

Broadway Economics

“Teaching Economics Through Musical Theatre”

Discussion Questions for “Try Me”

1.) Using supply and demand curves, illustrate what occurs to the equilibrium price and quantity of the market when a price floor (i.e. the minimum wage) is put in place. What does your analysis indicate would happen to the unemployment rate when a minimum wage is implemented or raised?

2.) Go to the BLS webpage to find the unemployment rate for teenagers and compare it to the unemployment rate for adults. Given that the minimum wage affects younger workers the most, does the unemployment rate data match what models predict?

3.) What is human capital? How is Arpad earning human capital as a delivery boy?

4.) Why is earning human capital and on-the-job training crucial for young, low-skilled workers?