ECON-2510
Exam 2

Name	
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1. 7	The state animal for California is_	
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2. The current sales tax for Stanislaus County is ______

3. Alcoa produces _____

Answer four (4) of the following six (6) questions.

- 1. What is an oligopoly? How can a kinked demand curve be used to explain this concept? Graphically illustrate your answer. How can this be used to explain price stability with an oligopoly?
- 2. What are the characteristics of a public good? Why is it likely to be underproduced? How might this underproduction be corrected?
- 3. What is a minimum wage law? What are its goals? What are its potential effects? Is this an effective policy?
- 4. Who ultimately pays a tax is not always clear. Explain. Also illustrate what is meant by the incidence of a tax.
- 5. Monopolists are not normally perfect monopolists. How would one determine the degree of monopolizing by a producer? What is a natural monopoly? What makes them desirable? What policy choices might be applied to natural monopolies?
- 6. At the bottom of the page, complete the labor demand table for a firm that is hiring labor competitively and selling its product in a competitive market. How many workers will the firm hire if the market wage rate is \$27.95? \$19.95? Explain why the firm will not hire a larger or smaller number of units of labor at each of these wage rates. What factors affect the elasticity of resource demand?

Units of Labor 0 1 2 3 4	Total Product 0 17 31 43 53 60	Marginal Product	Product Price \$2 2 2 2 2 2	Total Revenue \$	Marginal Revenue Product \$
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