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AP[®] Macroeconomics

Free-Response Questions

Set 2

MACROECONOMICS

SECTION II

Total Time—1 hour

Reading Period—10 minutes

Writing Period—50 minutes

3 Questions

Directions: You are advised to spend the first 10 minutes reading all of the questions and planning your answers. You will then have 50 minutes to answer all three of the following questions. You may begin writing your responses before the reading period is over. It is suggested that you spend approximately half your time on the first question and divide the remaining time equally between the next two questions. Include correctly labeled diagrams, if useful or required, in explaining your answers. A correctly labeled diagram must have all axes and curves clearly labeled and must show directional changes. If the question prompts you to “Calculate,” you must show how you arrived at your final answer. Use a pen with black or dark blue ink.

You may plan your answers in this orange booklet, but no credit will be given for anything written in this booklet. **You will only earn credit for what you write in the separate Free Response booklet.**

1. Assume that the economy of Moneyland is in equilibrium with an actual unemployment rate equal to the natural rate of unemployment.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the aggregate demand, short-run aggregate supply, and long-run aggregate supply curves, and show each of the following.
- (i) The current equilibrium real output and price level, labeled Y_1 and PL_1 , respectively
 - (ii) The full employment output, labeled Y_F
- (b) Assume that consumer spending in Moneyland decreases from \$110,000 to \$100,000 as a result of a decrease in disposable income in Moneyland from \$135,000 to \$110,000.
- (i) Calculate the marginal propensity to consume in Moneyland. Show your work.
 - (ii) Show the short-run effect of the decrease in consumer spending in Moneyland on your graph in part (a), labeling the new equilibrium real output and price level Y_2 and PL_2 , respectively.
- (c) Following the decrease in consumer spending, explain how the economy would adjust in the long run in the absence of any policy actions.
- (d) The central bank of Moneyland is concerned about the short-run effects of the decrease in consumer spending on the broader economy and is considering taking action rather than waiting for the long-run adjustment process. Assuming the banking system in Moneyland has ample reserves, identify a specific monetary policy action the central bank of Moneyland would take to increase consumer spending.
- (e) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the reserve market in Moneyland, and show the effect of the monetary policy action identified in part (d) on the policy rate.
- (f) How would the change in the policy rate shown on your graph in part (e) affect each of the following in Moneyland in the short run?
- (i) The quantity of national savings
 - (ii) Unemployment. Explain.

Begin your response to this question at the top of a new page in the separate Free Response booklet and fill in the appropriate circle at the top of each page to indicate the question number.

2. The table provided shows the quantity and price of food and clothing, the only two goods produced and consumed in the country of Maltrose, in year 1 and year 2. Assume that year 1 is the base year.

	Year 1 Price	Year 1 Quantity	Year 2 Price	Year 2 Quantity
Food	\$10	12	\$13	10
Clothing	\$5	16	\$4	20

- (a) Calculate the nominal GDP in year 2. Show your work.
- (b) Calculate the GDP deflator in year 2. Show your work.
- (c) What was the numerical value of the inflation rate from year 1 to year 2 ?
- (d) Assuming that the expected inflation rate between years 1 and 2 was 3%, were each of the following better off, worse off, or unaffected as a result of the economic conditions between year 1 and year 2 ?
- (i) People living on a fixed income
 - (ii) Borrowers with fixed interest-rate loans. Explain.

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3. Assume that Jamaica has a cyclical unemployment rate of 4% and a balanced capital and financial account (CFA).
- (a) Identify a specific fiscal policy action that Jamaica's government would take to bring its economy to full employment.
- (b) Based solely on the short-run change in real output resulting from the fiscal policy action identified in part (a), what will happen to Jamaica's net exports? Explain.
- (c) Assume that Jamaica and Turkey are trading partners with flexible exchange rates. Jamaica's currency is the Jamaican dollar (JMD), and Turkey's currency is the lira (TRY). Draw a correctly labeled graph of the foreign exchange market for the Jamaican dollar relative to the lira, and show the effect of the change in net exports identified in part (b) on the supply of the Jamaican dollar and the international value of the Jamaican dollar.
- (d) How will the change in net exports identified in part (b) affect Jamaica's capital and financial account (CFA)? Explain.

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