its underlying assumptions are unrealistic.

Answer: D

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C) D)
 - E)

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Answer: D Explanation:	A)				
·	B) C)				
	D)				
	E)				
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Answer: A	-				
Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)				
		dinates (x=2, y=16) and po ght line joining points A a		ordinates (x=10,	25)
A) 1.5	B) -1.5	C) 0.75	D) -0.43	E) -0.75	
Answer: B Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)				
		wh of the function $Y = 60$ ·	-		26)
A) 60.	B) 4.	C) -40.	D) -2.5.	E) -4.0.	
Answer: E Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)				

The table below shows hypothetical per-minute cell phone charges for "pay-and-talk" service over several years.

2008	0.55
2009	0.50
2010	0.40
2011	0.35
2012	0.25

TABLE 2-2

27) Refer to Table 2-2. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. The value of the index number in 2011 is calculated as follows:

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28)

A) $(0.55/0.35) \times 100 = 157.14$ B) $(0.35/0.55) \times 100 = 63.64$ C) 0.55/0.35 = 1.57D) 0.35/0.55 = 0.64E) $0.35 \times 100 = 35$ Answer: B Explanation: A) B)

- C) D)
- E)

28) When studying economic data, and when comparing the magnitude of changes in variables with different scales it is best to

A) use only time-series data.

B) express each variable as a logarithmic number.

C) compare the relative data on each variable.

D) express each variable as an index number.

E) compare the absolute data on each variable.

Answer: D

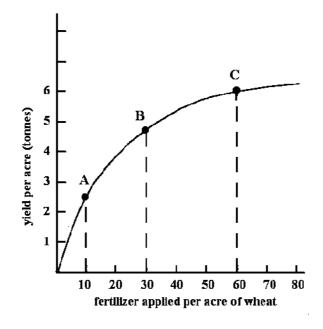
Explanation: A)

B)

C)

D)

E)





29) Refer to Figure 2-4. If we want to know the marginal response of "yield per acre" due to a change29) in "fertilizer applied per acre of wheat" at point B, then we should determine the

A) the slope of a straight line from the origin to point B.

- B) quantity of fertilizer applied at point B.
- C) yield per acre at 30 units of fertilizer.
- D) slope of a straight line tangent to point B.

E) slope of a straight line joining points B and C.

Answer: D

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

30) Of the following, which is the most important characteristic of a successful theory?

A) the theory allows us to predict behaviour reasonably accurately

B) the theory provides a basis for facts about economic behaviour

C) the theory could never be refuted

D) all assumptions on which the theory is based are true

E) the theory adequately explains all economic behaviour

Answer: A

Explanation:	A)
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- B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

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- 31) The base year for an index number is
 - A) declared by the federal government.
 - B) chosen arbitrarily by those who construct the data.
 - C) the year in which 2 or more index numbers are equal to 100.
 - D) dependant upon the type of data.
 - E) determined by the year the variable equals exactly 100.

Answer: B

- Explanation:
- A) B) C)

 - D)
 - E)
- 32) At the minimum or the maximum of the graph of a non-linear function (with *x* on the horizontal axis and *y* on the vertical axis) the marginal response of *y* to a small change in *x* is
 - A) 0.
 - B) -1.
 - C) 1.
 - D) undefined.
 - E) infinite.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)
- 33) When an economist assumes that the owners of firms are motivated only by the desire to maximize 33) profits, the economist most likely believes that
 - A) the assumption is descriptively accurate, since surveys have been taken and the owners of firms have admitted that their only objective is to maximize profits.
 - B) all people enter business for their own selfish gain.
 - C) the assumption is inaccurate, since surveys have been taken and the owners of firms have admitted that they care about more than just profits.
 - D) individuals entering business are quite narrow in their personal objectives.
 - E) it doesn't matter whether or not the assumption is descriptively accurate; what matters is whether a theory built on the assumption predicts well.

Answer: E

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

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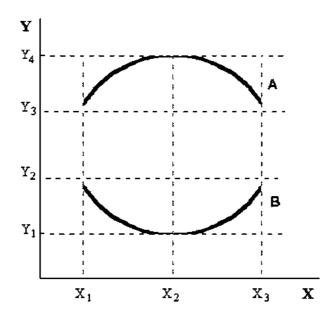


FIGURE 2-3

34) Refer to Figure 2-3. The slope of curve A is

A) negative from X_1 to X_2 and positive from X_2 to X_3 .

B) negative and variable.

C) positive from X_1 to X_2 and negative from X_2 to X_3 .

D) zero.

E) positive and variable.

Answer: C

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

35) Which is an example of a positive statement?

A) Substitutes for fossil fuels should be developed.

B) Corporations in Canada should pay more taxes.

C) The higher the price for gasoline, the less of it will be consumed.

D) Canada should reduce its imports of consumer goods.

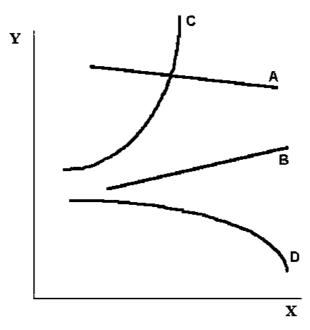
E) There should be one price for gasoline throughout Canada.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

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36) Suppose a theory predicts that lowering tuition fees at Canadian universities will increase 36) enrollment from low-income households. If empirical evidence consistently rejects this prediction, then we A) should change the empirical data. B) change the exogenous variables in the theory. C) should test the theory again. D) need to amend the theory. E) should increase tuition fees back to their initial level. Answer: D Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 37) 37) If a theory's prediction is tested and rejected, A) the original data and assumptions should be discarded. B) inquiry into the matter should cease. C) it is rejected with certainty, because it is not possible to reject a hypothesis that is actually true. D) the statistical tolerance of risk for accepting a false hypothesis should be increased. E) a new hypothesis is usually suggested and tested. Answer: E Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 38) An economist has data showing Canadian GDP for the years 1945-2012. The best way to illustrate 38) these data is A) a logarithmic scale diagram. B) a time-series line graph. C) a cross-sectional bar-chart graph. D) a scatter diagram. E) a time-series pie chart. Answer: B Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)





39) Refer to Figure 2-2. The slope of curve D is

A) negative and constant.

- B) positive and changing.
- C) positive and constant.
- D) negative and changing.

E) undefined.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)
- 40) What is the best way to display the unemployment rate in each of the world's developed economies 40) ______ in 2012?

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A) a cross-sectional bar chart graph

B) a cross-sectional graph with time-series data

C) a scatter diagram with two variables

D) a scatter diagram

E) a time series line graph

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

41) Which of the following is a normative statement?

A) The higher is the level of taxes, the higher are wage demands.

B) Tuition fees should be waived for low-income students.

C) A reduction in export taxes on petroleum would result in higher wages.

D) The higher is the level of taxes, the lower is consumption spending.

E) A free-trade agreement between two countries will result in an increase in trade.

Answer: B

Explanation:

B) C)

A)

- D)
- E)

42) Suppose that over a 12-month period, Sonali's income (Y) rises from \$27 000 to \$35 000 per year and, as a result, her spending on travel (T) increases from \$1500 to \$2500 per year. Assume there is a linear relation between the two variables, Y and T. What is the *marginal response* in T to a change in Y?

A) 0.125		B) 0.25	C) 0	D) 8	E) 4
Answer: A					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				

43) Suppose that a particular theory predicts that on sunny days consumption of ice cream will rise and that on cloudy days consumption of ice cream will fall. If an economist tests this theory and finds that over a six-month period the theory predicts accurately, the economist would likely say

A) the evidence fails to reject the theory.

B) that the theory is not useful because consumption involves irrational human behaviour.

C) the theory is always reliable.

D) the theory has been proven correct.

E) the theory shouldn't be taken seriously.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

B)

C) D)

E)

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44) Suppose we have data for 1000 students for a period of one year. The data show that those students 44) who spend more hours studying have a higher grade point average (GPA). We can say that

A) having a higher GPA leads students to spend more time studying.

B) more hours spent studying leads to a higher GPA.

B) more nours spent studying leads to a higher GPA.

C) there is a causal relationship between hours of study time and GPA.

D) if hours of study time increase, then GPA will automatically increase.

E) there is a positive correlation between hours of study time and GPA.

Answer: E

Explanation: A)

- B) C)
- D)

E)

45) A scientific prediction is

A) not testable.

B) a causal statement of the following form: A will occur because B occurred.

C) a prophesy of how the future will unfold.

D) always based on the law of large numbers.

E) a conditional statement of the following form: if A occurs, then B will follow.

Answer: E

- Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)
- 46) Suppose an individual wheat farmer's income is influenced by the region's average daily temperature. When examining the determinants of individual farmer income, the average daily temperature is a(n) _____ variable.

A) flow

- B) endogenous
- C) exogenous

D) dependent

E) induced

Answer: C

Explanation: A)

B)

C)

- D)
- E)

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Answer: B						
Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)					
48) If the graph of A) 1. B) undefine C) -1. D) 0. E) infinity.		ion is a horizontal li	ne, the slope of this I	ine is		48)
Answer: D Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)					
		f the straight line joi	X = 5, Y = 6) and poir ning points A and B	nt B represents coordi is	nates (X = 2, Y	49)
A) 3/2. Answer: E Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)	B) 2/3.	C) 5/6.	D) -1.	E) 1.	
A) 0.1 Answer: C	te grapł	n, what is the Y inter B) 20	rcept of the function C) -20	X = 60 + 3Y? D) 60	E) 3.0	50)
Explanation:	A) B) C) D) E)					

51) According to the Bank of Canada's website, Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2009 was 114.7, August 2010 was 116.7, August 2011 was 120.3 and August 2012 was 121.8. Given this set of index numbers, what is the percentage change in the average level of prices between August 2009 and August 2012?

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A) 121.8%		B) 6.2%	C) 114.7%	D) 7.1%	E) 5.8%
Answer: B					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				

The table below shows hypothetical data for volumes of e-books and hardcover books sold over a 3-year period in a particular city.

	E-books	Hardcover Books
Year 1	23 000	72 000
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Year 3	106 000	31 000

TABLE 2-3

52) Refer to Table 2-3. Between Year 1 and Year 3, what is the percentage change in sales of e-books? 52) A) 360.9% B) 21.7% C) 83% D) 83 000% E) 460.9%

Answer: A Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)

The table below shows hypothetical tuition costs at a Canadian university.

Year	Tuition
2008	\$5000
2009	\$5050
2010	\$5100
2011	\$5150
2012	\$5200

TABLE 2-1

53) Refer to Table 2-1. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. The value of the index number in 2012 is -

A) 104		B) 100	C) 0.96	D) 96	E) 1.04
Answer: A					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				

54) Suppose economists at the World Bank discover a positive correlation between family income and female education levels in developing countries. We can say that

A) there is a causal relationship between family income and female education.

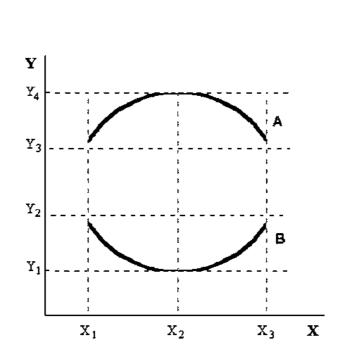
- B) the observed correlation is consistent with a theory that an increase in female education levels causes an increase in family income.
- C) the correlation is inconsistent with a theory that an increase in female education levels causes an increase in family income.
- D) an increase in female education levels causes an increase in family incomes.
- E) an increase in family income causes an increase in female education levels.

Answer: B

Explanation: A)



D) E)





55) Refer to Figure 2-3. The slope of curve B is

A) zero at X₂.

- B) undefined at X₂.
- C) always positive but variable.
- D) always negative but variable.

E) positive from Y₁ to Y₂ and negative between Y₂ and Y₃.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

The table below shows hypothetical data for volumes of e-books and hardcover books sold over a 3-year period in a particular city.

	E-books	Hardcover Books
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Year 2	52 000	59 000
Year 3	106 000	31 000

TABLE 2-3

56) Refer to Table 2-3. Between Year 1 and Year 3, what is the percentage change in sales of hardcover 56) __________

A) F(00/		(2) $0 \in (00)$			
A) -56.9%	B) 0.569%	C) -0.569%	D) -569%	E) 56.9%	
Answer: A					
Explanation:	A)				
	В)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				
57) The slope of a	curve is				57)
A) always p	ositive.				
B) always co	onstant.				
C) always n	egative.				
D) negative	if the curve rises to the r	right.			
-	f the curve rises to the r	-			
Answer: E		-			
Explanation:	A)				
Explanation	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				
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58) Which is the best description of a normative statement? A normative statement

A) has no place in the study and practice of economics.

B) is a statement that is empirically testable.

C) can be derived logically from facts.

D) is one that involves a value judgment.

E) concerns what is provable.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
 - D) E)

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The table below shows hypothetical per-minute cell phone charges for "pay-and-talk" service over several years.

1		0.55
	2008	0.55
	2009	0.50
	2007	0.50
	2010	0.40
	2011	0.35
	2012	0.25
	2012	0.20

TABLE 2-2

59) Refer to Table 2-2. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. Which 59) of the following series is the correct set of index numbers for the per-minute cell phone charges from 2008 to 2012?

A) 100; 91; 73; 64; 45
B) 55; 50; 40; 35; 25
C) 100%; 91%; 73%; 64%; 45%
D) 0.55; 0.50; 0.40; 0.35; 0.25
E) 1.0; 0.91; 0.73; 0.64; 0.45

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B) C)
- D) E)

60) Economics is scientific because

A) individual behaviour is predictable.

B) economists use data.

C) economists test hypotheses by appealing to empirical evidence.

D) economists routinely conduct controlled experiments.

E) economists routinely conduct laboratory experiments.

Answer: C

Explanation:	A)
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B)

- C) D)
- E)

61) Suppose point A represents co-ordinates (X=10, Y=12) and point B represents co-ordinates (X=5, 61)
 Y=7). The slope of the straight line joining points A and B is

60)

A) 1. B) 2/3. C) -1. D) 3/2. E) 5/6.

Answer: A Explanation: A) B)

- B) C)
 - D)
 - E)

The table below shows hypothetical per-minute cell phone charges for "pay-and-talk" service over several years.

2008	0.55
2009	0.50
2010	0.40
2011	0.35
2012	0.25

TABLE 2-2

62) Refer to Table 2-2. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. The call of the index number in 2010 is ca

D) 137.5

E) 72.73

63)

64) _

C) 0.72

A) 100 Answer: E Explanation: A) B) C) D)

E)

63) Using the scientific method to approach an economic issue involves

- A) building a theory to explain the issue and then determining if the theory can be refuted by evidence.
- B) considering stock and flow variables.
- C) the use of controlled experiments to confirm the evidence presented by the data.
- D) finding the correct data to validate the theory.

B) 1.375

E) formulating normative statements about it.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

64) As a science, economics is disadvantaged in that

- A) it is usually not possible to conduct controlled experiments in economics, in contrast with certain other sciences.
- B) economic variables do not change enough to provide reliable data for testing hypotheses.
- C) economic hypotheses cannot be accepted with complete certainty, by contrast with the other sciences.
- D) some economic variables are determined within the theory.
- E) it deals with human behaviour and thus is not open to empirical testing.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B) C)
 - D)
 - E)

65) Suppose there is a linear relationship between the ticket price (P) to a university basketball game 65) and the number of tickets sold (Q). If the ticket price is \$20, then 600 tickets are sold; if the ticket price is \$8, then \$3000 tickets are sold. What is the slope of the function if Q is plotted on the horizontal axis and P is plotted on the vertical axis? A) 0 B) -0.005 C) 0.005 D) -0.05 E) 0.05 Answer: B Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 66) Consider the following equation: $Y = 10 + 5X - X^2$. This equation is an expression of 66) A) a functional relation in a verbal format. B) a functional relation between X and Y. C) a functional relation in a schedule format. D) two dependent variables in a functional relation. E) two independent variables in a functional relation. Answer: B Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 67) An economic hypothesis will be rejected when 67) A) a single empirical observation is encountered in which its predictions fail. B) the possibility of error has been completely eliminated. C) the probability that it is wrong, based on repeated empirical observations, is judged to be unacceptably high. D) it is rejected by a single empirical observation. E) one or more of the assumptions on which it is based fails to conform with reality.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B) C)
 - D)
 - E)

68) The statement that a 2% increase in the money supply leads to a 2% increase in the price level is an example of a(n)

- A) variable.
- B) normative statement.
- C) prediction.
- D) assumption.
- E) model.
- Answer: C

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
- D)
- E)

69) Choose the statement that best characterizes an economic theory. An economic theory

A) will be useful only if all human behaviour is rational.

B) is only useful if its underlying assumptions are realistic.

C) must be judged on its ability to explain and predict real-world phenomena.

D) will predict more accurately if it contains a greater number of mathematical equations.

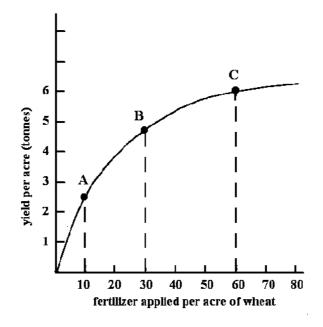
E) will be useful as long as it is logically consistent.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

68)

69) _____





- 70) Refer to Figure 2-4. The functional relation shown between fertilizer applied and wheat yield can70) be described as a
 - A) diminishing marginal response.
 - B) constant marginal response.
 - C) increasing partial response.
 - D) increasing marginal response.

E) decreasing total response.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D) E)
- 71) When an increase in one variable is associated with a decrease in a second variable, the two variables are

71)

- A) positively related.
- B) equivalent.
- C) negatively related.
- D) inversely proportionally related.
- E) proportionally related.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C) D)
 - D)
 - E)

The table below shows hypothetical data for the volume of gold and nickel output across several years.

	Gold	Index	Nickel	Index
	(troy ounces)		(lbs)	
Year 1	1 230 000		4500	
Year 2	1 416 000		4551	
Year 3	1 349 000	100	4623	100
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Year 5	1 012 000		4802	
Year 6	1 321 000		4867	
Year 7	1 450 000		5002	
Year 8	1 510 000		5117	

TABLE 2-4

72) Refer to Table 2-4. What is the index number for gold output in Year 8?						72)
A) 111.9%	B) 1.	119 C) 11.9%	D) 111.9	E) 11.9	
Answer: D						
Explanation:	A)					
	B)					
	C)					
	D)					
	E)					

73)

73) Choose the answer that best explains why economists build models that abstract from the complexities of reality.

A) Because they believe they gain a greater understanding of reality.

B) Because economics deals only in the abstract.

C) Because this allows economists to conduct controlled experiments to test their theories.

D) Because the complexities of reality are unimportant.

E) Because economists are not interested in reality.

Answer: A

Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)

- A) a testable proposition.
- B) a positive statement.
- C) a hypothesis.
- D) a theory.

E) a normative statement.

Answer: E

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

75) An index number expresses the value of a variable in any given period

A) as a proportional weighted average.

B) as a weighted average.

C) as a percentage of its value in the base period.

D) as an absolute compared to the base period.

E) as an average of its value in the base period.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

76) A scatter diagram

A) is a graph of a theoretical relationship between two variables.

B) plots a series of observations, showing the relationship between two variables.

C) shows the dependence of one variable on another.

D) relates time series data only.

E) relates cross-sectional data only.

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B) C) D)
- E)

77) Which of the following is a normative statement?

A) A government deficit will reduce unemployment and cause an increase in prices.

- B) The sun rises in the west and sets in the east.
- C) Reducing unemployment is more important than reducing inflation.
- D) Queen Elizabeth II is the wealthiest woman in the world.
- E) An increase in the price of lumber is followed by a decrease in the construction of new houses.

Answer: C

Explanation: A)

- B) C)
- D)
- E)

76) _____

75)

77) _____

78) Suppose there is a theory that several things influence the price of fish in Halifax, one of which is the weather during the fishing season. When examining the determinants of the price of fish, the weather is

A) an exogenous variable, as it is determined outside the theory.

B) an endogenous variable, as it influences the price of fish.

C) an act of God and, therefore, has no legitimate connection with the theory.

D) an endogenous variable, as it is determined within the theory.

E) a stock, as it influences the quantity of fish caught.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D) E)

79) When using statistics in economics, the possibility of error

A) is not considered to be important.

B) can be eliminated with more sophisticated statistical techniques.

C) cannot be controlled.

D) cannot be evaluated.

E) cannot be eliminated.

Answer: E

Explanation: A) B)

> C) D)

E)

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Year 7	1 450 000		5002	
Year 8	1 510 000		5117	

TABLE 2-4

80) Refer to Table	2-4. What is the index	number for gold out	put in Year 1?		80)
A) 109.7	B) 0.91	C) 91.2	D) 1.097	E) 99.7	
Answer: C					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				

78)

81) Suppose that two points on a straight line are (X = 4, Y = 5), and (X = 2, Y = 1). The slope of this line 81) is

A) $-\frac{1}{2}$. B) $\frac{4}{5}$. C) $\frac{1}{2}$. D) 2. E) -2. Answer: D Explanation: A) B) C) D) E)

82) Suppose that a particular theory predicts that on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the stock market 82) will rise and that on Tuesday and Thursday the stock market will fall. If an economist tests this theory and finds that over a six-month period the theory predicts accurately, the economist would likely say that the theory

A) has been proven correct.

B) is reliable.

C) is not rejected by the evidence.

D) is not useful because stock markets involve irrational human behaviour.

E) shouldn't be taken seriously.

Answer: C

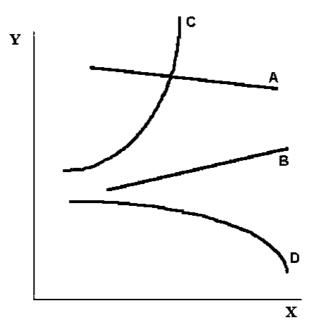
Explanation: A)

B)

C)

D) E)

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83) Refer to Figure 2-2. The slope of curve C is

- A) negative and constant.
- B) impossible to describe.
- C) negative and changing.
- D) positive and changing.
- E) positive and constant.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

84) Economic theories

A) can be used to help explain and predict economic behaviour.

B) cannot help to predict future behaviour.

C) cannot be tested because we cannot do economic "experiments."

D) must apply to all economies to be true.

E) are not useful because of the unrealistic assumptions they contain.

Answer: A

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

83)

84) ____

The table below shows hypothetical data for volumes of e-books and hardcover books sold over a 3-year period in a particular city.

	E-books	Hardcover Books
Year 1	23 000	72 000
Year 2	52 000	59 000
Year 3	106 000	31 000

TABLE 2-3

85) Refer to Table 2-3. Suppose we choose Year 1 as the base year and construct a series of index numbers with which to analyze sales data. The index numbers for volumes of hardcover books sold (starting with Year 1) is:

85)

(starting with	Year 1) i
A) 431; 819;	100
B) 0.431; 0.8	319; 100
C) 100; 81.9	; 43.1
D) 43.1; 81.9	9; 100
E) 100; 0.81	9; 0.431
Answer: C	
Explanation:	A)
	B)
	C)
	D)
	E)

The table below shows hypothetical per-minute cell phone charges for "pay-and-talk" service over several years.

2008	0.55
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2010	0.40
2011	0.35
2012	0.25

TABLE 2-2

- 86) Refer to Table 2-2. Assume that 2008 is used as the base year, with the index number = 100. The solution with the index number = 100. The solut
 - E)

87) The statement "Y is a function of X" means that the

A) values of Y and X are independent.

B) value of Y depends on that of X.

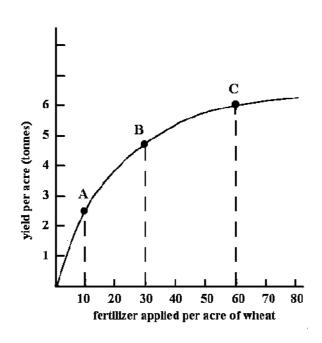
C) values of Y and X are related to some third variable.

D) value of X depends on that of Y.

E) values of Y and X are the same.

Answer: B

- Explanation: A) B)
 - C)
 - D) E)





88) Refer to Figure 2-4. This non-linear function shows that over the range shown,

A) as more fertilizer is applied, the marginal change in yield is diminishing.

B) as the yield per acre increases, the amount of fertilizer required per acre is increasing.

C) as the yield per acre increases, the amount of fertilizer required per acre is diminishing.

D) as more fertilizer is applied, the total yield per acre is diminishing.

E) as more fertilizer is applied, the marginal response in yield is increasing

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

89) An economist has data showing household income and energy consumption for 10 000 Canadian households. The best way to illustrate these data is

A) a logarithmic scale diagram.

B) a cross-sectional bar-chart graph.

- C) a time-series line graph.
- D) a time-series bar chart diagram.

E) a scatter diagram.

Answer: E

Explanation:

- A) B) C)
- D)
- E)
- 90) The statement that introducing a policy of legislated rent controls will lead to a housing shortage is 90) ______ an example of a(n)

A) normative statement.

- B) model.
- C) theory.
- D) prediction.
- E) assumption.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C) D)
 - E)

The table below shows hypothetical tuition costs at a Canadian university.

Year	Tuition		
2008	\$5000		
2009	\$5050		
2010	\$5100		
2011	\$5150		
2012	\$5200		

TABLE 2-1

91) Refer to Table 2-1. The increase in tuition fees from 2008 to 2012 is							
A) 4%.		B) 200/5200.	C) 0.04%.	D) 200.	E) 100/5000.		
Answer: A							
Explanation:	A)						
	B)						
	C)						
	D)						
	E)						

92) Consider the functional relationship between two variables, X and Y. If Y is an increasing function

- A) X remains constant as Y increases.
- B) Y increases when X decreases.
- C) Y decreases when X increases.
- D) X decreases when Y increases.
- E) Y increases when X increases.

Answer: E

- Explanation:
 - B) C) D)

A)

- E)
- 93) At the minimum or the maximum of the graph of a non-linear function (with *x* on the horizontal axis and *y* on the vertical axis) the slope of the curve is

93)

94)

92)

Answer: E

A) -1.B) infinite.C) undefined.

D) 1. E) 0.

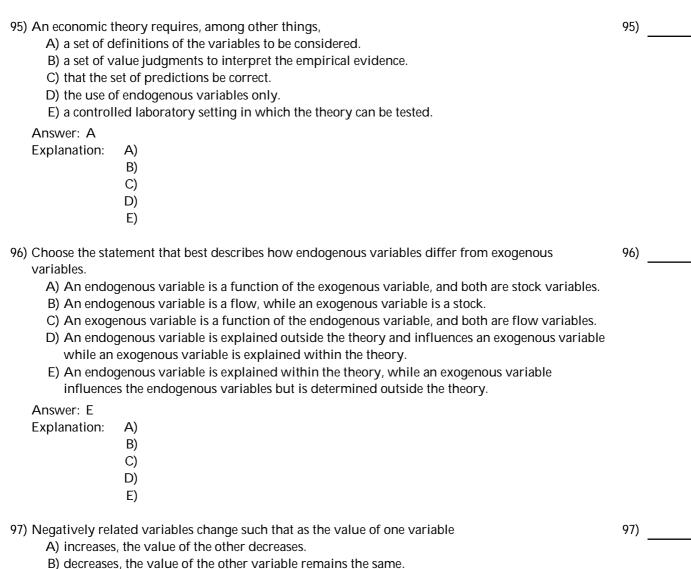
- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D) E)

94) Economists build models that abstract from the complexities of reality because

- A) economists do not understand the real world.
- B) economists are not interested in reality.
- C) they believe they gain a greater understanding of reality.
- D) the complexities of reality are unimportant.
- E) it is easier to do so.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)



C) increases, the value of the other variable increases.

D) decreases, the value of the other variable decreases.

E) increases, the value of the other variable remains the same.

Answer: A

Explanation: A)

B)

C)

D)

E)

98) Suppose an economist tells you that the unemployment rate in Canada last year was 7.8%. This is an example of a(n) ______ statement.

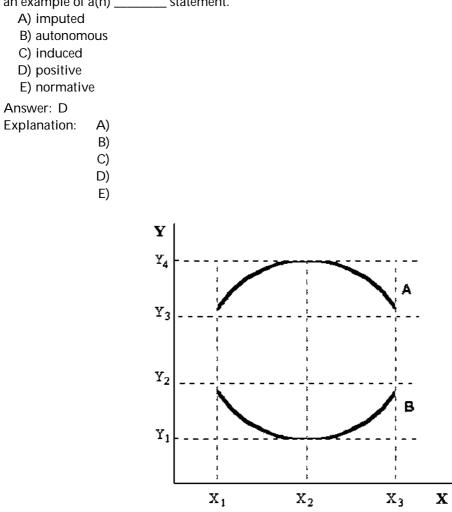


FIGURE 2-3

99) Refer to Figure 2-3. On curve A, the maximum value of Y occurs at

- A) X₁.
- B) X3.
- C) X = 0.
- D) X₂.

E) values of X greater than X₃.

Answer: D

Explanation:	A)
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- B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

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100) Suppose Ahmoud would spend \$1200 per year on travel, even if his annual income were zero. As his income rises, he would spend 20% of each additional dollar of income on travel. Choose the correct mathematical equation that describes the functional relation between his travel spending (T) and his income (Y).

A) T = 1200 + 0.2YB) T = 1200 + 0.8YC) Y = 1200 + 0.2TD) Y = 1200 - 0.2TE) T = 0.2 + 1200Y

Answer: A

Explanation:	A)
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- B) C)
- D)
- E)

101) A positive statement is one that states

- A) non-negative numbers.
- B) what should be but is not.
- C) what is desirable.
- D) what is, was, or will be.
- E) what is and what should be.

Answer: D

Explanation: A) B) C) D)

- E)
- 102) Let 1 stand for "any given period" and 2 stand for "base period." The formula of any index number can be written as:

A) value of index at $1 = \frac{\text{relative value at } 1}{\text{relative value at } 2}$
B) value of index at $1 = \frac{\text{absolute value at } 1}{\text{absolute value at } 2} \times 100$
C) value of index at $1 = \frac{\text{relative value at } 1}{\text{relative value at } 2} \times 100$
D) value of index at $1 = \frac{\text{absolute value at } 1}{\text{absolute value at } 2}$
E) value of index at $1 = \frac{\text{absolute value at } 2}{\text{absolute value at } 1} \times 100$
Answer: B
Explanation: A)
B)
C)
D)

D) E)

103) 103) In order to test a theory, one must A) present a series of normative statements and positive statements. B) develop normative statements from the law of large numbers. C) use assumptions that most closely reflect reality. D) develop a better explanation than the one presented. E) confront the predictions of the theory with evidence. Answer: E Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 104) 104) Data collected repeatedly over successive periods of time are called A) logarithmic data. B) time-series data. C) time-analysis data. D) cross-sectional data. E) topographic data. Answer: B Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 105) For a given year, an index number of average prices across the economy (such as the Consumer 105) Price Index) is the ratio of the A) weighted prices of a typical bundle of goods purchased in the base year to that in the given year.

- B) price of several goods in the given year to that in the base year.
- C) average price of all goods in the given year to that in the base year.
- D) weighted prices of a typical bundle of goods purchased in a given year to that in the base year.

E) average price of several goods in the base year to that in the given year.

Answer: D

Explanation:

- A) B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

106) An economic model that contains a highly realistic set of assumptions is

A) certainly superior to a model whose assumptions are highly unrealistic.

B) necessarily better able to predict the future.

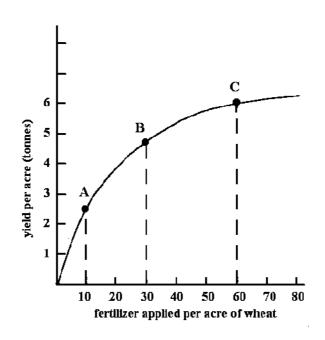
C) more abstract than a model whose assumptions are further removed from reality.

D) not likely to be useful because of its particularized nature and its complexity.

E) useful because there is then very little difference between "theory" and "reality."

Answer: D

- Explanation:
- A) B) C)
 - D)
 - E)





- 107) Refer to Figure 2-4. Suppose we draw a straight line tangent to point B of the non-linear function. The straight line has a slope of 0.075. What information is conveyed to us by this measurement?
 - A) Because point B is midway between point A and point C, the yield per acre is 0.075 tonnes of wheat when fertilizer applied is between 10 and 60 units per acre.
 - B) At point B, when fertilizer is applied at a rate of 30 units per acre, the yield is 0.075 tonnes per acre.
 - C) At point B, if one additional unit of fertilizer is applied per acre, the marginal response is 0.075 tonnes of wheat per acre.
 - D) At point B, the marginal response to the application of 0.075 units of fertilizer is between 4 and 5 tonnes per acre.
 - E) At point B, the marginal response to the application of 30 units of fertilizer per acre is 0.075 tonnes of wheat.

Answer: C

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

A) a time-series line graph.

B) a time-series bar chart diagram.

- C) a scatter diagram.
- D) a cross-sectional bar-chart graph.
- E) a logarithmic scale diagram.

Answer: D

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
- 109) If we seek to explain the number of seats sold on a particular air route, say Toronto to Halifax, over a one-year period, we would consider many variables. Which of the following variables would be endogenous to our theory?
 - A) the unemployment rate in Toronto
 - B) the average salary of Canadian airline pilots
 - C) the price of jet fuel
 - D) the number of fog days in Halifax
 - E) the number of airline seats sold on this route

Answer: E

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C) D)
- E)

110) Which of the following pairs of words have similar meanings?

A) dependent and exogenous

- B) independent and exogenous
- C) endogenous and autonomous
- D) induced and exogenous
- E) induced and autonomous

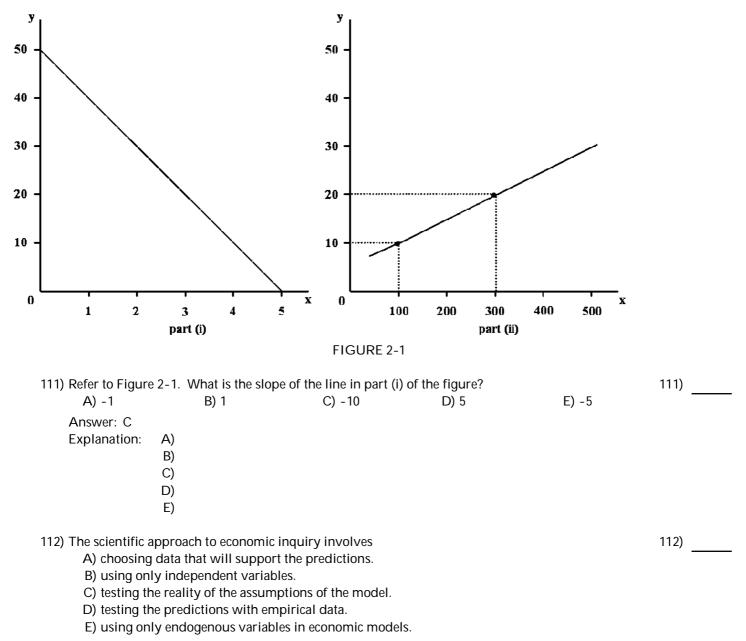
Answer: B

Explanation:

- A) B)
- C)
 - D)
- E)

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Answer: D

- Explanation: A)
 - B)
 - C) D)
 - E)

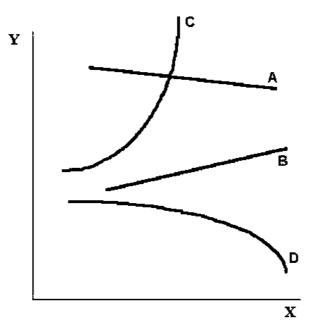


FIGURE 2-2

113) Refer to Figure 2-2. The slope of curve A isA) negative and changing.

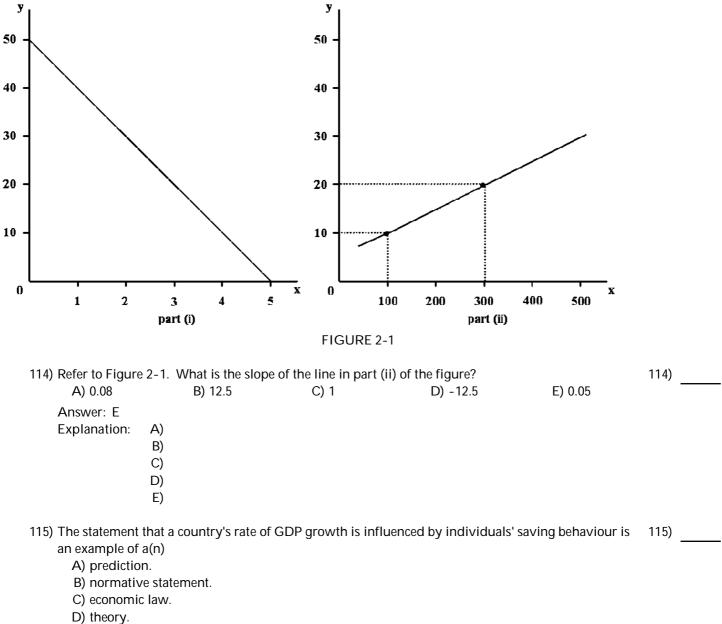
B) negative and constant.C) positive and constant.D) undefined.

E) positive and changing.

Answer: B

Explanation:

- A) B)
- C) D)
- E)



E) variable.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

116) Suppose economists at the Department of Finance in Ottawa employ an economic model that 116) predicts the effects of an increase in the GST. After implementation of the change, researchers find that the empirical data rejects the prediction. They are likely to A) reject the empirical data as faulty because it did not support the theory. B) modify the prediction in light of the new evidence. C) ignore the empirical evidence and continue using the model. D) modify the theory in light of this newly acquired empirical knowledge. E) modify the data to suit the definitions and assumptions. Answer: D Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 117) When considering how a family's level of consumption changes in response to changes in its 117) income, A) consumption is the dependent variable and income is the independent variable. B) income is the dependent variable and family consumption is the independent variable. C) there is no relationship between the variables. D) both of the variables are dependent. E) both of the variables are independent. Answer: A Explanation: A) B) C) D) E) 118) The statement that a country's rate of economic growth is influenced by its firms' investment 118) behaviour is an example of a(n) A) prediction. B) normative statement. C) economic law. D) theory.

E) variable.

Answer: D

Explanation: A)

- B)
 - C)
 - D) E)

119) When studying economic data, index numbers are especially valuable when comparing

A) relative movements in real and nominal variables.

B) relative movements in different variables measured in different units.

C) linear and logarithmic data.

D) government data with private-sector data.

E) time-series data with cross-sectional data.

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B) C)
- D)
- E)

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TABLE 2-4

120) Refer to Table 2-4. What is the index number for nickel output in Year 6?						120)
A) 110.7	B)	108.2	C) 95.0	D) 95.0%	E) 105.3	
Answer: E						
Explanation:	A)					
	B)					
	C)					
	D)					
	E)					

121) Most economists believe that economic analysis _____ be made completely free of judgement, in 121) _____ part because it is _____ to absolutely refute a theory on the basis of factual evidence.

A) can; possible

- B) cannot; impossible
- C) cannot; possible
- D) can; impossible

E) will; necessary

Answer: B

Explanation: A)

- B)
- C)
- D) E)

119) ____

122) On a coordinate graph, what is the X intercept of the function $X = 60 + 3Y$?					122)
A) -60	B) 60	C) 0	D) 20	E) -20	
Answer: B					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
	E)				
123) In a co-ordinate graph, with Y on the vertical axis and X on the horizontal axis, the variable X is positive and the variable Y is negative in the quadrant.					
A) bottom, r	ight B) bo	ttom, left (C) top, right	D) top, left	
Answer: A					
Explanation:	A)				
	B)				
	C)				
	D)				
					10.4

124) Suppose economists at the World Bank develop a theory with a prediction that increased levels of foreign aid lead to increases in per capita GDP in the recipient developing countries. They find empirical evidence that is consistent with this theory. The economists are able to conclude that

A) the assumptions used in the theory have been proven correct.

B) the evidence is rejected by the theory.

C) the theory is always reliable.

D) the theory has been proven correct.

E) the evidence fails to reject the theory.

Answer: E

Explanation: A)

B)

C) D)

E)

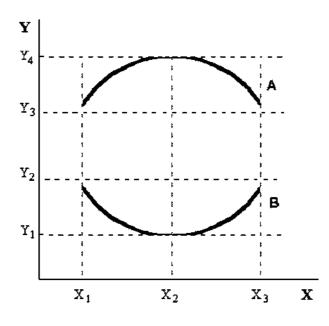


FIGURE 2-3

125) Refer to Figure 2-3. At X₂ on curve B, the

A) maximum occurs at Y₁.

- B) minimum occurs at Y_{4.}
- C) slope is decreasing.
- D) slope is increasing.

E) slope of the curve is zero.

Answer: E

Explanation:

- A) B) C)
- D)
- E)

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