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Economics Reading Guide

Pages 15 – 29 – Due 8/17

15 points

**Central Ideas:**

1. What are the problems with market barriers? (15-16
2. Explain how airlines use price discrimination? (18-19)
3. Briefly explain each of the qualities of a market economy:
   * The market economy is a powerful force for making lives better. (20)
   * At the same time, the market is amoral. (20-21)
   * Our system uses prices to allocate scarce resources. (22)
   * Because we use price to allocate goods, most markets are self-correcting. (22-23)
   * If we fix prices in a market system, private firms will find some other way to compete.

(23-24)

* + Every market transaction makes all parties better off. (24-25)

1. Discuss the role of behavioral economics – including the idea of “strict rationality.” (25-26)
2. Explain a few of the examples the author uses in showing that we don’t always act rationally.

(26-28)

1. What does the author have to say about whether a market economy is a “good” economic system?

(28-29)