

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
MACROECONOMICS (II) EXAM (Supplementary/Special)
DATE: 11TH AUGUST 2015
TIME: 2.00 - 5.00 PM

Instructions:

- Answer any four questions
- All questions carry equal marks.

Question One

(a) Using relevant examples, write short notes on the following economic concepts:

- i. Gross domestic Product (3Marks)
- ii. Aggregate demand (3Marks)
- iii. Marginal propensity to consume (3Marks)
- iv. GDP deflator (2Marks)
- v. The classical quantity theory of money by Irving Fisher (1911) (4Marks)

(b) Examine the importance of national income statistics in an economy (10Marks)

Question Two

(a) What is meant by Real GDP (2Marks)

(b) Discuss the major determinants of the level and size of GDP in an economy. (10Marks)

(c) An economy is described by the following model: $Y = C + I + G + X - M$; where: $C = 150 + 0.75Y_d$, $I = 100$, $G = 115$, $X = 35$, $M = 15 + 0.1Y$, $T = 20 + 0.2Y$. All values for C, I, G, T, X and M are in millions of U.S dollars.

Required:

- i. Compute the equilibrium national income level (Y_e). (5Marks)
- ii. Compute the government multiplier, the tax revenue, consumption expenditure and trade balance at equilibrium level of national income. (8 Marks)

Question Three

(a) Distinguish between demand pull inflation and bottleneck inflation. (5 Marks)

(b) Examine the effects of inflation on your economy (Uganda) for the period 2011/2012. (10 Marks)

(c) What policy measures has Uganda applied to reduce the prevailing inflationary trends in her economy? (10 Marks)

Question Four

(a) Briefly describe the theory of comparative advantages as used in foreign trade. (5 marks)

(b) Explain why developing countries benefit less from international trade. (10 Marks)

(c) What policy measures should Uganda adopt to improve her position in foreign trade. (10 Marks)

Question Five

(a) Briefly describe the real and monetary sectors of the economy and using the graph explain the conditions when they are said to be in equilibrium. (5 Marks)

- (b) Given that the real sector of the three sector economy is described by a macroeconomic model $Y = C + I + G_0$, Where: $C_0 + bY_d$, $I = I_0 - hr$, and $Y_d = Y - T_0$ while the monetary sector is given by demand for money $M_d = M_t + M_{sp}$ such that $M_t = kY$ and $M_{sp} = g - lr$. Assuming that the money supply (M_s) is fixed and exogenously determined, derive the algebraic expressions for IS and LM Curves. **(10 Marks)**
- (c) If the real sector is now given as $C = 100 + 0.75Y_d$, $I = 200 - 2000r$, $G = 100$, and $T = 100 + 0.2Y$ and the monetary sector is given as $M_t = 0.5Y$, $M_{sp} = 100 - 2500r$ and $M_s = 200$, derive the expressions for IS and LM curves. Hence determine the interest rate(r) and equilibrium level of income(Y) when the two sectors are in equilibrium. **(10 Marks)**

Question Six

- (a) Briefly describe the concept of foreign exchange rate state the reasons for persistent foreign exchange rate volatility Uganda? **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Examine the effects of foreign exchange rate volatility on an economy? **(08 Marks)**
- (c) Discuss appropriate strategic measure that should be adopted to mitigate the causes and effects of foreign exchange rate volatility in Uganda? **(07 Marks)**

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