

3. The government budget of the country of Geeland is currently balanced. The government budget is composed of tax revenues (T), transfer payments (TR), and government spending (G).
- (a) Assume the economy moves into a recession and there is no discretionary policy action.
- (i) Will the government budget move into a deficit or a surplus in the short run? Explain using the appropriate components of the government budget identified above.
- (ii) Based on your answer to part (a)(i), what will happen to the government debt?
- (b) Based on your answer to part (a)(i), identify one specific fiscal policy action that will balance the budget.
- (c) How will the fiscal policy action from part (b) affect the actual unemployment rate in the short run? Explain.
- (d) Did the government efforts to maintain a balanced budget make Geeland's recession more severe or less severe in the short run? Explain.

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