

Smith & Marx:
Did You Get It?



Label the following statements with Adam Smith (AS) or Karl Marx (KM)

1. _____ Economic need should determine what is produced
2. _____ Consumer preference should determine what is produced
3. _____ No one knows better than himself what he needs or wants
4. _____ An economy based on consumer choice puts it in the hands of those with money to buy
5. _____ An economy based on consumer choice may end up producing video games instead of housing
6. _____ Economic freedom for consumers is important
7. _____ Private property creates classes
8. _____ Private property and profits promote incentives and hard work
9. _____ Profit, rather than human concerns, becomes the focus under capitalism
10. _____ Without profit, factories would be inefficient and wasteful
11. _____ Consumer goods should go to those who can afford them
12. _____ Consumer goods should go to those who need them
13. _____ If someone is willing to pay the price for a good, it shows they value it highly
14. _____ If someone is able to pay the price for a good, it shows they have more money than others
15. _____ The profits of a firm should go to the producer who makes the product
16. _____ Private ownership promotes exploitation and greed
17. _____ Supply and demand should determine a worker's wages
18. _____ A capitalist economy does not guarantee a worker's rights or protection
19. _____ If wages decrease too much, workers will look for somewhere else to work
20. _____ Rising prices serve as a signal to produce more of a product
21. _____ Only the rich will be able to afford more goods under capitalism
22. _____ Communism is the best way to get everyone what he needs