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Assignment # 2

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*Give 5 statements that “so called experts” give about the economy and tell if those statements are* ***positive*** *or* ***normative****. Also, state why do you think these statements are positive or normative based on their literal meanings.*

1. *There are risks to consumer and investor sentiment from the growing current account gap*

Positive. It does not contain value judgments, and its accuracy can be tested from experience or past data/record.

2. *However the economic disaster originates on a national level. The lethargic way in which the Ministry of Commerce and its sister institutes operate need an urgent revamp, Pakistani representation at all the economic forums, must be taken up in a way that reflects our eagerness to start the journey of economic revival.*

Normative. It contains value judgments, and contains an ideological prescriptive judgement at the end.

3. *Smuggling woes, undocumented black economy, customs delays, are all the negative trends that add to the anxiety of a common man.*

Positive. It does not contain value judgments, and its accuracy can be tested from experience.

4. *With investments in road, railways and ports, the $60 billion China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) offers enormous potential for Pakistan to boost its economy, reduce poverty, spread benefits widely and help those likely to be affected by the new trade route*, a new report says.

Normative. It contains value judgments, and contains an ideological judgement for an economic development.

5. *The water crisis may further hamper economic growth in fiscal year 2019*

Normative. It contains an ideological judgement (‘may hamper’) for a given scenario (‘water crisis’).