

Chapter 1: Commodities

1. What is a commodity?
2. What is use-value (UV)?
3. Why doesn't Marx concern himself with the use-value of commodities?
4. What is exchange-value (EV)?
5. What is value?
6. Can something be a use-value without having value? Give an example.
7. What is abstract labor?
8. What is the relationship between the value of commodities and the productivity of labor?
9. What's the relationship between the physical form of the commodity and its value form?
10. What is the relative value of a commodity?
11. Why must there be a social relation common to all commodities in order for them to be exchangeable?
12. Why is legal equality necessary for seeing this social relation as the basis of EV?
13. What is the general form of value?
14. Why are commodities mysterious?
15. How is labor hidden with commodity exchange?
16. What do you think Marx means by commodity fetishism?
17. What does Marx say about communism in this section?