

## **2010 AP® MACROECONOMICS FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

3. A United States firm sells \$10 million worth of goods to a firm in Argentina, where the currency is the peso.
- How will the transaction above affect Argentina's aggregate demand? Explain.
  - Assume that the United States current account balance with Argentina is initially zero. How will the transaction above affect the United States current account balance? Explain.
  - Using a correctly labeled graph of the foreign exchange market for the United States dollar, show how a decrease in the United States financial investment in Argentina affects each of the following.
    - The supply of United States dollars
    - The value of the United States dollar relative to the peso
  - Suppose that the inflation rate is 3 percent in the United States and 5 percent in Argentina. What will happen to the value of the peso relative to the United States dollar as a result of the difference in inflation rates? Explain.

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**END OF EXAM**

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**Question 3**

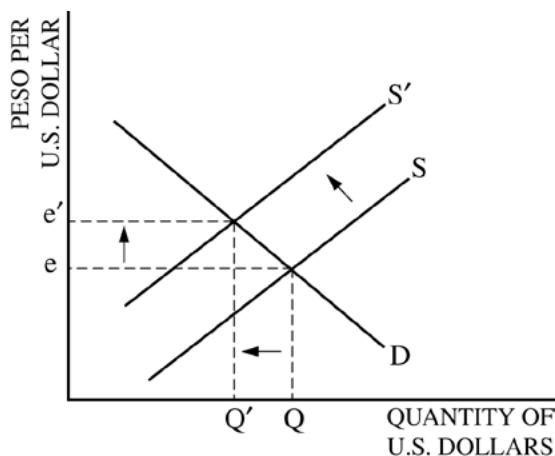
**6 points** (1 + 1 + 2 + 2)

(a) 1 point:

- One point is earned for stating that Argentina's aggregate demand will fall because the purchase results in increased imports or decreased net exports, which are components of aggregate demand.

(b) 1 point:

- One point is earned for stating that the United States current account will be in surplus or increases because exports are recorded as a credit in the current account.



(c) 2 points:

- One point is earned for a correctly labeled graph of the dollar market.
- One point is earned for showing a leftward shift of the supply curve and indicating that the value of the dollar against the peso increases, using arrows, labels or dotted lines.

(d) 2 points:

- One point is earned for stating that the peso will depreciate against the dollar.
- One point is earned for explaining that the higher inflation rate in Argentina makes U.S. goods less expensive (or more attractive) than Argentinean goods.