

KEY WORDS stagflation 滞胀 • supply shock 供给冲击 • price level 价格水平

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **changes in the AD–AS model in the short run**.

- analyse how a shift in **aggregate demand** changes the price level and output
- analyse how a **supply shock** 供给冲击 changes the price level and output
- explain **stagflation** 滞胀 as the result of an adverse supply shock

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

- AD **right** $\rightarrow$ higher price level, higher output.
- AD **left** $\rightarrow$ lower price level, lower output.

SRAS left (e.g. costlier oil) → higher price level **and** lower output — the combination called **stagflation**.

Rising prices together with falling output (and rising unemployment), the tell-tale sign of an adverse supply shock.

2.1 State the effect of an increase in AD on the price level and output. [2]

2.3 State what causes stagflation. [1]

3.1 A fall in AD in the short run causes [1]

- ### 3.2 Stagflation is [1]

- 3.3** A severe drought sharply raises food and input prices across the economy.

- State which curve shifts and in which direction. [1]
- State the effect on the price level. [1]
- Name the resulting condition. [1]

Solutions

2.1 the price level rises and output rises.

2.2 rising prices together with falling output.

2.3 an adverse (negative) supply shock.

3.1 B.

3.2 B.

3.3 (a) SRAS shifts to the left. (b) it rises. (c) stagflation.