NameUnit1Fundamental Economic Concepts Note Taking Guide
SSEF1-SSEF3, SSEF5-SSEF6 (Assessment 1)
What is Economics?
Allocate-
SSEF1
1. Scarcity and Choice
A "need" is something that is for survival (food, air, shelter)
A "need" is something that is for survival (food, air, shelter) A "want" is something we desire that is <u>not</u> to survival.
Wants are unlimited while the resources (i.e. Money) are not!
LT:Scarcity! I can define Scarcity!
Basic condition
Scarce:
Scarcity implies
<u>Economics</u>
Shortage vs. Scarcity
A "shortage occurs"
A "shortage occurs" "Scarcity" <i>always</i> exists because our needs and wants are always greater than our resource supply.
SSEF1: Element B
Learning Target:
Productive Resources:
2. Resources
5. Productive Resources
4. Factors of Production
factors of production
Four basic Factors of production:
Factors of Production (cont.)
Capital
Land
Labor
Labor Includes:
c. Capitai
Physical capital
Human capital
It assists in saving time and money when producing goods.
d. Entrepreneurship: A specific form of labor.
Element C:
Why do entrepreneurs take risk?
How is being an entrepreneur
What do entrepreneurs do?
Goods are such as shoes and shirts.
Services are that one person performs for another.
Remember!
All goods and services
Productive Resources SSEF1:C
Opportunity Cost
What did you gain when giving up?

Every time people make a choice about how to use their resources a trade-off occurs! People gain something,	,
out also give up something!	
2. Opportunity Choice	
You face an opportunity cost every time you decide how to use your scarce productive resource!	
Learning Targets:	
1. Marginal Cost and Marginal benefits	
2. Marginal Benefits Marginal Costs vs. Marginal Benefits	
Marginal Costs vs. Marginal Benefits	
SSEF2:B	
Explain that rational decisions occur when the marginal benefits of an action equal or exceed the margina	ıl
costs.	
Learning Target: Rational Decisions	
Rational Decision	
LT: Incentives	
What are Incentives?	
SSEF2:C	
How do people respond to incentives?	
SSEF3 Learning Target: Voluntary, non-fraudulent exchange.	
SSEF3:A	
Explain how and why individuals and businesses specialize, including division of labor.	
Division of Labor:	
Reasons for Specialization:	
If each worker	
workers wno	
Examples of Specialization:	
Why is Specialization important to society?	
Specialization leads to a need for voluntary exchange!	
LT: Voluntary, non-Fraudulent Exchange	
Voluntary Exchange	
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V.E.: Encourages increased productivity and efficiency; I & I	
What does that mean? SSEF5	
Describe the roles of Government in the United States Economy.	
Learning Target: The Role of the Government	
can explain why government provides <u>public goods and services</u> , <u>Redistributes income</u> , <u>protects property</u>	
rights, and resolves market failures.	
What are public goods and how are they paid for?	
Public Goods and Services	
Public Goods and Services	_
Market Failures	_
Resolving Market Failure Examples:	
Property Rights	
Externalities: +/-	-
Redistribute Income	
SSEES b	_

Explain the effects on consumers and producers caused by government regulations.

Government Degulations
Government Regulations Consumer-Protection
Effects of Regulation and De-Regulation
Both Regulation and deregulation have
SSEF6
Explain how Productivity, economic growth, and future standards of living are influences by investment in
factories, machinery, new technology, and the health, education and training of people.
SSEF6.A
Define productivity
What does an assembly line allow?
SSEF6.B (LT: Economic Growth)
Explain how investment in equipment and technology can lead to economic growth
Equipment (Capital)
Efficiencyfaster
Economic Growth
Investment
SSEF6.C
Explain how investments in human capital (Education, job training, and healthcare) lead to a higher standard of
living.
SSEF6.D
Analyze, by means of a production possibilities curve
Productions Possibilities Curve (PPC)
Graphical representation of an economy can make with respect to its
Curve demonstrates:
Opportunity Cost: are (whenever we choose one course of action over another.)1. Scarcity:Is the lack of adequate resources to obtain all of one's wants.
*Society wants v. What society can actually achieve!
Choices:
Number
of pages
<u> </u>
1
1
1
Number
of meals
1. Production Possibilities Curve:
All points on the curve represent the
Any point inside the curve represents
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Interpreting the PPC		
All points on the curve represent the	production of goods and services (you are using	
your resources well)		
Any point inside the curve represents an	of resources (you're	
wasting resources – could be producing more)		
Interpreting the PPC/PPF		
Points on the curve –		
Points inside (under) the curve –	-	
Points outside the curve – u		
Economic Growth		
Why would the PPC/PPF move?		
When the quantity or		
When the quantity or quality of land, labor, and capital shring	nks, t	