

Quiz 1

(5 points)

Time: 10 September 2021 at 15:00-15:30 (30 minutes)

There are 2 questions. You need to answer all questions. Please **submit** your answers in a PDF file with a file name “**Quiz1_StudentID_Name**” via BE Moodle class before **15:40**.

Question 1 (3 points)

Case A: The production of a plastic factory ‘K Chemical’ is located nearby a house village ‘Dreamland’. If the production of the plastic factory reaches a certain level at Q_m , it will release air pollutions to the level that destroy clean air around the Dreamland village. However, if the production of the plastic factory does not exceed Q_m , it will create no significant impact for people living in the Dreamland village.

Case B: In Thailand, the CO₂ emissions from oil consumption in transport sector increased from 51 million tons of CO₂ in 2008 to about 63 million tons of CO₂ in 2018.

Please answer the following questions for both Case A and Case B above

- i. Does an externality exist? If so, classify the externality type (e.g., positive vs. negative, costs vs. benefits) and explain how inefficiency problems could arise in this case.
- ii. If an externality exists, could the Coase Theorem be applied to solve market inefficiencies in this case? Please explain your answer (Hint: is it possible to use property right rules and solve the problem?)
- iii. If the Coase Theorem does not apply, what the government could do to solve the problem?

Question 2 (2 points)

Suppose an investor is considering a wind farm project to produce electricity. The wind farm will create noises that affect people living in a house village Dreamland.

- i. How could you estimate the compensation amount for people living in the Dreamland to approve the wind-farm construction? (Hint: Choose WTP vs. WTA question, methods to estimate WTP and WTA).
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Case A: Negative, cost from this project has many problem and effect to the environment than the benefits from this factory that you gain.

Case B: Negative, cost is emissions from oil for 63 million ton of CO_2

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In WTP wind farm to produce electricity will disrupt the environment less than the other electricity factory such as coal plant factory, so we could build wind-farm factory. But the cost that we will lose or the effects from wind-farm is scenery because the measure of turbine is very big. And it will have noise pollution because the machine working is very loud.

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1. Define project
2. Identify impacts of the project
3. Value the impacts
4. Calculate cost and benefit to present values
5. Apply the net present value