Economics 1A Second Exam June 4, 2008 Mr. Vice Chapters 8 - 18

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- _____1. The labor force consists of all
 - a. the people in the economy who are not retired
 - b. people in the economy over 16 years of age
 - c. the adults in the economy between 18 and 65 years old who are able to work
 - d. the noninstitutionalized population over 16 in the economy who hold jobs or are looking for them
- ____ 2. Which of the following is true regarding labor force participation rates in the United States since the 1950s?
 - a. The rates for both men and women have risen.
 - b. The rate for women has fallen; that for men has risen.
 - c. The rate for men has fallen; that for women has increased.
 - d. The rates for both men and women have fallen.
- _____ 3. Which of the following is most likely to reduce structural unemployment?
 - a. a reduction in wage rates
 - b. increasing efficiency of the job search through better information on local job openings
 - c. retraining workers in marketable skills
 - d. promotion of full employment through government stabilization policies
- 4. Inflation can be caused by
 - a. increases in aggregate demand only
 - b. increases in aggregate supply only
 - c. decreases in aggregate supply only
 - d. increases in aggregate demand or decreases in aggregate supply
 - _ 5. If the expected inflation rate is 4 percent and the nominal interest rate is 9 percent, the expected real interest rate is
 - a. 13 percent
 - b. -5 percent
 - c. 9 percent
 - d. 5 percent
 - 6. An increase in the interest rate, other things constant, will
 - a. shift the supply of loanable funds curve to the left
 - b. shift the supply of loanable funds curve to the right
 - c. increase the quantity of loanable funds supplied
 - d. shift the demand for loanable funds curve to the left
 - e. increase the quantity of loanable funds demanded
 - 7. The difference between consumption spending and disposable income
 - a. decreases as income increases
 - b. stays proportionally the same as income increases
 - c. decreases if the interest rate increases
 - d. equals saving
- ____ 8. The marginal propensity to consume
 - a. is the proportion of disposable income consumed
 - b. is the reciprocal of the ratio of disposable income to saving
 - c. is the change in consumption relative to a change in disposable income
 - d. minus the marginal propensity to save must equal 1
- 9. An upward shift of the consumption function might be caused by
 - a. an increase in disposable income
 - b. a decrease in disposable income
 - c. a decrease in the price level
 - d. a decrease in household wealth
 - 10. The life-cycle hypothesis suggests that
 - a. people tend to borrow more when they reach middle age
 - b. people tend to draw down their savings the most when they are young
 - c. people tend to pay off their debts and save more when they reach old age
 - d. net saving over a person's lifetime is small

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- 11. If the U.S. price level increases, other things equal, U.S. net exports
 - a. increase
 - b. decrease
 - c. remain constant, since net exports are assumed to be constant
 - d. increase only if the marginal propensity to import also increases
- 12. If households save \$40 billion less at each level of income and the MPC = 0.8, the aggregate expenditure line will a. not be affected
 - b. shift upward by \$40 billion
 - c. shift downward by \$40 billion
 - d. shift upward by \$200 billion because of the multiplier
 - 13. The smaller the marginal propensity to save, other things constant,
 - a. the smaller the marginal propensity to consume
 - b. the larger the multiplier
 - c. the smaller the multiplier
 - d. the flatter the consumption function
- _____ 14. An increase in planned investment would shift the
 - a. aggregate demand curve outward
 - b. aggregate demand curve inward
 - c. aggregate supply curve outward
 - d. aggregate supply curve inward
 - _ 15. Which of the following types of unemployment can exist in an economy that is BELOW its potential output level?
 - a. cyclical unemployment only
 - b. structural unemployment only
 - c. frictional, cyclical, and seasonal unemployment only
 - d. frictional, cyclical, seasonal, and structural
- _____ 16. Potential output will INCREASE if
 - a. there is an increase in the price level
 - b. there is a decrease in the price level
 - c. there is a technological change that increases labor productivity
 - d. workers choose shorter work schedules in order to enjoy more leisure
- ____ 17. If nominal wage rates increase by 3% and the price level increases by 5% per year, which of the following is correct?
 - a. real wages increase by 2 percent per year
 - b. real wages increase by 3 percent per year
 - c. real wages decrease by 3 percent per year
 - d. real wages decrease by 2 percent per year
 - 18. The economy is experiencing an expansionary gap, which of the following will occur in the long run?
 - a. Workers will negotiate nominal wage increases that will shift the SRAS curve to the left
 - b. Workers will negotiate nominal wage increases that will shift the SRAS curve to the right
 - c. Employers will negotiate lower nominal wages (relative to prices) that will shift the SRAS curve to the right
 - d. Employers will negotiate lower nominal wages (relative to prices) that will sifte the SRAS curve to the left
- ____ 19. Fiscal Policy is concerned with
 - a. government spending and taxation only
 - b. government spending and money only
 - c. money and taxation only
 - d. government spending, taxation, and money
 - 20. The distinction between discretionary fiscal policy and the use of automatic stabilization is that
 - a. only discretionary fiscal policy can stimulate the economy
 - b. only automatic stabilizers can stimulate the economy
 - c. discretionary fiscal policy, once adopted, is built into the structure of the economy
 - d. automatic stabilizers, once adopted, are built into the structure of the economy

- 21. If the MPC equals 0.80 and Government purchases increase by \$100, the real GDP demanded will increase by
 - a. 80 percent
 - b. 20 percent c. \$500
 - c. \$500 d. \$400
- ____ 22. To close a contractionary (recessionary) gap using fiscal policy, the government can
 - a. decrease government spending
 - b. increase government spending and decrease taxes at the same time
 - c. increases taxes
 - d. decrease government spending or increase taxes
- _ 23. According to Keynes
 - a. fiscal policy should not be used to influences the economy
 - b. the economy eventually tends toward the potential output
 - c. to get the economy to potential output, the SRAS curve must shift to the right
 - d. the economy could be stuck at equilibrium below the potential output for a prolonged period
- 24. Lags in the approval and implementation of fiscal policy
 - a. weaken fiscal policy as a tool of economic stabilization
 - b. increase the effectiveness of fiscal policy as a tool of economic stabilization
 - c. help legislators to better assess what policies are most appropriate to adopt
 - d. make fiscal policy more responsive to the current economic environment
- 25. Under a fractional reserve banking system,
 - a.only a fraction of the banks in the system are allowed to create money b.only a fraction of the banks in the system have reserves c.the claims outstanding against the bank are only a fraction of the bank's total reserves d.each bank must deposit a fraction of its reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank e.bank reserves represent only a fraction of bank deposits
- 26. The discount rate is the interest rate that
 a.banks charge on large loans
 b.banks charge on loans to other banks
 c.the Fed charges on loans to branches of the U.S. government
 d.the Fed charges on loans to depository institutions
 e.the Fed charges on loans to the public
 - 27. The Federal Reserve banks could probably have prevented many of the bank failures in the early 1930s by
 - a. raising the reserve requirement of the commercial banks
 - b. lending money to the commercial banks
 - c. improving the system whereby checks are cleared
 - d. helping to create a commission of experts to engage in a prolonged study of the problem
 - e. selling large amounts of government bonds
- 28. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
 - a. are elected by the House of Representatives to seven-year terms
 - b. are appointed for life by the President of the United States
 - c. are directly responsible to the Secretary of Treasury and the Comptroller's office
 - d. was disbanded by Roosevelt in the 1930s
 - e. consist of seven members appointed to 14-year terms by the president
- 29. Open-market operations involve
- a. clearing checks
- b. lending money to member banks
- c. accepting deposits from member banks
- d. the Fed's purchase and sale of government securities
- e. any monetary policy actions

- 30. The M1 money supply consists of
 - a. coins and currency held by the nonbank public
- b. coins and currency held by the nonbank public and currency held in banks
- c. coins and currency held by the nonbank public, checkable deposits, and traveler's checks
- d. coins and currency held in banks and checkable deposits
- ____ 31. Banks are financial intermediaries because they
 - a. receive new Federal Reserve notes from the Fed and put them into circulation
 - b. bring together the two sides of the market savers and borrowers
 - c. bring different savers into contact with each other
 - d. bring about the merger of smaller banks to make larger ones
- _ 32. If a customer deposits \$1,000 cash into her checking account, the bank's
 - a. assets rise by \$1,000 and liabilities fall by \$1,000
 - b. assets fall by \$1,000 and liabilities rise by \$1,000
 - c. assets and liabilities both fall by \$1,000
 - d. assets and liabilities both rise by \$1,000
 - e. profits rise by \$1,000
 - 33. The Fed can reduce the money supply by
 - a. buying securities from a bank
 - b. buying securities from a private citizen
 - c. selling securities
 - d. issuing new Federal Reserve notes
 - e. saving failing banks

34. As the price level rises, money ______ causing interest rates to ______ and investment spending to

- a. demand rises; fall; fall
- b. demand rises; rise; fall
- c. demand falls; rise; rise
- d. supply rises; rise; fall
- e. supply falls; fall; rise
- 35. In the aggregate demand-aggregate supply model, an increase in the money supply will cause in the short run a(n) a. increase in both the price level and real GDP
 - b. decrease in both the price level and real GDP
 - c. increase in real GDP and a decrease in the price level
 - d. decrease in real GDP and an increase in the price level
 - e. increase in the price level only
- 36. If the Fed buys bonds, then the money supply
 - a. increases, the interest rate falls, and the quantity of money demanded increases
- b. falls, the interest rate falls, and the quantity of money demanded increases
- c. increases, the interest rate increases, and the quantity of money demanded increases
- d. falls, the interest rate increases, and the quantity of money demanded falls
- e. falls, the interest rate falls, and the quantity of money demanded falls
- 37. To eliminate a contractionary gap, the Fed can ______ the money supply, which would ______.
- a. increase; increase the interest rate and investment
- b. increase; decrease the interest rate and increase investment
- c. decrease; increase the interest rate and investment
- d. decrease; increase the interest rate and decrease investment
- 38. Hyperinflation
- a. is always accompanied by extremely rapid growth in the money supply
- b. is always accompanied by rapid shrinkage of the money supply
- c. occurs when an economy grows too rapidly
- d. is really nothing to worry about since it affects only nominal GDP (and not real GDP)

- 39. Long lags make discretionary policy less effective because
 - a. in the long run, we shall all be dead
 - b. by the time the impact of a policy is felt, the problem it was meant to cure may have been corrected
 - c. lags are longer in contractions than in expansions
 - d. lags are longer in expansions than in contractions
- 40. Which of the following is **NOT** a valid criticism of discretionary fiscal policy?
 - a. Implementation of fiscal policy is sometimes difficult.
 - b. Time lags in fiscal policy are long.
 - c. Fiscal policy works only during periods of stagflation.
 - d. Fiscal policy often affects only current income, but many economic decisions are made on the basis of permanent income.
 - e. Fiscal policy might have undesirable long-term effects on aggregate supply.
- 41. The Fed is not completely independent because
 - a. Congress could rewrite the laws that created the Fed
 - b .it relies heavily on Congressional appropriations
 - c. the president sits on the Board of Governors
 - d. Congress must approve any new monetary policy
- _ 42. The largest category of federal government expenditures is
 - a. national defense
 - b. interest on the federal debt
 - c. direct benefit payments to individuals
 - d. grants to states and localities
- 43. The federal budget deficit becomes ______ during recessions because ______.
 - a. smaller; transfer payments increase and tax revenues decline
 - b. larger; transfer payments increase and tax revenues decline
 - c. larger; both transfer payments and tax revenues increase
 - d. smaller; both transfer payments and tax revenues increase
 - e. smaller; both transfer payments and tax revenues decrease
- 44. A disadvantage of having an annually balanced budget is that government spending would have to
 - a. increase in recessions and decrease during expansions
 - b. decline during a recession to offset the increase in tax revenues
 - c. rise during a recession to match the increase in tax revenues
 - d. rise during an expansion to offset the decline in tax revenues
 - e. decline in a recession to match the decrease in tax revenues
- 45. Asymmetric information in financial markets exists when
 - a. teachers know more about banking than students do
 - b. borrowers know more about their ability to repay loans than lenders do
 - c. lenders know more about borrowers than borrowers know about themselves
 - d. borrowers pay off a loan before it is due
 - e. borrowers and lenders know more about banking than banks do
- 46. A bank's assets include all but one of the following. Which one is the exception?
 - a. Checkable deposits
 - b. loans
 - c. securities
 - d. mortgages
 - e. cash
- 47. The liquidity of an asset indicates
 - a. its buying power
 - b. the ease with which it can be converted into the medium of exchange (cash) without a significant loss of value
 - c. the ease with which it can be converted into another asset
 - d. how likely people are to convert it into the medium of exchange without a significant loss of value
 - e. how easy it is to buy with a check

<u>48.</u> A bank finds itself short of required reserves and therefore borrows from another commercial bank. The interest rate on this loan is

- a. zero
- b. the prime rate
- c. the discount rate
- d. the federal funds rate
- e. the required reserve ratio
- 49. Banks differ from other types of businesses because banks
- a. earn profits
- b. combine economic resources to produce services
- c. can go out of business
- d. can create money
- e. are regulated by the government
- ____ 50. In order to increase the money supply, the banking system must have
 - a. required reserves
 - b. the authority to buy corporate stocks
 - c. the authority to print U.S. currency
 - d. excess reserves
 - e. the authority to engage in interstate banking
- _ 51. The banking system creates money in the sense that it
 - a. prints money
 - b. creates excess reserves from loans
 - c. creates loans from excess reserves
 - d. creates required reserves from loans
 - e. creates loans from required reserves
- _ 52. The Fed's most important and most frequently used monetary policy tool is
 - a. printing money
 - b. clearing checks
 - c. setting the required reserve ratio
 - d. setting the discount rate
 - e. conducting open market operations
- 53. The money demand curve describes how the quantity of money demanded varies with
 - a. nominal GDP
 - b. real GDP
 - c. the price level
 - d. the interest rate
 - e. consumption
- _____ 54. If the interest rate rises, people hold
 - a. less money because its opportunity cost has increased
 - b. more money because its opportunity cost has increased
 - c. less money because its opportunity cost has declined
 - d. more money because its opportunity cost has declined
 - e. the same amount of money
 - 55. If the Fed sells U.S. government securities to drain reserves from banks, which of the following will probably occur?
 - a. The demand for money will increase and the interest rate will rise
 - b. The money supply will increase and the interest rate will fall
 - c. The interest rate will rise and the quantity of money demand will fall
 - d. The money supply will decrease and the interest rate will fall
 - e. The interest rate will fall and the quantity of money demanded will increase
 - 56. Which monetary policy would be appropriate to close a contrationary gap?
 - a. a tax cut
 - b. a decrease in government purchases
 - c. an increase in reserve requirements
 - d. the Fed's purchase of U.S. government securities
 - e. The Fed's raising the discount rate

- 57. The equation of exchange states that the quantity of money multiplied by the velocity of money equals
 - a. real Gross Domestic Product
- b. the price level
- c. nominal Gross Domestic Product
- d. the turnover rate
- e. the demand for money
- 58. If the money supply increases when there is much idle capacity in the economy,
 - a. most of the resulting rise in nominal GDP will be a result of price increases
 - b. most of the resulting rise in nominal GDP will be a result of price increases
 - c. most of the resulting rise in real GDP will be a result of increases in the price level
 - d. most of the resulting rise in real GDP will be a result of increases in the interest rate
 - e. only nominal GDP will change; real GDP will be unaffected
- 59. If interest rates are to remain constant, the money supply should change
 - a. in the opposite direction to a change in aggregate demand
- b. in the same direction as a change in money demand
- c. only when investment changes
- d. only when the demand for money decreases
- e. only when the inflation rate changes
- 60. If the Fed targets the interest rate (wants to keep the interest rate stable), then
- a. the money supply will grow at a more controlled rate
- b. monetary policy will reinforce fluctuations in economic activity
- c. the price level will be more stable in the long run
- d. money demand will be more stable
- e. velocity will be less stable
- 61. When self-0correcting forces cure a contractionary gap
- a. money wages and real wages both increase
- b. money wages remain constant while real wages fall
- c. money wages and real wages both decrease
- d. money wages fall while real wages increase
- e. real wages must increase regardless of what happens to money wages
- _ 62. According to the active policy position, eliminating a contractionary gap
 - a. can only be achieved by decreasing wages
 - b. requires a public policy of wage and price controls
 - c. should be accomplished by stimulating aggregate demand
 - d. will increase unemployment
 - e. will cause a recession
- 63. If the advice of those who favor a passive approach to policy is correct, how would a contractionary gap eventually close?
 - a. The Aggregate demand curve would shift rightward
 - b. The aggregate demand curve would shift leftward
 - c. The short-run aggregate supply curve would shift rightward
 - d. The short-run aggregate supply curve would shift leftward
 - e. There would be a movement upward along the aggregate demand curve
- 64. To favor a passive approach to policy is to believe that the private sector is
 - a. relatively stable and both wages and prices adjust quickly to eliminate excess supply or excess demand for labor
 - b. basically unstable, although both wages and prices adjust quickly to eliminate excess supply or excess demand for labor
 - c. relatively stable, although both wages and prices tend to be very sticky downward
 - d. basically unstable and both wages and prices tend to be very sticky downward
 - e. so stable that wages and prices rarely change

- 65. Which fo the following is consistent with an active approach to policy?
 - a. The natural rate of unemployment is uncertain
 - b. Wages and prices adjust relatively quickly
 - c. The short-run aggregate supply curve is slow to shift in the presecence of a contractionary gap
 - d. The size of the multiplier is irrelevant
 - e. Self-correction lags are not a problem
- 66. Policy makers may not know that the economy is in a recession until six months after the recession starts; this is a phenomenon known as the
 - a. implementation lag
 - b. policy coordination problem
 - c. decision-making lag
 - d. recognition lag
 - e. effectiveness lag

67. Some economists believe that when workers and firms come to expect an expansionary monetary policy and the resulting inflation,

- a. they act so as to prevent the inflation from occurring
- b. their actions lead to a further increase in output
- c. the expansionary monetary policy will have no effect on either output or employment
- d. the monetary authority will be forced to cancel its planned expansionary policy
- e. both output and employment will increase even more than was originally planned
- _ 68. The inflation associated with the oil embargoes of the 1970s resulted in
 - a. reduced unemployment because aggregate demand increased
 - b. reduced unemployment because aggregate demand fell
 - c. increased unemployment because aggregate demand increased
 - d. increased unemployment because aggregate demand fell
 - e. increased unemployment because aggregate supply fell
- _ 69. In Keynes' philosophy of government budgets
 - a. permanent deficits are desirable
 - b. permanent surpluses are desirable
 - c. the goal is to have a budget surplus
 - d. surpluses are appropriate during recessions
 - e. deficits are appropriate during recessions
- _ 70. A possible explanation for the persistence of the U.S. federal budget deficits is that
 - a. it is easier politically to increase government spending than to decrease taxes
 - b. it is easier politically to decrease government spending than to decrease taxes
 - c. it is easier politically to increase government spending than to increase taxes
 - d. the economy naturally tends toward recessions
 - e. the economy naturally tends toward full employment
- _ 71. The *crowding out* of private investment is associated with
 - a. a reduction in profitable investment opportunities due to a recession
 - b. incrased competition from foreign investors in U.S. markets
 - c. higher interest rates resulting from a declining rate of saving
 - d. higher interest rates resulting from increased borrowing by the federal government
 - e. higher interest rates resulting from restrictive monetary policy
- 72. The difference between the federal budget deficit and the national debt is that the
 - a. deficit is a stock and the debt is a flow
 - b. deficit is a flow and the debt is a stock
 - c. debt includes interest payments and the deficit does not
 - d. deficit can be positive but the debt cannot
 - e. debt can be negative but the deficit cannot

- 73. One economic truism is that any nation's restriction of imports ultimately leads to
- a. an increase in exports
- b. a reduction in exports
- c. an economic upswing
- d. an increase in GDP
- 74. The foreign exchange rate describes the
- a. balance of trade

- b. balance of payments
- c. law of comparative advantage
- d. price of foreign currency in terms of domestic currency
- _____ 75. Flexible exchange rates are determined by the
 - a. government of the exporting country
 - b. government of the importing country
 - c. forces of supply and demand
 - d. IMF
 - _____ 76. The demand for foreign currency in the United States is a
 - a. direct demand
 - b. derived demand based on the demand for U.S. products
 - c. derived demand based on the demand for foreign products
 - d. direct demand based on the demand for U.S. dollars
 - _____ 77. Under a flexible exchange rate system, an increase in the value of a domestic currency in terms of other currencies is referred to as
 - a. an appreciation
 - b. a depreciation
 - c. a devaluation
 - d. a revaluation
- _____ 78. The balance of payments is
 - a. the value of goods and services bought and sold in the world market
 - b. a summary record of a country's economic transactions with foreign residents and governments
 - c. a summary record of a country's purchases and sales of goods and services in the world
 - d. the value of merchandise goods bought and sold in the world market

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