### A/ ASSESSMENT RECAP

- Length: 1,500 words total (+10% buffer)
- Task: A report analyzing the management of inflation in a South-East Asian country over the last 15 years.

Country: Based on the last number of your student ID, you will be assigned a South-East Asian country. Specific numbers for assignment will be announced two weeks before the deadline.

## **Suggested structure:**

- I. Introduction
- II. Background of Inflation
- III. Inflation's Impact
- IV. Policies and Strategies
- V. Evaluation of Policy Effectiveness
- VI. Lessons and Recommendations
- VII. Conclusion

#### **B/ DEFINITION**

- Inflation:
  - Inflation refers to the general increase in the prices of goods and services over time, leading to a decrease in the purchasing power of a currency.
- GDP Growth:
  - Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth measures the increase in the total value of goods and services produced within a country's borders over a specific period, indicating the overall economic health and performance.
- Taxation:
  - Taxation is the process by which governments collect revenue from individuals and businesses to fund public services and government activities.
- Interest Rates and Borrowing Costs:

 Interest rates represent the cost of borrowing money. Higher interest rates generally mean increased borrowing costs for individuals and businesses.

#### Government Regulations:

 Government regulations are rules and guidelines set by authorities to control and manage various aspects of business and societal activities in the interest of public welfare.

### • Unemployment Rates:

• Unemployment rates measure the percentage of the workforce that is unemployed and actively seeking employment, providing insights into the health of the job market.

#### • Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI):

 CPI measures the average change in prices paid by consumers for a basket of goods and services, reflecting inflation. PPI gauges the average change in selling prices received by producers.

#### • Consumer Purchasing Power:

 Consumer purchasing power is the ability of individuals to buy goods and services, influenced by factors such as income, inflation, and the overall cost of living.

#### • Central Bank Policies:

 Central bank policies refer to the strategies and measures adopted by a country's central bank to control monetary conditions, including interest rates and money supply, to achieve economic objectives.

#### • Supply and Demand Dynamics:

• Supply and demand dynamics describe the relationship between the availability of goods or services (supply) and the desire of buyers to purchase them (demand), influencing market prices.

#### Exchange Rates:

• Exchange rates represent the value of one currency in terms of another, determining the cost of international trade and influencing economic activities.

#### • Monetary Policy Measures:

 Monetary policy measures involve actions taken by central banks to manage money supply, interest rates, and credit conditions to achieve economic stability and growth.

# • Fiscal Policy Adjustments:

• Fiscal policy adjustments refer to changes in government spending, taxation, and borrowing to influence the overall economic activity and achieve macroeconomic goals.