

1. What is an open economy?

- A. An economy that only produces domestic goods
- B. An economy that avoids international trade
- C. An economy that interacts with other countries through trade and financial markets
- D. An economy that does not use currency (C)

Explanation : An open economy engages in trade in goods, services, and financial assets with other countries

2. Which of the following is a component of the current account?

- A. Foreign Direct Investment
- B. External commercial borrowings
- C. Transfers and trade in services
- D. Purchase of foreign assets (C)

Explanation : The current account includes transfers, trade in goods, and trade in services.

3. What does a surplus in the current account signify?

- A. The country is borrowing from other countries
- B. The country is self-sufficient
- C. The country is lending to other countries
- D. The country is not importing anything (B)

Explanation : A current account surplus means the country earns more from exports and transfers than it spends on imports.

4. What is recorded in the capital account of the balance of payments?

- A. Imports and exports of goods
- B. Gifts and grants
- C. Purchase and sale of assets
- D. Income from tourism (C)

Explanation : The capital account includes transactions involving financial assets and liabilities.

5. What is the exchange rate?

- A. Rate at which gold is exchanged for currency
- B. Value of one currency in terms of another currency
- C. Interest rate offered by central banks
- D. Tax rate on exports (B)

Explanation : The exchange rate is the price of one currency expressed in terms of another currency.

6. What leads to depreciation of the domestic currency in a flexible exchange rate system?

- A. Fall in imports
- B. Increase in foreign currency reserves
- C. Increase in demand for foreign exchange
- D. Reduction in income (C)

Explanation : Increased demand for foreign exchange causes domestic currency to depreciate.

7. What does purchasing power parity (PPP) mean?

- A. Equal interest rates across countries
- B. Equal tax systems
- C. Exchange rates adjust so product costs the same across countries
- D. Governments set the same exchange rate (C)

Explanation : PPP implies exchange rates adjust so that identical goods cost the same in different countries.

8. In a fixed exchange rate system, what is the role of the central bank?

- A. Avoid any market intervention
- B. Sell government bonds
- C. Intervene to maintain the exchange rate
- D. Only set interest rates (C)

Explanation : In a fixed rate system, central banks intervene in the market to maintain the official rate.

9. What happens when there is a balance of payments deficit?

- A. Government raises taxes
- B. Foreign exchange reserves increase
- C. Capital inflows reduce
- D. Central bank sells foreign reserves (D)

Explanation : To cover a BoP deficit, central banks sell foreign currency from reserves.

10. What is the effect of a high marginal propensity to import in an open economy?

- A. Multiplier increases
- B. Consumption decreases
- C. Imports decrease
- D. Multiplier becomes smaller (D)

Explanation : A high import propensity leads to leakages, thus reducing the multiplier.