1. Stagflation

A situation in the economy where high inflation, stagnant economic growth, and high unemployment occur simultaneously.

2. Quantitative Tightening (QT)

The process by which central banks reduce the money supply by selling off securities or letting them mature, reversing quantitative easing.

3. Current Account Deficit (CAD)

A measurement of a country's trade where the value of goods and services it imports exceeds the value of exports.

4. Fiscal Deficit

The difference between a government's total revenue and total expenditure, indicating the borrowing needs of the government.

5. Debt-to-GDP Ratio

A metric comparing a country's public debt to its gross domestic product, indicating economic stability and fiscal health.

6. Hot Money

Capital that moves quickly across borders to take advantage of short-term interest rate differentials or financial market conditions.

7. Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF)

A state-owned investment fund that invests in financial assets like stocks, bonds, and real estate to manage national wealth.

8. Core Inflation

A measure of inflation that excludes volatile items like food and energy prices, providing a clearer view of underlying inflation trends.

9. Trade War

An economic conflict in which countries impose tariffs or other trade barriers on each other to protect domestic industries.

10. Capital Flight

The rapid movement of large sums of money out of a country, often due to economic instability or unfavorable policies.

11. Balance of Payments (BoP)

A record of all economic transactions between residents of a country and the rest of the world over a specific period.

12. Moral Suasion

A tactic used by central banks or governments to persuade financial institutions to follow policy guidelines without formal regulations.

13. Twin Deficit

A situation where a country experiences both a fiscal deficit (government spending exceeds revenue) and a current account deficit (imports exceed exports).

14. Disinvestment

The process of selling or liquidating government-owned stakes in public sector enterprises to raise funds.

15. Yield Spread

The difference between yields on two different debt instruments, often used as an indicator of economic conditions.

16. Crowding Out

A situation where increased government borrowing leads to reduced private investment due to higher interest rates.

17. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

An investment made by a company or individual in one country into business interests in another country, typically involving ownership or control.

18. Reverse Repo Rate

The rate at which the central bank borrows money from commercial banks, used to manage liquidity in the banking system.

19. Giffen Goods

A type of inferior good where demand increases as the price rises, contrary to the typical law of demand.

20. Protectionism

Economic policies implemented by a country to protect its domestic industries from foreign competition, often through tariffs or quotas.

21. Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

An economic theory that compares the relative value of currencies by assessing the cost of a specific basket of goods in different countries.

22. Helicopter Money

A form of monetary stimulus where central banks or governments distribute money directly to the public to boost economic activity.

23. Liquidity Trap

A situation where low interest rates and high savings rates fail to stimulate borrowing or investment in the economy.

24. Base Rate

The minimum interest rate set by a central bank below which banks are not allowed to lend, ensuring fair borrowing costs.

25. Sunk Cost

Costs that have already been incurred and cannot be recovered, often considered irrelevant for future financial decisions.

26. Phillips Curve

An economic concept that shows an inverse relationship between inflation and unemployment in the short term.

27. Rollover Risk

The risk that a borrower will not be able to refinance their debt upon maturity due to unfavorable market conditions.

28. Decoupling

A phenomenon where the performance of one economy or market becomes independent of another, especially in global downturns.

29. Trickle-Down Economics

An economic theory suggesting that benefits provided to the wealthy or businesses will eventually benefit all levels of society.

30. Nominal GDP

The total value of all goods and services produced in a country without adjusting for inflation, measured at current market prices.

31. Fiscal Consolidation

Policies aimed at reducing government deficits and debt accumulation by increasing revenue or cutting public spending.

32. Quantitative Easing (QE)

A monetary policy where central banks buy securities to inject liquidity into the economy and encourage lending and investment.

33. Trade Deficit

The economic condition where a country's imports exceed its exports, leading to a negative balance of trade.

34. Venture Capital

Financing provided by investors to startups and small businesses with high growth potential in exchange for equity.

35. Externalities

The costs or benefits of economic activities that affect third parties, such as pollution (negative externality) or education (positive externality).

36. Dutch Disease

An economic phenomenon where a resource boom (like oil) causes currency appreciation, harming other sectors like manufacturing and exports.

37. Sovereign Default

A situation where a country fails to meet its debt obligations or repay its loans to creditors.

38. Laffer Curve

A theoretical representation of the relationship between tax rates and tax revenue, suggesting that higher tax rates can reduce revenue after a certain point.

39. Hard Landing

A sudden and sharp economic slowdown, often resulting from tight monetary policies or external shocks.

40. **Debt Monetization**

The process where a central bank purchases government debt, effectively financing public spending by creating money.

41. Hyperinflation

Extremely high and typically accelerating inflation that quickly erodes the real value of currency and destabilizes the economy.

42. Balance Sheet Recession

A type of economic recession caused by businesses and households prioritizing debt repayment over spending and investment, often leading to stagnation.

43. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

A measure of a bank's financial strength, expressed as a ratio of its capital to its risk-weighted assets, ensuring stability and solvency.

44. Zombie Company

A company that generates just enough revenue to cover operating expenses but cannot repay its debt, relying on external support to survive.

45. Pegged Exchange Rate

A system where a country's currency value is fixed relative to another currency or a basket of currencies.

46. Open Market Operations (OMO)

Activities by a central bank to buy or sell government securities in the open market to regulate money supply and interest rates.

47. Deflation

A decrease in the general price level of goods and services, often associated with reduced consumer demand and economic contraction.

48. Debt Restructuring

The process of negotiating new terms for a borrower's debt obligations to avoid default, often involving extended repayment periods or reduced interest rates.

49. Inflation Targeting

A monetary policy framework where central banks aim to keep inflation within a specified range, typically 2%, to promote economic stability.

50. Green Economy

An economic system that emphasizes sustainable development by minimizing environmental risks and ecological scarcities while enhancing human well-being.

51. **Dual Economy**

An economy characterized by the coexistence of two distinct sectors: a modern, industrialized sector and a traditional, agrarian one.

52. Crowdfunding

A method of raising capital through the collective effort of individuals, typically via online platforms, to fund projects or businesses.

53. Financial Inclusion

The process of ensuring access to financial services like banking, credit, and insurance for all individuals, especially the underserved.

54. Liberalization

The relaxation of government restrictions in economic policies, often to encourage private investment and international trade.

55. Microeconomics

The branch of economics focused on individual consumers, households, and firms, analyzing supply, demand, and pricing mechanisms.

56. Privatization

The transfer of ownership of a public sector entity to private hands to improve efficiency and reduce government burden.

57. Remittances

Funds transferred by migrants to their home countries, often a significant source of income for developing economies.

58. Speculation

The act of trading financial instruments or assets with the expectation of significant returns but involving substantial risk.

59. Twin Balance Sheet Problem

A situation where banks are burdened with non-performing loans, and corporations are heavily indebted, restricting economic growth.

60. Wage-Price Spiral

A cycle in which rising wages lead to higher production costs, causing inflation, which in turn leads to further wage increases.

61. Circular Economy

An economic model focused on minimizing waste and making the most of resources by reusing, recycling, and regenerating products.

62. Shadow Economy

Economic activities that operate outside official regulations and taxation, including black markets and informal work.

63. Financial Derivatives

Contracts whose value is derived from underlying assets such as stocks, bonds, commodities, or interest rates.

64. Currency Depreciation

A decrease in the value of a country's currency relative to other currencies due to market forces or economic conditions.

65. Human Development Index (HDI)

A composite statistic used to measure a country's overall achievement in health, education, and income indicators.

66. Moral Hazard

A situation where a party takes excessive risks because they do not bear the full consequences of their actions, often seen in financial bailouts.

67. Terms of Trade (ToT)

The ratio between a country's export prices and its import prices, indicating the trade competitiveness of its economy.

68. Inclusive Growth

Economic growth that creates jobs and ensures fair distribution of benefits across all segments of society.

69. Forward Contract

A financial agreement to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined price on a specific date in the future, used to hedge against risks.

70. Tobin Tax

A tax on short-term currency transactions to reduce speculation and promote financial stability.

71. Economic Moat

A competitive advantage that allows a company to maintain profitability and market dominance over its rivals for an extended period.

72. Seigniorage

The profit made by a government from issuing currency, calculated as the difference between the face value of money and its production cost.

73. Currency Arbitrage

The simultaneous buying and selling of a currency in different markets to exploit price differences for a profit.

74. Deadweight Loss

The inefficiency in resource allocation that occurs when market equilibrium is not achieved due to taxes, subsidies, or other distortions.

75. Soft Currency

A currency that is not easily convertible into other currencies due to economic instability or lack of international demand.

76. Hard Currency

A currency widely accepted for international transactions due to its stability and reliability, such as the US dollar or euro.

77. Gig Economy

A labor market characterized by short-term contracts or freelance work rather than permanent jobs, often facilitated by digital platforms.

78. Monetary Neutrality

The theory that changes in the money supply only affect nominal variables (like prices) and not real variables (like GDP or employment) in the long run.

79. Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS)

Tax strategies used by multinational companies to shift profits to low-tax jurisdictions, reducing their tax liabilities in high-tax countries.

80. Capital Account Convertibility

The freedom to convert local financial assets into foreign financial assets and vice versa, affecting cross-border investment and borrowing.

81. Opportunity Cost

The cost of forgoing the next best alternative when making a decision, representing the benefits lost due to the chosen option.

82. Pareto Efficiency

An economic state where resources are allocated in a way that no one can be made better off without making someone else worse off.

83. Gross National Income (GNI)

The total income earned by a country's residents and businesses, including any income from abroad, minus payments to non-residents.

84. Debt Ceiling

The maximum borrowing limit set by a government, beyond which it cannot issue further debt without legislative approval.

85. Libor (London Interbank Offered Rate)

A benchmark interest rate at which major global banks lend to one another, often used as a reference rate for financial instruments.

86. Elasticity of Demand

A measure of how sensitive the quantity demanded of a good is to a change in its price, income, or other factors.

87. Tragedy of the Commons

An economic problem where individuals overuse shared resources, depleting them for the entire community.

88. Sterilization

A monetary policy operation by central banks to offset the impact of foreign exchange interventions on the domestic money supply.

89. Sin Goods

Products such as alcohol, tobacco, and gambling services that are taxed at higher rates due to their perceived negative impact on society.

90. Double-Dip Recession

A situation where the economy experiences a recession, briefly recovers, and then falls back into another recession.

91. Quantitative Easing Tapering

The gradual reduction of a central bank's quantitative easing program, signaling a shift in monetary policy.

92. Phillips Curve

An economic concept illustrating the inverse relationship between unemployment and inflation in the short term.

93. Capital Controls

Measures taken by a government to regulate the flow of foreign capital in and out of the country to stabilize the economy.

94. Economic Multiplier

The effect of an increase in spending that leads to a larger increase in national income and output due to re-spending.

95. Rational Expectations

The economic theory that individuals and firms use all available information to make decisions, often anticipating policy effects.

96. Debt Overhang

A situation where a country or company has so much debt that it discourages investment and growth due to the burden of repayment.

97. Jobless Recovery

An economic phase where GDP growth resumes after a recession, but employment growth remains stagnant or slow.

98. Yield Curve Inversion

A situation where short-term interest rates exceed long-term rates, often considered a predictor of economic recession.

99. Trade Liberalization

The process of reducing trade barriers like tariffs and quotas to encourage international trade and economic integration.

100. Ricardian Equivalence

The economic theory suggesting that consumers anticipate future taxation when the government increases debt and therefore reduce their spending.

101. Current Account Surplus

A situation where a country's exports of goods, services, and investments exceed its imports, indicating a net inflow of foreign currency.

102. Inflation Indexation

The adjustment of income, wages, or prices to account for inflation, preserving purchasing power over time.

103. **Economic Stagnation**

A prolonged period of slow economic growth, typically accompanied by high unemployment and low consumer demand.

104. **Deleveraging Cycle**

The process by which businesses or individuals reduce their overall debt levels, often resulting in reduced spending and slower economic growth.

105. **Protectionist Policies**

Economic measures such as tariffs, quotas, and subsidies designed to protect domestic industries from foreign competition.

106. **Deficit Financing**

The practice of funding government expenditure by borrowing rather than raising revenue through taxation.

107. Hot Money Flows

Capital that moves quickly between countries to take advantage of short-term financial opportunities, often contributing to volatility.

108. **Hard Landing Risk**

The danger of a sudden and severe economic slowdown, typically caused by abrupt policy changes or external shocks.

109. Financial Contagion

The spread of economic or financial instability from one market or country to others, often during crises.

110. Liquidity Crunch

A situation where businesses and individuals face difficulties accessing cash or credit due to tightened financial conditions.

111. Fiscal Stimulus

Government policy involving increased public spending or tax cuts to boost economic activity during slowdowns or recessions.

112. Twin Speed Economy

An economy where different sectors or regions experience different growth rates, often creating disparities.

113. **Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)**

A measure of investment in physical assets like infrastructure, machinery, and equipment, indicating economic development.

114. Monetary Transmission Mechanism

The process by which changes in monetary policy affect the broader economy, influencing variables like inflation and GDP growth.

115. Economic Resilience

The ability of an economy to withstand shocks and recover quickly from disruptions, maintaining stability and growth.

116. **Sovereign Risk**

The risk that a government will default on its debt or fail to meet its financial obligations.

117. Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER)

A weighted average of a country's currency relative to a basket of other currencies, adjusted for inflation, to measure competitiveness.

118. Inclusive Capitalism

An economic philosophy emphasizing equitable distribution of wealth, opportunities, and resources to reduce inequality.

119. Shadow Rate

An estimated interest rate that reflects the impact of unconventional monetary policies like quantitative easing when official rates are near zero.

120. Elasticity of Supply

The responsiveness of the quantity supplied of a good or service to changes in its price, reflecting market flexibility.

121. Capital Flight

The rapid movement of financial assets or capital from one country to another, often in response to economic instability or unfavorable policies.

122. Counter-Cyclical Policy

Economic policies designed to counteract business cycle fluctuations by stimulating the economy during recessions and cooling it during booms.

123. Gross Domestic Savings (GDS)

The portion of a country's GDP that is saved rather than spent, including savings by households, businesses, and the government.

124. Wealth Effect

The tendency of people to spend more as the value of their assets, such as real estate or stocks, increases, boosting economic activity.

125. **Exchange Rate Pass-Through**

The degree to which changes in exchange rates affect domestic prices of imported and exported goods.

126. **Zombie Economy**

An economic environment where inefficient or debt-ridden firms survive due to low interest rates or external support, reducing overall productivity.

127. Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC)

The fraction of additional income that households spend on consumption rather than saving, influencing economic growth.

128. **Base Year Effect**

The impact of the year chosen as a base for comparison on economic indicators, often influencing trends in growth or inflation rates.

129. Structural Adjustment Program (SAP)

Economic reforms implemented by countries, often under the guidance of international institutions, to stabilize and restructure their economies.

130. **Monopsony**

A market condition where there is only one buyer for a good or service, giving them significant control over pricing and terms.

131. Terms of Trade (TOT)

The ratio of a country's export prices to its import prices, indicating the relative strength of its trade position.

132. Quantitative Restriction (QR)

Non-tariff trade barriers that limit the quantity of goods that can be imported or exported, often to protect domestic industries.

133. **Economic Scarring**

Long-term damage to an economy following a major downturn, such as reduced labor market participation or lower productivity.

134. Okun's Law

An economic relationship that shows the inverse correlation between unemployment and GDP growth.

135. **Demographic Dividend**

Economic growth potential resulting from shifts in a population's age structure, typically when the working-age population is larger than the non-working-age population.

136. Fiscal Drag

The negative impact of inflation or increased taxation on disposable income and consumer spending, slowing economic growth.

137. Greenfield Investment

Investment in building new facilities or operations from scratch in a foreign country, as opposed to acquiring existing ones.

138. Twin Deficit Hypothesis

The theory that a fiscal deficit (government spending exceeding revenue) often leads to a current account deficit (imports exceeding exports).

139. **Multiplier Effect**

The proportional increase in overall economic activity resulting from an initial injection of spending.

140. **Hard Currency**

A currency that is stable and widely accepted in international trade and finance due to the strength of its issuing country's economy.

141. Trade Elasticity

The responsiveness of trade volumes (exports or imports) to changes in factors like exchange rates, prices, or income levels.

142. Twin Track Economy

An economy where different sectors or regions grow at significantly different rates, often leading to disparities.

143. Fiscal Policy Multiplier

The effect of changes in government spending or taxation on the overall economy, amplifying the initial impact.

144. Currency War

A situation where countries devalue their currencies competitively to boost exports and economic growth.

145. **Open Economy**

An economy that engages in international trade and financial transactions, allowing goods, services, and capital to move freely across borders.

146. **Debt Sustainability**

The ability of a country to manage its debt levels over time without resorting to excessive borrowing or defaulting.

147. **Monetary Aggregates**

Measures of the total amount of money in circulation within an economy, such as M1, M2, and M3, used to assess liquidity.

148. **Poverty Trap**

A situation where low income leads to low savings and investment, perpetuating poverty across generations.

149. Negative Yield

A scenario where investors receive less money back than they initially invested in a bond, often seen during economic uncertainty.

150. Fiscal Prudence

The practice of managing government spending and borrowing responsibly to ensure long-term economic stability.

151. **Bretton Woods System**

An international monetary system established post-World War II, where currencies were pegged to the US dollar, and the dollar was convertible to gold.

152. **Structural Inflation**

Inflation caused by long-term structural factors in an economy, such as supply chain inefficiencies or labor market rigidities.

153. **Currency Board**

A monetary authority that pegs the national currency's exchange rate to a foreign currency and backs it with foreign reserves.

154. Financial Repression

Policies that channel funds to the government by limiting the returns on savings and restricting capital flows, often through regulations.

155. **Stabilization Fund**

A reserve fund set aside by governments to stabilize the economy during periods of volatility, often funded by surplus revenues.

156. Effective Demand

The total demand for goods and services in an economy at a given time, accounting for actual purchasing power.

157. Cross-Currency Swap

A financial agreement to exchange interest payments and principal in different currencies between two parties to hedge currency risk.

158. **Labor Market Rigidity**

Restrictions or inefficiencies in the labor market, such as strict employment protection laws or wage inflexibility, affecting economic performance.

159. Ricardian Rent

The economic rent earned by land or resources due to their scarcity or superior productivity compared to alternatives.

160. **Non-Tariff Barrier (NTB)**

Trade restrictions, other than tariffs, such as quotas, embargoes, or stringent standards, used to control the flow of goods across borders.

161. **Pigovian Tax**

A tax imposed on activities that generate negative externalities, such as pollution, to correct market inefficiencies and discourage harmful behavior.

162. **Debt-to-Equity Ratio**

A financial metric that compares a company's total debt to its shareholder equity, indicating its financial leverage and risk level.

163. Lender of Last Resort

A role typically played by central banks to provide emergency funding to financial institutions facing liquidity crises.

164. Pareto Optimality

An economic state where resources are allocated efficiently, and no one can be made better off without making someone else worse off.

165. **Special Drawing Rights (SDR)**

An international reserve asset created by the IMF to supplement member countries' official reserves, based on a basket of major currencies.

166. **Negative Externality**

A cost incurred by third parties as a result of an economic activity, such as pollution from industrial production.

167. Circular Debt

A situation where multiple parties in an economy owe payments to one another, creating a cycle of unpaid debts.

168. **Regulatory Arbitrage**

The practice of exploiting differences in regulations between jurisdictions to reduce compliance costs or gain a competitive advantage.

169. **Decoupling Hypothesis**

The theory that emerging markets can maintain economic growth independently of slowdowns in advanced economies.

170. **J-Curve Effect**

A phenomenon where a country's trade balance initially worsens after a currency depreciation but improves over time as exports become more competitive.

171. Crowding-In Effect

A situation where increased government spending leads to higher private sector investment, contrary to the crowding-out effect.

172. **Import Substitution**

An economic policy aimed at reducing dependency on imported goods by promoting domestic production through tariffs and subsidies.

173. Gini Coefficient

A measure of income inequality within a population, ranging from 0 (perfect equality) to 1 (maximum inequality).

174. Triffin Dilemma

The conflict of interest faced by countries whose currencies are used as global reserves, balancing domestic economic goals and international demands.

175. **Monetary Overhang**

A situation where there is excess money supply in the economy relative to the availability of goods and services, potentially leading to inflation.

176. Marshall-Lerner Condition

A condition stating that a currency devaluation will improve a country's trade

balance if the sum of the price elasticities of exports and imports is greater than one.

177. Inclusive Wealth

A measure of a country's wealth that includes manufactured, human, and natural capital, providing a broader view of economic well-being.

178. Credit Crunch

A situation where banks reduce lending due to increased risk or lack of funds, restricting access to credit for businesses and individuals.

179. **Debt Forgiveness**

The cancellation or reduction of a borrower's debt by a lender, often used for struggling nations to improve their economic stability.

180. Velocity of Money

The rate at which money circulates in the economy, measuring how often a unit of currency is used in transactions over a period.

181. Inverted Yield Curve

A situation where short-term interest rates are higher than long-term rates, often considered a predictor of economic recession.

182. Opportunity Cost of Capital

The potential return that is foregone by investing capital in one project instead of another with a potentially higher return.

183. Stabilization Policy

Government measures, such as fiscal or monetary policies, aimed at reducing fluctuations in the economy and maintaining stability.

184. Global Value Chain (GVC)

The full range of activities required to bring a product or service from conception to delivery, involving multiple countries.

185. **Minsky Moment**

A sudden collapse of asset values due to the build-up of excessive debt and speculative investment, named after economist Hyman Minsky.

186. **Countervailing Duty (CVD)**

A tariff imposed on imported goods to offset subsidies provided to producers in the exporting country, ensuring fair competition.

187. **Base Erosion**

The reduction of a taxable base by shifting profits or income to low-tax jurisdictions, often through transfer pricing or loopholes.

188. **Liquidity Preference**

A theory by John Maynard Keynes that suggests people prefer holding cash or liquid assets during uncertain times, influencing interest rates.

189. Time Preference

The concept in economics that people prefer to receive goods or benefits sooner rather than later, reflecting the value of present consumption.

190. **Precautionary Principle**

A risk management strategy that advocates caution in adopting policies or innovations that could cause harm, even if the risks are not fully understood.

191. **Absolute Advantage**

The ability of a country or entity to produce a good or service more efficiently than its competitors using the same resources.

192. Creative Destruction

An economic concept by Joseph Schumpeter describing the process where innovation leads to the replacement of outdated industries, fostering economic growth.

193. Adverse Selection

A market condition where buyers or sellers have asymmetric information, leading to inefficient outcomes, such as higher-risk individuals obtaining insurance.

194. Moral Suasion

The use of persuasion rather than mandates by a central bank or government to influence financial institutions or market behavior.

195. **Terms-of-Trade Shock**

A sudden change in the prices of exports relative to imports, which can significantly impact an economy's balance of payments.

196. Peak Oil

The hypothetical point at which global oil production reaches its maximum rate before declining, impacting energy markets and economies.

197. Capital Account Liberalization

The easing of restrictions on capital flows across borders to encourage foreign investment and economic integration.

198. Eurodollar

US dollars deposited in banks outside the United States, often used in international trade and finance.

199. **Anchor Currency**

A stable and widely accepted currency, such as the US dollar, used by countries to peg their own currency or as a reserve currency.

200. **Dynamic Pricing**

A pricing strategy where prices are adjusted in real-time based on demand, competition, or other market conditions, commonly used in industries like airlines or e-commerce.

201. Fiscal Cliff

A situation where a combination of expiring tax cuts and automatic spending reductions occur simultaneously, potentially leading to economic slowdown.

202. Monetary Sterilization

Central bank actions to offset the effects of foreign exchange interventions on the domestic money supply, maintaining monetary policy stability.

203. **Dead Cat Bounce**

A temporary recovery in the price of a declining asset or market, followed by a continued downward trend.

204. Commodity Supercycle

A prolonged period of rising demand and prices for commodities, driven by structural changes in global economic activity.

205. Tax Incidence

The analysis of the distribution of tax burdens between consumers and producers, determining who ultimately bears the cost of a tax.

206. Taylor Rule

An economic model used by central banks to determine interest rate levels based on inflation and economic output.

207. Fiscal Neutrality

A fiscal policy stance where government spending changes are offset by revenue adjustments to avoid influencing the overall economy.

208. **Debt Trap**

A situation where a borrower, such as a country, accumulates unsustainable levels of debt, leading to dependency on further borrowing.

209. **Liquidity Risk**

The risk that a financial institution or entity may not be able to meet its shortterm obligations due to insufficient liquid assets.

210. **Cost-Push Inflation**

Inflation caused by rising production costs, such as wages or raw materials, leading to higher prices for goods and services.

211. Trade-Off

The concept of balancing two conflicting outcomes, such as inflation and unemployment, where improving one may worsen the other.

212. Inclusive Growth

Economic growth that ensures benefits are distributed across all sections of society, reducing inequality and poverty.

213. **Backdoor Listing**

A method where a private company becomes publicly traded by acquiring a publicly listed shell company, avoiding the traditional IPO process.

214. Forward Guidance

A communication strategy by central banks to provide expectations about future monetary policy to influence market behavior and economic decisions.

215. **Greenwashing**

The practice of misleading consumers or investors by falsely portraying a company's products or operations as environmentally friendly.

216. **Debt-to-Income Ratio (DTI)**

A financial metric used to assess a borrower's ability to repay debts by comparing their monthly debt payments to their income.

217. Fiscal Anchor

A specific rule or target, such as a debt-to-GDP ratio, that guides a government's fiscal policy to ensure long-term stability.

218. **Multiplier Effect**

The concept that an initial injection of spending (government or private) leads to a larger increase in overall economic output.

219. Quantitative Tightening (QT)

A monetary policy used by central banks to reduce liquidity in the economy by selling assets or not reinvesting maturing securities.

220. Recessionary Gap

The difference between actual economic output and potential output when an economy is operating below its full capacity.

221. Core Competency

A unique strength or advantage of a business or economy that provides competitive differentiation and value creation.

222. Current Account Convertibility

The freedom to use a country's currency for international trade and transfers without restrictions.

223. **Zombie Lending**

The practice of banks providing loans to unprofitable or struggling businesses, preventing the efficient allocation of resources.

224. **Regressive Tax**

A tax system where lower-income individuals pay a higher percentage of their income compared to higher-income earners.

225. **Barter Economy**

An economic system where goods and services are exchanged directly without the use of money.

226. Cost Disease

A phenomenon where wages increase in industries without corresponding productivity growth, leading to higher costs for goods and services.

227. Carry Trade

A financial strategy where investors borrow in a low-interest-rate currency to invest in higher-yielding assets or currencies.

228. Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF)

A state-owned investment fund established to manage national reserves and invest in various assets for long-term economic benefits.

229. Structural Unemployment

Unemployment caused by a mismatch between workers' skills and the demands of the labor market, often due to technological or economic changes.

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241. Economic Rent

The excess payment received by a factor of production over and above its opportunity cost, often due to scarcity or exclusive control.

242. Real Interest Rate

The nominal interest rate adjusted for inflation, representing the true cost of borrowing or return on investment.

243. Phillips Curve

An economic concept illustrating the inverse relationship between inflation and unemployment in the short run.

244. Capital Flight

The rapid outflow of financial assets or capital from a country due to political instability, economic downturns, or unfavorable policies.

245. Sunk Cost

Costs that have already been incurred and cannot be recovered, often considered irrelevant for future decision-making.

246. Lorenz Curve

A graphical representation of income or wealth distribution within a population, showing inequality levels.

247. Hot Money

Short-term capital flows that move quickly across borders to take advantage of differences in interest rates or economic conditions.

248. Baumol's Cost Disease

A phenomenon where wages rise in low-productivity sectors (e.g., arts) because of competition with high-productivity sectors, driving up costs without proportional productivity increases.

249. **Twin Track Approach**

A policy framework addressing both short-term economic needs and long-term structural changes simultaneously.

250. Trade Creation

The economic benefit from reduced tariffs or trade barriers, leading to increased trade between participating countries.

251. **Primary Surplus**

The difference between a government's revenue and its non-interest expenditures, indicating fiscal health before accounting for debt servicing costs.

252. Balance Sheet Effect

The impact of exchange rate changes on the value of a company's or country's assets and liabilities, often affecting financial stability.

253. Neutral Interest Rate

The theoretical interest rate at which monetary policy neither stimulates nor restrains economic growth.

254. Factor Price Equalization

An economic theory suggesting that free trade leads to the equalization of wages and returns on capital across countries.

255. Stochastic Modeling

A statistical approach used to predict outcomes by accounting for randomness and uncertainty in economic or financial systems.

256. External Diseconomies

Negative effects on third parties caused by an economic activity, such as environmental pollution, not reflected in market prices.

257. **Resource Curse**

A paradox where countries rich in natural resources experience slower economic growth due to over-dependence, corruption, or poor governance.

258. **Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)**

An economic theory that compares currencies based on the relative price of a standard basket of goods in different countries.

259. **Inflation Targeting**

A monetary policy strategy where central banks aim to keep inflation within a specified range to maintain economic stability.

260. **Deadweight Loss**

The loss of economic efficiency caused by market distortions, such as taxes, subsidies, or monopolies, that prevent optimal resource allocation.

261. **Shadow Banking**

Financial activities conducted by non-bank entities that operate outside regular banking regulations, such as hedge funds and money market funds.

262. Pareto Improvement

A change in allocation where at least one individual is better off without making anyone else worse off, indicating a more efficient outcome.

263. **Quantitative Easing Spillover**

The impact of a country's quantitative easing policies on other economies, such as capital inflows or exchange rate fluctuations.

264. Trade Diversion

The shift of trade from a more efficient exporter to a less efficient one due to the formation of a trade agreement or tariff changes.

265. Cascading Effect

A situation where a tax levied on a product at every stage of its production or distribution leads to tax on tax, increasing the final price.

266. Output Gap

The difference between an economy's actual output and its potential output, indicating whether it is underperforming or overheating.

267. **Decoupling**

A phenomenon where one economy or sector becomes independent of others, often seen when emerging markets grow despite stagnation in developed economies.

268. Capital Deepening

An increase in the capital-to-labor ratio in an economy, leading to higher productivity and potentially economic growth.

269. **Hedonic Pricing**

A method used to estimate economic value for goods or services by considering the characteristics and qualities that affect pricing.

270. Thin Market

A market with low trading volume and liquidity, often leading to higher price volatility and difficulty in executing large transactions.

271. **Carry Forward Loss**

A tax provision allowing businesses or individuals to apply current period losses to future periods to reduce taxable income.

272. Seigniorage

The profit made by a government from issuing currency, calculated as the difference between the face value of money and its production cost.

273. **Monetary Base**

The total amount of a country's currency in circulation, including physical money and reserves held by the central bank.

274. Elasticity of Supply

The responsiveness of the quantity supplied of a good to a change in its price, reflecting market adaptability.

275. Rent-Seeking

The practice of individuals or entities trying to gain economic benefits through manipulation or exploitation of the political or legal environment.

276. Fiscal Marksmanship

The accuracy of government fiscal estimates, including revenue collection and expenditure forecasts.

277. Ad Valorem Tax

A tax based on the assessed value of an item, such as property tax or import duties expressed as a percentage of the good's value.

278. Financial Disintermediation

The process of bypassing traditional financial intermediaries like banks, often using direct lending platforms or financial technology.

279. Velocity of Circulation

The rate at which money is exchanged in an economy, indicating the efficiency of monetary transactions.

280. Supply Shock

A sudden and unexpected change in the supply of goods or services, often leading to price volatility and economic disruption.

281. Creative Accounting

The use of accounting practices to manipulate financial statements to present a desired financial position without technically violating rules.

282. Externality

A cost or benefit arising from an economic activity that affects third parties not directly involved, such as pollution or education.

283. **Debt Restructuring**

A process where a borrower and lender agree to modify the terms of a loan, often to avoid default and make repayment manageable.

284. **Import Quota**

A restriction placed on the quantity of a specific good that can be imported into a country, often used to protect domestic industries.

285. Fiscal Drag

The effect of inflation and income growth pushing taxpayers into higher tax brackets, increasing tax revenue without legislative changes.

286. Sweat Equity

Ownership shares or equity given to individuals in exchange for their effort and work, rather than monetary investment.

287. Trade Facilitation

Measures aimed at reducing the complexity and cost of trade processes to improve the movement of goods across borders efficiently.

288. Moral Hazard

A situation where one party engages in risky behavior because they do not bear the full consequences of their actions, often due to insurance or guarantees.

289. Sterilized Intervention

A central bank action to stabilize the exchange rate by offsetting foreign exchange interventions with domestic monetary adjustments.

290. Idle Capacity

The unused production potential of a business or economy, reflecting inefficiencies or a lack of demand.

291. Forward Premium

The difference between the forward exchange rate and the spot exchange rate, often reflecting interest rate differentials between two currencies.

292. **Monopsony**

A market structure where there is only one buyer for a good or service, giving the buyer significant power over pricing.

293. Fiscal Illusion

A situation where the true cost of government spending is obscured, often leading taxpayers to underestimate the burden of public expenditures.

294. Hollowing Out

The process where industries or economies lose their middle-skilled jobs, leaving only low-skilled and high-skilled employment opportunities.

295. **Green Economy**

An economic framework that emphasizes sustainability and environmentally friendly practices while promoting growth and reducing inequalities.

296. Terms of Credit

The conditions agreed upon between lenders and borrowers, including interest rates, repayment schedules, and penalties.

297. Balance of Trade (BOT)

The difference between a country's exports and imports of goods, reflecting trade surplus or deficit.

298. Customs Union

An agreement among a group of countries to eliminate tariffs on trade within the union while maintaining a common external tariff.

299. Overcapacity

A situation where production facilities have more capacity than the demand for goods or services, leading to inefficiencies.

300. **Liquidity Trap**

A situation where interest rates are low, and savings rates are high, rendering monetary policy ineffective in stimulating the economy.

301. Tax Buoyancy

The responsiveness of tax revenue growth to changes in GDP or national income, indicating the efficiency of a tax system.

302. Reflation

Economic measures taken to stimulate growth and bring inflation back to a healthy level after a period of deflation or stagnation.

303. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

A measure of a bank's financial strength, calculated as the ratio of its capital to its risk-weighted assets, ensuring solvency and risk management.

304. Golden Handshake

A large financial compensation offered to employees, usually as part of a voluntary retirement or severance package.

305. Import Parity Price (IPP)

The price at which an imported good can be sold in the domestic market, including costs such as transportation, insurance, and tariffs.

306. Endogenous Growth

Economic growth driven by internal factors, such as human capital, innovation, and policy decisions, rather than external forces.

307. Fiscal Neutrality

A policy approach where changes in taxation and spending offset each other, leaving the overall fiscal position unchanged.

308. Structural Adjustment

Economic reforms, often recommended by international organizations like the IMF, aimed at restructuring and stabilizing an economy.

309. Hot Money

Short-term capital flows that move quickly across countries to take advantage of interest rate differences or financial opportunities.

310. **Disguised Unemployment**

A situation where more workers are employed than necessary, with marginal productivity close to zero, often seen in rural or agricultural economies.

311. Multiplier Effect

The process by which an initial injection of spending (e.g., government investment) leads to a larger overall increase in economic output.

312. Crowding-Out Effect

A situation where increased government borrowing raises interest rates, reducing private sector investment and spending.

313. Invisible Hand

A concept from Adam Smith, describing how individual self-interest in a free market leads to economic efficiency and societal benefit.

314. **Opportunity Cost**

The cost of choosing one option over another, measured by the benefits foregone from the next best alternative.

315. Speculative Bubble

A situation where asset prices are driven to unsustainable levels due to excessive demand, often followed by a market crash.

316. **Decentralized Finance (DeFi)**

A financial ecosystem built on blockchain technology that operates without intermediaries like banks, enabling peer-to-peer transactions.

317. **Economic Convergence**

The theory that poorer economies will grow faster than richer ones, reducing the income disparity over time.

318. **Nominal vs. Real Values**

Nominal values are measured in current prices without adjusting for inflation, whereas **real** values are adjusted for inflation to reflect true purchasing power.

319. **Dutch Auction**

A bidding process where the price starts high and decreases until a buyer accepts, often used for selling securities or IPO pricing.

320. **Backward Integration**

A business strategy where a company acquires or merges with its suppliers to gain control over its supply chain and reduce costs.

321. Base Rate

The minimum interest rate set by a central bank, below which commercial banks are not allowed to lend, influencing the overall lending market.

322. Horizontal Integration

A business strategy where a company acquires or merges with competitors in the same industry to increase market share and reduce competition.

323. Twin Deficit

A situation where a country experiences both a fiscal deficit (government spending exceeds revenue) and a current account deficit (imports exceed exports).

324. Transfer Pricing

The pricing of goods, services, or intellectual property exchanged between divisions of the same company, often used to optimize taxes.

325. **Dollarization**

The process where a country adopts a foreign currency, such as the US dollar, as its legal tender or primary medium of exchange.

326. Financial Intermediary

An entity, like a bank or mutual fund, that facilitates financial transactions between savers and borrowers.

327. Yield to Maturity (YTM)

The total return an investor can expect to earn if a bond is held until maturity, accounting for interest payments and price differences.

328. Tragedy of the Commons

An economic problem where individuals overuse shared resources, depleting them for everyone due to lack of regulation or incentives for conservation.

329. Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)

Restrictions on trade that do not involve tariffs, such as quotas, licensing requirements, and regulatory standards.

330. Capital Gains Tax

A tax levied on the profit realized from the sale of a capital asset, such as stocks, bonds, or real estate.

331. Repo Rate

The rate at which a central bank lends money to commercial banks, often used to control liquidity and inflation in the economy.

332. Giffen Goods

Inferior goods for which demand increases as prices rise, contrary to the standard law of demand, due to the income effect outweighing the substitution effect.

333. Hawala System

An informal method of transferring money without physical movement, often operating outside traditional banking channels.

334. **Zero-Coupon Bond**

A type of bond that does not pay periodic interest but is issued at a discount and redeemed at face value upon maturity.

335. Piggyback Loan

A secondary loan taken alongside a primary mortgage, often used to avoid private mortgage insurance (PMI) or cover down payments.

336. **Debt Equity Swap**

A financial arrangement where a company's debt is exchanged for equity, often used during restructuring to reduce leverage.

337. Current Account Deficit (CAD)

A situation where a country's total imports of goods, services, and transfers exceed its total exports, indicating net outflows of foreign currency.

338. **Derivatives Market**

A financial market where securities such as futures, options, and swaps are traded, deriving their value from underlying assets.

339. Rollover Risk

The risk that a borrower may not be able to refinance their debt when it matures due to unfavorable market conditions.

340. Eminent Domain

The right of a government to acquire private property for public use, with compensation to the owner, often for infrastructure projects.

341. Haircut

The reduction in the value of an asset or loan during negotiations, often seen in debt restructuring or financial bailouts.

342. Trade Imbalance

A situation where a country's imports and exports are not equal, leading to a trade surplus or deficit.

343. Quantitative Tightening (QT)

A monetary policy where central banks reduce liquidity by selling government securities or not reinvesting maturing bonds.

344. Stagflation

An economic condition characterized by slow growth, high unemployment, and high inflation occurring simultaneously.

345. Blue Ocean Strategy

A business approach focusing on creating new, uncontested markets rather than competing in existing, saturated markets.

346. **Shadow Pricing**

An estimate of the monetary value of goods or services that are not typically priced in the market, like environmental resources.

347. Exit Load

A fee charged by mutual funds when investors exit or redeem their units before a specified period.

348. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI)

Investments in a country's financial assets, such as stocks and bonds, by investors who do not have direct control over the companies.

349. **Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS)**

Tax avoidance strategies used by multinational companies to shift profits to low-tax jurisdictions, reducing their tax liabilities.

350. Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

A regulatory requirement for banks to hold sufficient high-quality liquid assets to cover their net cash outflows for 30 days.

351. Sovereign Default

A situation where a government fails to meet its debt obligations, such as not repaying bonds or loans.

352. **Anchor Borrower**

A key borrower in a lending scheme who links smaller borrowers or suppliers to financial institutions or markets, often seen in agricultural finance.

353. **Liquidity Trap**

A situation where monetary policy becomes ineffective because interest rates are low and savings rates remain high, dampening economic activity.

354. **Debt Monetization**

The process of converting government debt into money by having the central bank purchase it, potentially leading to inflation.

355. Green Bonds

Debt instruments issued to raise funds specifically for projects aimed at environmental sustainability or combating climate change.

356. Trade War

An economic conflict where countries impose tariffs or other trade barriers on each other to protect domestic industries.

357. Capital Account Surplus

A situation where the inflows of foreign investments and financial capital exceed the outflows, indicating net capital inflows.

358. Fiscal Deficit

The gap between a government's total revenue and its total expenditure, reflecting its borrowing needs.

359. Investment Multiplier

The proportional increase in total income or GDP resulting from an initial increase in investment spending.

360. Circular Economy

An economic model focused on minimizing waste and maximizing resource use through recycling, reuse, and sustainable practices.

361. Non-Performing Asset (NPA)

A loan or advance for which the principal or interest payment remains overdue for a specific period, typically 90 days in banking terms.

362. Forward Contract

A financial agreement to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined price on a future date, often used for hedging or speculation.

363. Phillips Curve

An economic theory suggesting an inverse relationship between unemployment and inflation in the short run.

364. Basel Norms

International banking regulatory frameworks set by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to ensure financial stability and risk management.

365. Terms of Trade (TOT)

The ratio of a country's export prices to its import prices, reflecting its trade competitiveness.

366. **Dollar Peg**

A fixed exchange rate system where a country ties its currency's value to the US dollar to stabilize trade and economic conditions.

367. Indexation

The adjustment of income, wages, or taxes to reflect changes in the cost of living or inflation, ensuring real value remains unchanged.

368. Sovereign Credit Rating

An assessment of a country's ability to repay its debts, influencing its borrowing costs and investor confidence.

369. Quantitative Easing (QE)

A monetary policy where central banks inject liquidity into the economy by purchasing government securities or other assets.

370. Rollover Relief

A tax provision allowing individuals or businesses to defer capital gains tax by reinvesting the proceeds into similar assets.

371. Exchange Rate Pass-Through

The degree to which changes in the exchange rate affect domestic prices of imported goods, impacting inflation and trade balances.

372. **Debt Servicing**

The payment of interest and principal on borrowed funds, critical for maintaining a borrower's creditworthiness.

373. Hard Peg

A strict fixed exchange rate regime where a country's currency is permanently tied to another currency or commodity, like gold.

374. Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM)

A framework designed to ensure responsible fiscal policies by limiting budget deficits and controlling public debt.

375. **Zombie Firms**

Companies that generate just enough revenue to cover operating expenses but are unable to pay down debt or invest in growth.

376. Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

A global trade agreement aimed at simplifying and speeding up customs processes to enhance international trade efficiency.

377. **Debt-to-GDP Ratio**

A metric that compares a country's public debt to its gross domestic product, indicating the economy's ability to repay its debt.

378. Sovereign Risk

The risk that a country will default on its financial obligations or alter its terms of repayment, affecting investors and lenders.

379. Inverted Yield Curve

A situation where short-term interest rates are higher than long-term rates, often seen as a predictor of economic recession.

380. **Base Currency**

In a currency pair, the currency against which the exchange rate is quoted, often used as a reference in forex trading.

381. Treasury Bills (T-Bills)

Short-term government securities issued to meet short-term funding requirements, typically with maturities of less than a year.

382. Fiscal Multiplier

The ratio of change in national income to the change in government spending, reflecting the effectiveness of fiscal policies.

383. Core Inflation

A measure of inflation that excludes volatile items like food and energy prices, providing a clearer view of underlying inflation trends.

384. **Debt Ceiling**

The maximum amount of money a government is authorized to borrow to meet its financial obligations.

385. Helicopter Money

An unconventional monetary policy where central banks distribute money directly to the public to stimulate the economy.

386. **Negative Externality**

A cost imposed on third parties by an economic activity, such as pollution, not accounted for in the market price.

387. Capital Controls

Measures taken by governments to regulate the flow of foreign capital in and out of the country to protect the economy.

388. Moral Hazard

The risk that a party will take excessive risks because the negative consequences are borne by another party, such as bailouts.

389. Commodity Futures

Financial contracts obligating the buyer to purchase or the seller to sell a commodity at a predetermined price and date.

390. Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

An economic theory that compares the relative value of currencies based on the cost of a standard basket of goods in different countries.

391. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

A designated area within a country where economic regulations differ from the rest of the country to attract foreign investment and boost trade.

392. Anchor Investor

Large institutional investors who buy substantial stakes in an IPO before it opens to the public, boosting market confidence.

393. Trade Liberalization

The removal or reduction of trade barriers like tariffs and quotas to promote free trade and economic integration.

394. **Debt Overhang**

A situation where a country or company's debt burden is so high that it discourages new investment or growth.

395. Green Tax

A tax levied on activities or goods that harm the environment, aiming to incentivize sustainable practices.

396. Automatic Stabilizers

Economic policies, such as progressive taxes or unemployment benefits, that automatically adjust to stabilize the economy without new legislation.

397. Counterparty Risk

The risk that the other party in a financial transaction will fail to fulfill their contractual obligations.

398. Repatriation

The process of converting foreign earnings or investments back into the investor's home country's currency.

399. **Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)**

Trade restrictions that do not involve tariffs, such as licensing requirements, import quotas, and quality standards.

400. **Marginal Utility**

The additional satisfaction or benefit gained from consuming one more unit of a good or service.

401. Initial Coin Offering (ICO)

A fundraising method where new cryptocurrencies or tokens are sold to investors to raise capital for blockchain projects.

402. Convertible Bond

A type of bond that can be converted into a predetermined number of shares in the issuing company, offering flexibility to investors.

403. **Debt Forgiveness**

The cancellation or reduction of a borrower's debt by the lender, often used in cases of sovereign or personal financial crises.

404. Current Account Surplus

A situation where a country's total exports of goods, services, and transfers exceed its imports, resulting in a net inflow of foreign currency.

405. **Crowding-In**

An economic situation where increased government spending encourages private sector investment, opposite of crowding-out.

406. Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

The average rate of return a company must earn on its investments to satisfy its stakeholders, including equity and debt holders.

407. Import Substitution

An economic strategy focused on reducing dependency on imports by promoting domestic production of goods and services.

408. **Securitization**

The process of pooling various financial assets, such as mortgages or loans, and selling them as tradeable securities to investors.

409. Cryptocurrency Mining

The process of validating cryptocurrency transactions and adding them to the blockchain ledger, typically rewarded with new coins.

410. Hot Money

Short-term capital that flows quickly across borders to take advantage of high returns, often contributing to financial volatility.

411. Stochastic Oscillator

A momentum indicator in technical analysis that compares a security's closing price to its price range over a specific period, signaling overbought or oversold conditions.

412. Contingent Liability

A potential financial obligation that may arise depending on the outcome of a future event, such as lawsuits or guarantees.

413. Credit Default Swap (CDS)

A financial derivative allowing investors to swap credit risk, often used as insurance against default by a borrower.

414. Macroprudential Regulation

Policies aimed at ensuring the stability of the financial system as a whole by addressing systemic risks.

415. Capital Flight

The rapid movement of large sums of money out of a country due to economic instability or unfavorable policies.

416. **Asset Bubble**

A situation where the price of an asset, such as real estate or stocks, rises significantly above its intrinsic value, driven by speculation.

417. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Investment by a company or individual in one country into business interests in another country, involving ownership or control.

418. Credit Line

A flexible loan arrangement provided by a financial institution, allowing a borrower to access funds up to a pre-approved limit as needed.

419. Black Swan Event

An unpredictable, high-impact event that lies outside the realm of normal expectations, such as the 2008 financial crisis.

420. **Disinflation**

A slowdown in the rate of inflation, indicating that prices are rising, but at a decreasing pace.

421. Treasury Yield

The return on investment for US government bonds, often used as a benchmark for interest rates and economic health.

422. Current Account Convertibility

The ability to freely convert domestic currency into foreign currency for trade and current transactions without restrictions.

423. Credit Rating

An evaluation of a borrower's creditworthiness by agencies like Moody's or S&P, influencing borrowing costs and investment decisions.

424. Economic Moat

A competitive advantage that allows a company to maintain profitability and fend off competition over the long term.

425. **Decoupling**

The process where one economy or sector grows independently of others, breaking away from global or regional trends.

426. Import Elasticity

The responsiveness of import volumes to changes in factors like price, income, or exchange rates.

427. Fiscal Consolidation

Policies aimed at reducing government deficits and debt accumulation to stabilize the economy.

428. **Evergreening of Loans**

A practice where banks extend new loans to help borrowers repay old ones, masking bad debts and inflating asset quality.

429. **Bail-In**

A financial mechanism where a bank's creditors and depositors bear some of the losses during a financial crisis, as opposed to taxpayer-funded bailouts.

430. **Derisking**

The process of reducing exposure to high-risk investments or business operations, often to enhance financial stability.

431. **Systemic Risk**

The risk of collapse in the entire financial system or market due to the failure of a single entity or group of entities.

432. Open Market Operations (OMO)

Central bank activities, such as buying or selling government securities, to regulate liquidity and influence monetary policy.

433. Sovereign Bond

A debt security issued by a national government to finance public spending, often considered low-risk investments.

434. Market Capitalization

The total value of a company's outstanding shares, calculated as share price multiplied by the number of shares.

435. Free Float

The portion of a company's shares that are publicly traded and not held by insiders or controlling entities.

436. Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH)

The theory that asset prices reflect all available information, making it impossible to consistently outperform the market.

437. Fractional Reserve Banking

A banking system where banks keep a fraction of deposits as reserves and lend out the rest, creating money through credit.

438. Countervailing Duty (CVD)

A tariff imposed to counteract subsidies provided by foreign governments to their exporters, ensuring fair competition.

439. Inflation Hedging

An investment strategy designed to protect against the loss of purchasing power caused by inflation, often involving assets like gold or real estate.

440. Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)

A measure of investment in physical assets like machinery, infrastructure, and buildings, indicating economic development.

441. Capital Account Deficit

A situation where the outflows of financial assets from a country exceed the inflows, indicating a net financial loss in the capital account.

442. Weighted Average Price Index (WAPI)

A measure of price changes across a basket of goods and services, where each item is weighted by its relative importance.

443. Repo Market

A market where participants borrow or lend short-term funds using securities as collateral, with agreements to repurchase them later.

444. Demographic Dividend

The economic growth potential that arises from changes in a country's age

structure, primarily when the working-age population grows larger than dependents.

445. **Special Drawing Rights (SDR)**

An international reserve asset created by the IMF, representing a basket of major currencies to supplement countries' official reserves.

446. Interest Rate Corridor

The range between the central bank's lending rate (repo rate) and borrowing rate (reverse repo rate) to manage liquidity.

447. **Backwardation**

A market condition where the spot price of a commodity is higher than its futures price, often signaling supply shortages.

448. **Debt Sustainability**

The ability of a borrower, typically a government, to manage its debt load over time without defaulting or requiring significant restructuring.

449. Fiscal Policy Stance

The direction of fiscal policy—expansionary, contractionary, or neutral—depending on whether the government is stimulating or restraining the economy.

450. Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER)

A weighted average of a country's currency relative to a basket of other currencies, adjusted for inflation, reflecting trade competitiveness.