

1. Assume the economy of Vanderlandia is in short-run equilibrium with a real GDP of \$500 million. The full-employment level of real GDP is \$550 million.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the aggregate demand, short-run aggregate supply, and long-run aggregate supply curves, and show each of the following.
- (i) The current equilibrium real output and price level, labeled Y_1 and PL_1 , respectively
 - (ii) The full-employment output, labeled Y_F
- (b) Assume no policy action is taken to restore full employment.
- (i) Explain how the economy will adjust in the long run.
 - (ii) Following the long-run adjustment process, will the price level in Vanderlandia be greater than, less than, or equal to PL_1 shown on your graph in part (a)?
- (c) Assume instead that policymakers in Vanderlandia are considering changing government spending to restore full employment in the short run and that the marginal propensity to save is 0.2.
- (i) Calculate the minimum change and state the direction of change in government spending required to completely close the output gap in the short run. Show your work.
 - (ii) On your graph in part (a), show the short-run effect of the change in government spending in part (c)(i), labeling the new equilibrium price level PL_2 .
- (d) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the loanable funds market, and show the effect of the change in government spending in part (c)(i) on the equilibrium real interest rate.
- (e) Based on the change in the real interest rate shown on your graph in part (d), what will happen to each of the following?
- (i) The price of previously issued bonds
 - (ii) The rate of economic growth in the long run. Explain.

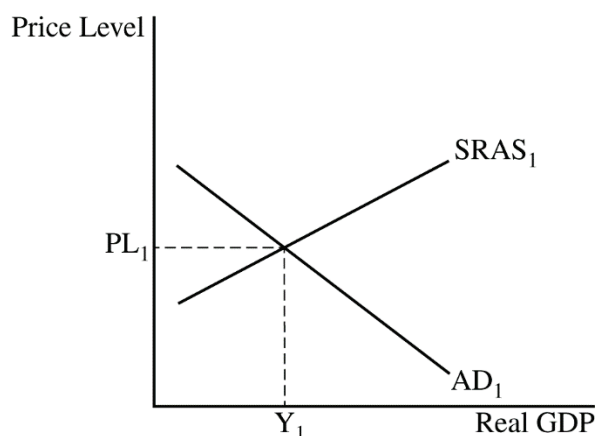
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2. The economy of Noralandia is in short-run equilibrium with an actual inflation rate that is currently higher than the expected inflation rate.
- (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the short-run and long-run Phillips curves. Label the current short-run equilibrium point as X.
- (b) The banking system in Noralandia has ample reserves. Identify a specific monetary policy action that the central bank of Noralandia would take to bring the inflation rate closer to the expected inflation rate.
- (c) Noralandia has an open economy and a flexible exchange rate. Based solely on the effect of the monetary policy action identified in part (b) on interest rates in Noralandia, will there be an increase, a decrease, or no change in the flow of international financial capital into Noralandia? Explain.
- (d) Based on your answer to part (c), what will happen to the international value of Noralandia's currency? Explain.

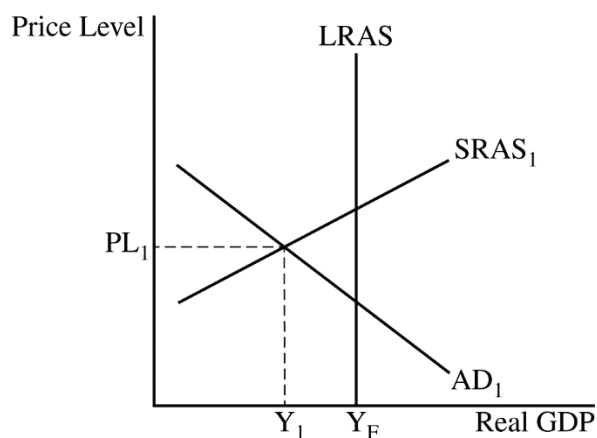
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Question 1: Long**10 points**

- (a) Draw a correctly labeled aggregate demand–aggregate supply graph that shows PL_1 and Y_1 at the intersection of aggregate demand and short-run aggregate supply. **1 point**



- For the second point, the graph must show a vertical long-run aggregate supply curve to the right of Y_1 and label the full-employment output as Y_F . **1 point**

**Total for part (a) 2 points**

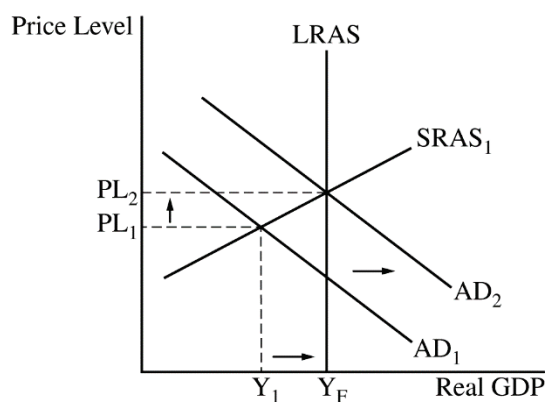
- (b)(i) Explain that input prices (e.g., nominal wages) and/or inflationary expectations will decrease, causing $SRAS$ to increase until it reaches full employment. **1 point**
- (ii) State that the price level will be less than PL_1 . **1 point**

Total for part (b) 2 points

- (c) (i) Calculate the minimum change in government spending as an increase of \$10 million and show your work. **1 point**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimum Change} &= \frac{\text{Output Gap}}{\text{Spending Multiplier}} = \frac{\$50 \text{ million}}{\left(\frac{1}{0.2}\right)} = \frac{\$50 \text{ million}}{5} \\ &= \$10 \text{ million}\end{aligned}$$

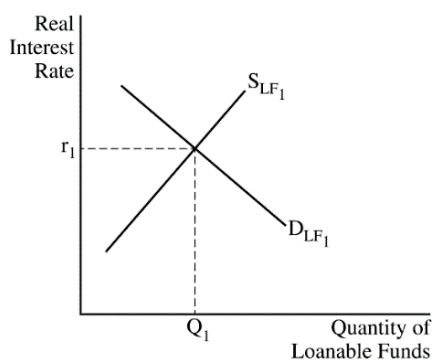
- (ii) On the graph from part (a), show the short-run effect of the change in government spending as a rightward shift of the aggregate demand curve where the new short-run equilibrium intersects the long-run aggregate supply curve at a higher equilibrium price level, labeled PL₂. **1 point**



Total for part (c) 2 points

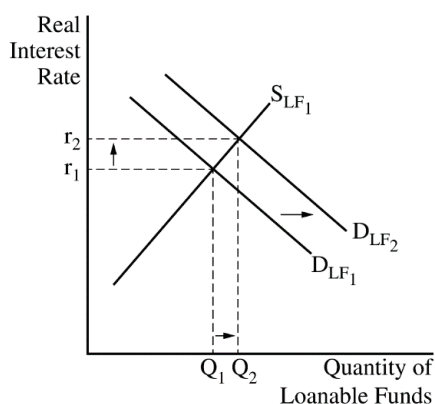
(d) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the loanable funds market.

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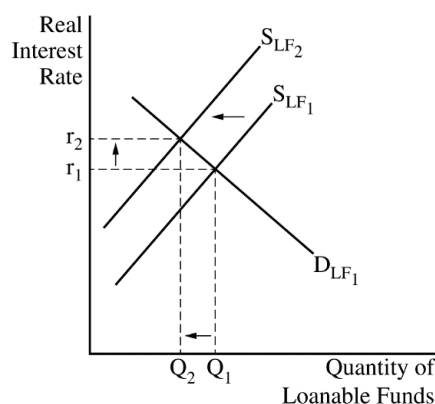


For the second point, the graph must show an increase in the demand for loanable funds (or a decrease in the supply of loanable funds), resulting in an increase in the equilibrium real interest rate.

1 point



OR



Total for part (d) 2 points

(e)(i) State that the price of previously issued bonds will decrease.

1 point

(ii) State that the rate of economic growth in the long run will decrease and explain that an increase in the real interest rate means the cost of borrowing has increased, which will decrease investment spending on physical capital, human capital, and/or research and development.

1 point

Total for part (e) 2 points

Total for question 1 10 points