

**25** In Year 1 the price of a barrel of oil increased from \$60 to \$110.

In Year 2 there was a further increase to \$115 a barrel.

Assume that oil price changes have an immediate impact on the general level of prices.

What will be the effect of the changes in the oil price on a country's Consumer Price Index and on its inflation rate in Year 2 compared with Year 1?

	effect on the Consumer Price Index	effect on the rate of inflation
<b>A</b>	decrease	decrease
<b>B</b>	decrease	increase
<b>C</b>	increase	decrease
<b>D</b>	increase	increase

**26** A government has low reserves of foreign currency. When would it be likely to consider a deficit on current account to be a serious problem?

**A** when the country is experiencing a period of high, sustained growth

**B** when the deficit alternates regularly with a surplus

**C** when the deficit exceeds the sum of errors and omissions in the balance of payments account

**D** when the level of international confidence in the country is low