

Solution to Chapter 2, Question I
STUDY GUIDE

Consider an economy with a widget producer, consumers and a government. The widget producer, produces 100 millions widgets which sell at a market price of \$5 per widget. 70 million widgets are purchased by consumers, 10 million are sold to the government and the remainder is stored as inventory. The widget producer pays \$150 million in wages and \$40 million in taxes. Consumers pay \$30 million in taxes. The government spends all tax revenues to hire workers and purchase widgets as an intermediate good into the production of public infrastructure. The widgets total \$50 million and wages total \$20 million. Calculate GDP using the product approach, expenditure approach and income approach.

GDP Using the Product Approach	
Value added – producers	\$500
Value added - government	\$20 ← We did not add this in Class
GDP	\$520

GDP Using the Expenditure Approach	
Consumption	\$350
Investment	\$100 ← Value of Inventories
Government Expenditures	\$70
Net Exports	\$0
GDP	\$520

GDP Using the Income Approach	
After-Tax Wage Income	\$140
After-Tax Profits	\$310 ← including the value of Inventories as we did in class
Interest Income	\$0
Taxes	\$70
GDP	\$520