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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **three** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- You may use a calculator.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Read the source material carefully before answering Question 1.

Source material: Traffic jams in the Philippines

Philippines fact file	2010	2017
Social cost per kilometre of driving a car in Manila ($)	0.88	1.22
Private cost per kilometre of driving a car in Manila ($)	0.45	0.68
Population (millions)	72.9	105.8
Economic growth rate (%)	7.3	6.9

Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, is densely populated and has almost no spare land to build on. It is well-known for its traffic jams (congestion). People can spend hours travelling just a short distance. The Philippine government is concerned that the traffic congestion may damage people's health, discourage multinational companies (MNCs) from setting up in the country and reduce economic growth. It will also stop the country achieving full employment and reduce labour productivity. Entrepreneurs and workers are regularly arriving at their firms stressed and tired.

More Philippine workers are moving into Manila to take up jobs in the expanding computer, retail and education industries. One of the advantages of the Philippine economy is its young and well-educated population. Increases in the skills of Philippine workers are making it easier for workers to transfer from declining to expanding industries.

Rises in the country's population are increasing the number of cars on Philippine roads. Driving is also encouraged by the low cost and ease of parking, and the poor quality of public transport. Manila has too few trains but too many buses. By 2017, deregulation had increased the number of bus companies in the city to more than 1100.

Taxes in the Philippines are relatively high but disposable income has risen. As a result consumer spending, including on cars, has increased. Some of the cars purchased are imported. Table 1.1 shows consumer expenditure and imports in selected countries in 2017.

Table 1.1 Consumer expenditure and imports in selected countries in 2017

country	consumer expenditure ($bn)	imports ($bn)
Brazil	1322.6	160.6
Argentina	412.3	61.2
Philippines	240.9	93.2
Chile	168.2	60.1
Peru	137.2	40.2
Costa Rica	37.5	15.8
Panama	28.9	9.2

1(a)

Calculate the external cost per kilometre of driving a car in Manila in 2017. [1]

To calculate the external cost per kilometer of driving a car in Manila in 2017, we need to find the difference between the social cost and the private cost of driving a car.

External cost per kilometer = Social cost per kilometer - Private cost per kilometer

External cost per kilometer = $1.22 - $0.68

External cost per kilometer = $0.54

1(b) **Identify two macroeconomic aims of the Philippine government.**

Economic growth and full employment are the two macroeconomic aims of the Philippine government.

1(c)Explain one reason why traffic congestion can reduce labour productivity.[2]

Traffic congestion can reduce labor productivity due to its negative impact on the health and well-being of workers. When workers experience prolonged delays and stress during their commute, it can have detrimental effects on their physical and mental health, leading to reduced productivity. Here's an in-depth explanation:

Increased stress and fatigue: Traffic congestion often results in long and unpredictable commuting times. Workers may spend hours stuck in traffic, dealing with stop-and-go traffic patterns, and facing the frustration of delays. This can lead to increased stress levels and heightened fatigue, both physically and mentally. Workers who start their day feeling stressed or exhausted are more likely to experience difficulties focusing, making decisions, and performing tasks efficiently, ultimately reducing their productivity.

For example, imagine a worker who spends two hours stuck in traffic every morning before reaching the office. By the time they arrive, they may already be fatigued and stressed, making it challenging to concentrate and work at their optimal level. Traffic congestion can have a negative impact on the mental well-being of workers. The constant exposure to congestion-related stressors, such as traffic noise, aggressive driving behaviors, and the feeling of being trapped, can contribute to anxiety and frustration. These negative emotions can linger even after the commute, affecting the overall mood and motivation of workers throughout the workday. Reduced mental well-being can impair cognitive function, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, all of which are essential for productive work.

For instance, a worker who experiences a stressful and chaotic commute may arrive at work feeling anxious and agitated. This mental state can make it difficult for them to concentrate on their tasks and contribute effectively to their work responsibilities. Prolonged sitting in traffic can lead to sedentary behavior, increased exposure to air pollution, and decreased opportunities for physical activity. Over time, these factors can contribute to various health issues such as back pain, cardiovascular problems, respiratory conditions, and overall reduced well-being. Workers experiencing health-related issues are more likely to take sick leave, have reduced energy levels, and struggle with productivity.

For example, a worker who spends several hours a day sitting in traffic may develop back pain or experience respiratory discomfort due to increased exposure to air pollutants. These physical ailments can hinder their ability to perform physically demanding tasks or maintain focus during work hours.

In summary, traffic congestion can reduce labor productivity by negatively impacting the health and well-being of workers. Increased stress, fatigue, decreased mental well-being, and health-related issues can all contribute to reduced productivity levels. Employers and policymakers should recognize the importance of minimizing traffic congestion and improving transportation infrastructure to support the well-being and productivity of workers.

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You may also write the following if you want to:

Traffic congestion can reduce labor productivity due to the delayed arrival of workers to their workplaces. When workers experience significant delays and arrive late due to traffic congestion, it directly affects their working time and output for the day. Here's an in-depth explanation:

Late arrival to work: Traffic congestion can cause significant delays in reaching the workplace. Workers may find themselves stuck in long queues of vehicles or facing unpredictable traffic patterns, resulting in extended travel times. As a consequence, workers who encounter traffic congestion may arrive late to work, reducing their available working time.

For example, suppose a worker normally starts work at 9:00 AM but encounters severe traffic congestion that delays their arrival by 30 minutes. As a result, their working time for the day is reduced by 30 minutes, leading to less time available to complete tasks and contribute to the overall productivity of the organization. When workers have less time to dedicate to their tasks due to traffic congestion, their output per day is likely to decline. The reduced working time directly impacts their ability to complete assignments, meet deadlines, and contribute to the overall goals of the organization.

Continuing with the previous example, if a worker typically completes a certain number of tasks within an 8-hour workday, but due to traffic congestion, they have only 7.5 hours available, their output for the day will likely decrease. This decrease in output can result in lower productivity levels for the individual worker and potentially impact the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall workflow.

t's important to note that the impact of late arrival to work due to traffic congestion may vary depending on the nature of the job and workplace flexibility. In some cases, workers may be able to compensate for the lost time by working longer hours or adjusting their schedules. However, for jobs with fixed working hours or time-sensitive tasks, traffic congestion can directly hinder labor productivity.

In conclusion, traffic congestion can reduce labor productivity by causing late arrival to work and reducing the available working time for workers. The delays caused by congestion can lead to a decline in output per day, affecting individual productivity and potentially impacting the overall performance of the organization. Finding solutions to alleviate traffic congestion and improve transportation infrastructure can help mitigate the negative effects on labor productivity.

1(d)

Explain how an increase in the mobility of Philippine workers would be likely to affect unemployment in the Philippines. [4]

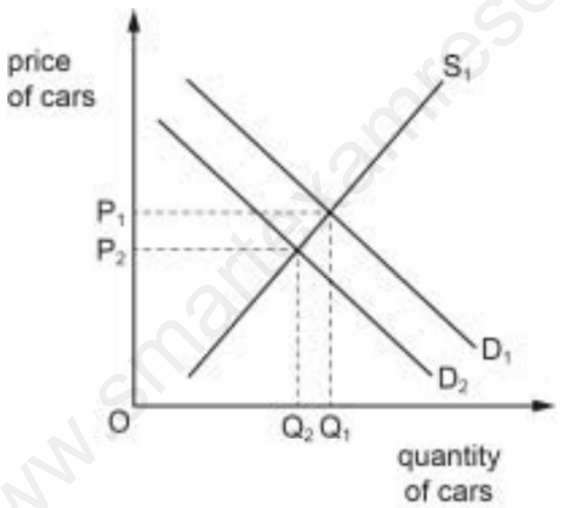
An increase in the mobility of Philippine workers is likely to have an impact on unemployment in the country. Here's a detailed explanation of the effects:

Greater geographical mobility: When workers have increased mobility, they are more able to move from areas with high unemployment rates to areas where there are job vacancies or expanding industries. For example, if there is a shortage of job opportunities in a particular region, workers can relocate to areas where there is a higher demand for their skills, such as in the computer, retail, or education sectors. This increased geographical mobility can help reduce frictional unemployment, which occurs when workers are in between jobs or searching for better employment opportunities. By actively seeking out and taking jobs in regions with more employment prospects, workers contribute to reducing unemployment levels.Additionally, increased mobility can also lead to workers taking job opportunities overseas. Many Filipinos seek employment abroad, particularly in countries with a higher demand for their skills. This overseas employment option provides an alternative source of employment for workers and can alleviate unemployment pressures in the domestic labor market.

Greater occupational mobility: Education and training play a crucial role in enhancing occupational mobility. When workers have the opportunity to acquire new skills or qualifications through education or training programs, they become more adaptable to different job requirements. This increased occupational mobility allows workers to transition into jobs that require different skill sets or qualifications. By expanding their skill set, workers become more competitive in the labor market and can access a wider range of job opportunities. This, in turn, helps reduce structural unemployment, which occurs when there is a mismatch between the skills possessed by workers and the skills demanded by available job positions. For example, if there is a growing demand for workers with expertise in emerging technologies, such as data analysis or artificial intelligence, workers who enhance their skills in these areas through training programs can readily adapt to the changing job market. Their improved occupational mobility enables them to secure employment in high-demand industries and reduces the mismatch between job vacancies and available skills.

In summary, an increase in the mobility of Philippine workers, both in terms of geographical and occupational mobility, can have a positive impact on reducing unemployment. Geographical mobility allows workers to move to areas with more job opportunities, whether within the country or overseas, reducing frictional unemployment. Occupational mobility, achieved through education and training, enables workers to transition into jobs that require different skills, reducing structural unemployment. These combined effects contribute to a more efficient allocation of labor resources and a decrease in overall unemployment levels in the Philippines.

1(e) Draw a demand and supply diagram to show how a rise in the price of car parking could affect the market for cars in the Philippines. [4]



1(f) Analyse the relationship between the countries' consumer expenditure and imports. [4]

The relationship between a country's consumer expenditure and imports is generally expected to be direct or positive. This means that countries with higher consumer expenditure tend to import more goods and services. As income levels rise, consumer spending increases not only on domestic goods and services but also on imported ones. This can be attributed to the fact that consumers have more purchasing power and a higher demand for a variety of products.

Supporting evidence for this relationship can be observed by comparing different countries' consumer expenditure and import levels. For example, Brazil, which has a high consumer expenditure, also imports a significant amount of goods and services. Data evidence:country consumer expenditure: ($bn) 1322.6 and imports ($bn)160.6 :

Conversely, countries like Panama, with lower consumer expenditure, tend to have lower import levels. Data evidence Expenditure 28.9 ($bn) Exports 9.2 $bn)

However, there can be exceptions to this expected relationship. For instance, countries like Argentina or the Philippines may have lower levels of imports compared to what would be expected based on their consumer expenditure. This could be due to various factors, such as trade restrictions, protectionist policies, or local production capabilities that limit t

Evidence:

country	consumer expenditure ($bn)	imports ($bn)
Argentina	412.3	61.2
Philippines	240.9	93.2

It is important to note that the relationship between consumer expenditure and imports is not solely driven by consumer goods. Imports also include capital goods purchased by firms for production purposes. Therefore, trade restrictions or barriers can impact the growth in imports, affecting not only consumer goods but also the overall import levels in a country.

In summary, while there is generally a positive relationship between consumer expenditure and imports, exceptions can exist due to factors such as trade restrictions or specific local production capabilities. Understanding this relationship provides insights into the overall economic dynamics and trade patterns of a country.

1(g)Discuss whether or not the supply of enterprise is likely to increase in the Philippines. [6]

The discussion on the likely increase or decrease in the supply of enterprise in the Philippines holds significant importance in understanding the dynamics of the country's economy and its potential for entrepreneurial growth. The supply of enterprise, referring to the number of businesses and entrepreneurs operating within a market, plays a vital role in driving economic development, job creation, and innovation. Analyzing the factors that influence the supply of enterprise provides insights into the conditions that can either foster or hinder entrepreneurial activities. This discussion helps policymakers, economists, and stakeholders gauge the potential for entrepreneurship and identify measures to promote a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Philippines.

The supply of enterprise in the Philippines is likely to increase based on several factors:

Economy is growing: A growing economy, rising incomes, and higher consumer spending create a conducive environment for entrepreneurs. The prospect of earning higher profits incentivizes individuals to start their own businesses.

Well-educated population: The presence of a well-educated population provides a skilled labor force, attracting multinational corporations (MNCs) to establish their operations in the country. This, in turn, creates more opportunities for entrepreneurship as skilled workers may choose to set up their own businesses.

Greater skills: An increase in skills among the workforce can also encourage individuals to become entrepreneurs. When workers acquire specialized knowledge or expertise, they may feel confident in starting their own ventures.

Population growth: A growing population means a larger pool of potential entrepreneurs and a larger market for goods and services. This expansion in the market can create opportunities for new businesses to thrive.

Deregulation: The reduction of market barriers and deregulation initiatives can open up more market opportunities for entrepreneurs. When there are fewer barriers to entry, aspiring entrepreneurs may find it easier to establish their businesses.

Reduction of traffic congestion: Traffic congestion can hamper productivity and increase costs for businesses. By reducing traffic congestion, productivity levels can increase, creating a more favorable environment for entrepreneurs to operate and make profits.

On the other hand, there are factors that may limit the increase in the supply of enterprise in the Philippines:

Emigration of entrepreneurs: Some entrepreneurs may choose to emigrate to other countries with more favorable business conditions or opportunities, which could impact the supply of entrepreneurs within the country.

High taxes: High tax rates can reduce the rewards and incentives for entrepreneurs. When taxes are burdensome, entrepreneurs may be discouraged from starting or expanding their businesses.

Traffic congestion: Traffic congestion can increase transportation costs and create logistical challenges, which may discourage both local and foreign entrepreneurs from entering the market or expanding their operations.

Risk aversion: Some individuals may prefer the stability and security of being an employee rather than taking on the risks and stress associated with running their own businesses. This preference for employment over entrepreneurship can limit the increase in the supply of enterprise.

Falling growth rate: A declining growth rate in the economy may reduce opportunities for investment and the establishment of new businesses, which could impact the supply of enterprise.

In conclusion, while several factors support an increase in the supply of enterprise in the Philippines, such as economic growth, a well-educated population, and market opportunities, there are also factors like emigration, high taxes, and traffic congestion that may impede the growth of entrepreneurial activity.

1(h) Discuss whether or not building more roads in Manila will benefit the Philippine economy. [6]

The discussion on whether building more roads in Manila will benefit the Philippine economy is important because transportation infrastructure plays a vital role in economic development and societal well-being. Roads are crucial for the efficient movement of goods, services, and people, and they can have a significant impact on various aspects of the economy, such as productivity, employment, trade, and investment. Evaluating the potential benefits and drawbacks of expanding the road network in Manila is essential for policymakers and stakeholders to make informed decisions about infrastructure development, resource allocation, and sustainable economic growth. Building more roads in Manila can have both potential benefits and drawbacks for the Philippine economy. Here is a discussion on the possible outcomes:

Potential Benefits

Reduced Traffic Congestion: Building more roads can alleviate traffic congestion, resulting in shorter journey times and lower transport costs. This can improve the efficiency of transportation networks, benefit commuters, and enhance the overall accessibility of goods and services. It may also have a positive impact on tourism, as visitors can navigate the city more easily.

Increased Productivity: Improved transportation infrastructure can enhance productivity by reducing costs of production. Efficient transportation allows for smoother movement of goods, reducing delays and facilitating timely delivery. This can contribute to lower production costs, increased output, and overall economic growth.

Government Expenditure and Employment: Government investment in road construction creates job opportunities in the construction sector. Increased employment levels can lead to higher consumer spending and aggregate demand, stimulating economic activity in other sectors of the economy.

Attraction of Multinational Corporations (MNCs): Better road infrastructure can make the country more attractive to foreign investors, including MNCs. Improved transportation networks can reduce logistical challenges and increase connectivity, making it easier for businesses to operate. This can potentially lead to increased foreign direct investment, job creation, and economic development.

Potential Drawbacks

Land Shortage and Opportunity Cost: The availability of land for road construction may be limited in urban areas like Manila. The use of land for roads may come at the expense of other valuable purposes such as housing, education, or healthcare facilities. The opportunity cost of allocating land for roads needs to be carefully considered.

Financial Constraints and Taxes: Building more roads requires significant financial resources. The government may need to raise taxes or reallocate funds from other sectors to finance the construction. High tax burdens and competing priorities for public spending can pose challenges in funding such infrastructure projects.

Long-Term Traffic Congestion: While building more roads may initially reduce traffic congestion, it is important to consider the potential long-term effects. If road capacity increases without addressing the underlying causes of congestion, such as increasing vehicle numbers, it may not effectively solve the traffic problem in the long run.

Disruption and Negative Externalities: The construction process itself can lead to disruptions, including road closures, detours, and delays, which may impact both drivers and businesses. Additionally, an increase in road infrastructure can contribute to negative externalities such as pollution and noise, which can lower the overall quality of life.

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Population Growth and Land Expenses: Rapid population growth can exacerbate the challenge of land availability and increase the cost of acquiring land for road construction. As the population grows, finding suitable land for expanding the road network becomes more expensive and challenging.

Inflationary Pressures: If the economy is already operating at full employment, the additional government expenditure on road construction can lead to demand-pull inflation. Increased government spending can stimulate aggregate demand beyond the economy's capacity to produce, resulting in higher prices.

In conclusion, building more roads in Manila can bring potential benefits such as reduced congestion, increased productivity, employment opportunities, and attraction of investment. However, it is crucial to consider the drawbacks, including land shortage, opportunity cost, financial constraints, long-term traffic issues, disruption, negative externalities, population growth, and inflationary pressures. A comprehensive assessment of these factors is necessary to determine the overall impact on the Philippine economy.

2(a) Define microeconomics. [2]

Microeconomics is the study and analysis of individual markets and economic agents, specifically focusing on understanding the behavior and interactions of entities such as individuals, households, and firms.

2(b) Explain two causes of differences in economic development between countries. [4]
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In this discussion, we explore two key causes of differences in economic development between countries: resources (including land, labor, capital, and enterprise) and income. We examine how each factor influences economic development and provide real-world examples to illustrate their impact. Resources form the foundation of a country's productive capacity, and their availability and utilization shape economic outcomes. Income, on the other hand, is both an outcome and a driver of economic development, as higher levels of income enable individuals to consume more goods and services. By understanding these causes in detail, we gain insights into the complex dynamics that contribute to economic disparities between countries.

Resources play a crucial role in economic development as they determine a country's productive capacity. Here's how each factor (land, labor, capital, and enterprise) affects economic development:

Land: The availability and quality of land resources can impact economic development. Countries with fertile land suitable for agriculture have an advantage in producing food and generating agricultural exports. For example, countries like Brazil and the United States have large expanses of arable land, enabling them to be major players in the global agricultural market. On the other hand, countries with limited arable land may face challenges in achieving food security or expanding agricultural output.

Labor: The quantity and quality of the labor force influence economic development. A skilled and educated workforce can contribute to higher productivity and innovation, leading to economic growth. Countries that invest in education and vocational training can enhance their human capital, enabling workers to engage in more sophisticated and higher-value-added activities. For instance, countries like South Korea and Germany have emphasized technical education, resulting in highly skilled workforces that have propelled their economic development.

Capital: Adequate capital, both physical and financial, is essential for economic development. Physical capital includes infrastructure, factories, machinery, and technology, which are critical for production and improving productivity. Countries with well-developed infrastructure, such as transport networks and power systems, can attract investments, facilitate trade, and promote economic growth. Financial capital, such as savings, investments, and access to credit, fuels entrepreneurship, innovation, and expansion of businesses.

Enterprise: Entrepreneurship and the presence of a vibrant business environment are vital for economic development. Countries that foster a culture of entrepreneurship, innovation, and risk-taking tend to experience higher levels of economic growth. Entrepreneurs create new businesses, generate employment opportunities, and drive technological advancements. For instance, countries like the United States and Singapore have nurtured entrepreneurial ecosystems that have propelled their economic development through the establishment of innovative startups and competitive industries.

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Income levels significantly influence economic development as they determine the purchasing power and consumption patterns of individuals. Here's how income enables people to consume more goods and services:

Higher income levels increase aggregate demand, drive investment, improve living standards and promote savings and capital investment.

Increase aggregate demand: When people have higher incomes, they can afford to spend more on goods and services, leading to increased consumption. This increased demand stimulates production, drives business growth, and contributes to economic expansion.

Drive investment: Higher levels of income allow individuals to save and invest. These savings can be channeled into investment activities, such as starting businesses, expanding existing enterprises, or funding research and development. Investment promotes job creation, capital formation, and technological progress, which are critical drivers of economic development.

Improve living standards: Higher incomes enable individuals to access better quality goods and services, including healthcare, education, housing, and transportation. Improved living standards contribute to human development and overall well-being.

Promote savings and capital accumulation: Higher incomes provide individuals with the ability to save and accumulate wealth. This accumulation of savings and capital can be reinvested in productive activities, leading to increased productivity, job creation, and economic growth.

2(b) Explain two causes of differences in economic development between countries. [4]

Differences in productivity levels among countries can significantly impact their economic development.

Higher productivity allows countries to produce more output with the same amount of resources or produce the same output with fewer resources, resulting in increased efficiency and economic growth. Countries with higher productivity tend to experience faster economic development because they can generate more goods and services for their population and export surpluses to other countries. This leads to higher incomes, improved living standards, and increased economic opportunities for the population. For example, countries that invest in advanced technologies, automation, and innovation can achieve higher levels of productivity, enabling them to produce goods and services more efficiently. This gives them a competitive advantage in the global market, attracting foreign investment, increasing exports, and fostering economic development. On the other hand, countries with lower productivity may struggle to compete, limiting their economic growth potential.

Differences in productivity can arise from various factors such as technological advancements, infrastructure development, access to financial resources, quality of education and skills training, and the efficiency of institutions and governance. Countries that prioritize and invest in these areas are more likely to experience higher productivity and economic development.

Next, international trade and exports play a significant role in economic development by expanding market opportunities, stimulating economic growth, and facilitating specialization.

Countries that actively engage in international trade can tap into larger consumer markets beyond their domestic borders. By exporting goods and services, they can access a wider customer base, increase their sales revenue, and drive economic growth. Export-oriented industries often benefit from economies of scale, allowing for higher production levels and cost efficiencies. Moreover, international trade encourages specialization and the allocation of resources based on comparative advantage. Each country focuses on producing goods and services in which they have a competitive advantage, whether it be natural resources, skilled labor, or technological expertise. This specialization leads to higher efficiency, increased output, and improved productivity.

Countries that successfully participate in international trade can attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and benefit from the transfer of knowledge, technology, and managerial practices. This contributes to the development of domestic industries, enhances productivity, and fosters economic growth.

Differences in economic development arise due to variations in countries' ability to engage in international trade effectively. Factors such as trade policies, infrastructure, transportation networks, access to markets, trade agreements, and the development of competitive industries can influence a country's success in international trade. Nations that have favorable trade conditions, competitive industries, and efficient trade facilitation mechanisms are more likely to experience robust economic development through increased exports and trade.

In summary, differences in productivity and international trade/exports contribute to variations in economic development between countries. Higher productivity enables countries to produce more output with fewer resources, leading to increased efficiency and economic growth. Active participation in international trade opens up market opportunities, drives specialization, attracts investment, and enhances productivity, thereby fostering economic development. The extent to which countries invest in these factors and effectively utilize their resources and trade opportunities plays a crucial role in shaping their level of economic development.

2(b) Explain two causes of differences in economic development between countries. [4]

The primary sector refers to the part of the economy involved in the extraction and production of natural resources, such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, and related activities. The size of the primary sector in an economy can have significant implications for economic development.

Countries with a larger primary sector relative to their overall economy often face lower average incomes. This is because primary sector activities, such as agriculture, tend to have lower productivity levels compared to manufacturing or service sectors. Agriculture, for instance, typically involves labor-intensive practices and may be subject to factors like unpredictable weather conditions and limited access to advanced technology. These factors can limit the output and income potential of individuals working in the primary sector.For example, in developing countries where agriculture constitutes a substantial portion of the economy, farmers often face challenges such as limited access to credit, outdated farming techniques, and a lack of infrastructure. These factors contribute to lower agricultural productivity and incomes compared to countries with more advanced agricultural practices.

The primary sector is often associated with physically demanding and labor-intensive work. Individuals employed in sectors such as agriculture, mining, or fishing may face challenging working conditions, long hours, and exposure to environmental hazards. These conditions can impact the well-being and quality of life of workers in the primary sector. For instance, in some developing countries, agricultural workers may engage in manual labor, work long hours under harsh weather conditions, and lack proper safety measures. These conditions can limit opportunities for skill development, access to education, and upward mobility, thus hindering overall economic development.

Countries with a smaller primary sector, in proportion to their overall economy, tend to have higher average incomes and greater opportunities for employment in higher-paying sectors like manufacturing or services. This is because these sectors typically offer higher productivity levels, better technological advancements, and higher wages.

Saving refers to the portion of income that individuals, households, or businesses set aside for future use instead of immediate consumption. The level of saving in an economy has implications for economic development.

Saving influences the proportion of capital goods produced in an economy. Capital goods, such as machinery, equipment, and infrastructure, are essential for increasing productivity and facilitating economic growth. Higher levels of saving allow for more investment in capital goods, which in turn can lead to increased production capacity and efficiency. For example, countries with higher saving rates can invest in modern machinery and equipment, adopt advanced technologies, and improve infrastructure, which enhances productivity and drives economic development. In contrast, countries with low saving rates may face constraints in accumulating the necessary capital goods to support economic growth, limiting their development potential.

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Saving also plays a role in providing individuals and households with a safety net during economic downturns or emergencies. Countries with higher saving rates tend to have better financial resilience and can better withstand economic shocks. Individuals and households with savings are more equipped to cope with unexpected events, maintain consumption levels during difficult times, and invest in education, health, or entrepreneurial activities. For instance, in countries where saving rates are higher, individuals have greater financial stability, access to credit for investment purposes, and the means to pursue opportunities that promote economic development. On the other hand, countries with lower saving rates may have a higher proportion of the population living in poverty or vulnerable to economic instability.

In summary, the size of the primary sector and saving influence differences in economic development between countries in significant ways. A larger primary sector can lead to lower average incomes and challenging working conditions, while countries with a smaller primary sector tend to have higher average incomes and more opportunities in advanced sectors. Higher saving

2(b) Explain two causes of differences in economic development between countries. [4]

[Below are three causes]

Economic development is a complex and multifaceted process that varies significantly across countries. Understanding the causes of differences in economic development is crucial for policymakers and economists seeking to foster growth and improve living standards. Two key factors that contribute to disparities in economic development are investment and education/literacy rates, along with the provision of healthcare. By exploring how these factors influence economic outcomes, we can gain insights into the mechanisms that shape the progress of nations. This discussion delves into the intricate details of investment, education/literacy, and healthcare, highlighting their profound impact on economic development and the factors that underpin their significance.

Investment: Investment plays a crucial role in economic development. When countries allocate resources towards capital goods, infrastructure, research and development, and technology, it leads to increased productivity, job creation, and economic growth. Higher levels of investment contribute to the expansion of industries, improved infrastructure, and the adoption of advanced technologies, which ultimately enhance productivity and competitiveness. For example, countries that prioritize investment in sectors like manufacturing, technology, and infrastructure are often able to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and develop a robust industrial base. This, in turn, creates employment opportunities, stimulates innovation, and boosts economic output. Additionally, investment can lead to advancements in automation and technology, making work less physically demanding and improving overall productivity.

Education and literacy rates: Education and literacy are fundamental drivers of economic development. Countries with well-developed education systems and high literacy rates tend to have a more skilled workforce, which positively impacts productivity and economic growth. Education equips individuals with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to participate in a modern economy, adapt to changing technologies, and engage in higher-value economic activities. For instance, countries that invest in education and prioritize human capital development can cultivate a skilled labor force capable of driving innovation, entrepreneurship, and productivity gains across various sectors. Well-educated individuals are more likely to secure higher-paying jobs, contribute to technological advancements, and participate in knowledge-intensive industries. Moreover, education and literacy rates also influence health outcomes, social mobility, and individual well-being, thereby contributing to overall economic development.

Healthcare: Healthcare is a critical factor that affects economic development. Access to quality healthcare services, adequate sanitation, and disease prevention measures significantly impact the productivity and well-being of a population. Good healthcare systems contribute to increased life expectancy, reduced mortality rates, and improved human capital. Countries with efficient healthcare systems that provide affordable and accessible healthcare services tend to have healthier populations, leading to higher workforce participation, lower absenteeism, and greater productivity. Additionally, healthcare investments can address public health challenges, reduce healthcare costs, and enhance the overall quality of life for individuals, contributing to economic development.

In summary, investment, education/literacy rates, and healthcare are all essential factors that influence economic development. Countries that prioritize investment, promote education, and ensure access to quality healthcare tend to experience higher levels of productivity, human capital development, and overall economic well-being

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2(c) Analyse how a cut in the interest rate could reduce poverty. [6]

A cut in the interest rate can have significant implications for poverty reduction, as it affects various aspects of the economy that directly impact the well-being of individuals and households. Here is an in-depth analysis of the different ways in which a cut in the interest rate could reduce poverty:

Increased borrowing and consumer spending: A reduction in the interest rate lowers the cost of borrowing for individuals and businesses. This decrease in borrowing costs encourages higher demand for loans, leading to increased consumer spending. As individuals have access to cheaper credit, they can afford to purchase essential goods and services, thereby improving their standard of living. Increased consumer spending can stimulate economic activity, supporting businesses and job creation.

Increased investment and output: Lower interest rates also incentivize firms to invest in new projects and expand their operations. With reduced borrowing costs, businesses can access funds more easily to finance investments in equipment, technology, and infrastructure. Increased investment can lead to higher productivity, job creation, and overall economic growth. As the economy expands, employment opportunities rise, and individuals experiencing poverty have a greater chance of finding employment and escaping poverty.

Improved access to education and skills development: For the poor who have borrowed in the past, a cut in the interest rate provides them with more disposable income. This additional financial flexibility allows them to allocate resources towards education and skills development. By investing in education and acquiring new skills, individuals can enhance their employability and access better-paid job opportunities, leading to a reduction in relative poverty.

Affordable housing: A decrease in interest rates can contribute to lower mortgage rates, making housing more affordable. This can benefit individuals and families living in poverty by providing them with improved access to housing options. Affordable housing contributes to better living conditions, stability, and overall well-being.

Facilitating entrepreneurship and income generation: Lower interest rates create favorable conditions for the poor to access credit and start small businesses. With reduced borrowing costs, aspiring entrepreneurs from low-income backgrounds can secure funding to initiate income-generating activities. This can lead to higher income levels, economic self-sufficiency, and a pathway out of poverty.

Government spending on education and healthcare: A cut in the interest rate makes it cheaper for the government to borrow funds. With lower borrowing costs, governments can allocate a greater share of their budgets towards critical sectors such as education and healthcare. Increased government spending in these areas benefits the poor by improving access to quality education and healthcare services, which are crucial for breaking the cycle of poverty.

In conclusion, a cut in the interest rate can have a multifaceted impact on poverty reduction. It stimulates borrowing, consumer spending, investment, and entrepreneurship, which lead to increased employment, income growth, and improved living standards. Moreover, it provides opportunities for individuals to invest in education and skills development, while also facilitating access to affordable housing. Additionally, lower interest rates benefit the government by reducing borrowing costs, enabling increased spending on essential services that directly impact the well-being of the poor.

2(d)Discuss whether or not government intervention willmcorrect the market failure caused by a demerit good.[8]

The issue of whether government intervention can effectively address market failures caused by demerit goods is a complex one. Let's analyze both perspectives:

Why government intervention might correct market failure:

Imposing or increasing taxes: Governments can impose or increase taxes on demerit goods, such as cigarettes or alcohol, which have negative externalities or harmful effects on individuals and society. By raising the price through taxation, it becomes less affordable and discourages consumption. This can lead to a contraction in demand and a reduction in the negative impacts associated with demerit goods.

Consumer awareness and information: Government intervention can help educate consumers about the negative impacts of demerit goods, making them more informed and aware of the risks and consequences. With increased knowledge, consumers may voluntarily choose to reduce their consumption, further mitigating the market failure.

Imposing a minimum price: Governments can set a minimum price for demerit goods, ensuring that they cannot be sold below a certain level. This measure aims to discourage excessive consumption and maintain a certain price threshold. By setting a minimum price, demand may contract, especially if the minimum price is set above the equilibrium level, thereby reducing the market failure caused by demerit goods.

Import restrictions: Governments can impose restrictions on the imports of demerit goods, limiting their availability in the market. By controlling the supply, governments can effectively reduce consumption and address the market failure associated with demerit goods.

Why government intervention might not correct market failure:

Price inelastic demand and addiction: Some demerit goods, such as drugs or highly addictive substances, may exhibit price inelastic demand. This means that even if prices increase due to taxes or other measures, the demand remains relatively unchanged. In such cases, government intervention may have limited effectiveness in correcting market failure caused by demerit goods.

Ineffective tax levels: The success of taxation as a corrective measure depends on setting the tax at an appropriate level. If the tax is too high or too low, it may not have the desired impact on reducing consumption. Additionally, the rich, who may have higher income levels, may not be significantly deterred by the tax, limiting its effectiveness in correcting market failure.

Producer behavior and price pass-on: If producers of demerit goods do not fully pass on the tax burden to consumers, the price increase may be less significant. This could undermine the intended impact of taxation as a corrective measure.

Minimum price limitations: Setting a minimum price below the equilibrium level would have no effect on reducing consumption or correcting market failure. Additionally, a minimum price could result in a surplus of demerit goods, leading to downward pressure on prices and potentially encouraging producers to sell below the minimum price.

In conclusion, government intervention can play a role in correcting market failures caused by demerit goods, but its effectiveness depends on various factors such as the nature of demand, the appropriate level of taxation, consumer awareness, and the behavior of producers. It is crucial for governments to carefully design and implement intervention measures to address market failures effectively and minimize unintended consequences

3(a) Define privatisation. [2]

Privatisation is the sale of state-owned assets, state-owned enterprises, or nationalised industries through the sale to the private sector or individuals.

[all causes have been explained below for 3(b)]

3(b) Explain two causes of a fall in the birth rate. [4]

A rise in the cost of having children can be a significant cause of a fall in the birth rate. When the cost of raising children increases, such as through expenses related to education, healthcare, and living standards, it can discourage couples from having more children or delay their decision to start a family. For example, as the cost of education continues to rise, parents may choose to invest more in the education of their existing children, leading to a decrease in the number of children they have. Similarly, if couples perceive that they cannot afford the financial responsibilities associated with raising children, they may opt to have fewer children or postpone starting a family until they are more financially stable.

Another cause of a fall in the birth rate is the rise in the education of women. As women attain higher levels of education, they often become more career-oriented and may prioritize their professional development over starting a family at an early age. With increased access to education and employment opportunities, women may choose to delay marriage and childbirth to focus on their careers or personal goals. Furthermore, higher education can empower women with knowledge about family planning, contraception, and reproductive health, allowing them to make informed choices about when and how many children to have. As a result, the birth rate tends to decline as more women pursue education and career opportunities, leading to lower fertility rates.

Overall, a rise in the cost of having children and the increased education of women are two significant factors that can contribute to a fall in the birth rate. These factors influence individuals' decisions regarding family planning, financial considerations, and personal aspirations, leading to changes in fertility patterns within a population.

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3(b) Explain two causes of a fall in the birth rate. [4]

A rise in the government provision of state pensions can be a significant cause of a fall in the birth rate. When the government ensures adequate support for retirees through pensions or social security systems, it reduces the financial burden on individuals to rely on their children for support in old age. As a result, couples may feel less compelled to have children solely for the purpose of providing for their future care. With the assurance of a stable income during retirement, couples may choose to have fewer children or delay starting a family.

Another cause of a fall in the birth rate is the rise in access to contraceptives. When individuals have increased access to and awareness of effective contraceptive methods, it enables them to make informed choices about family planning. Contraceptives allow couples to control the timing and number of children they have, providing them with the freedom to pursue other goals, such as education, careers, or personal aspirations. As contraceptives become more readily available, affordable, and culturally accepted, they contribute to a decline in unintended pregnancies and, consequently, a decrease in the overall birth rate.

Both the rise in government provision of state pensions and the increased access to contraceptives have significant implications for family planning decisions and reproductive behaviors. By addressing financial concerns related to old age support and providing individuals with the means to prevent unintended pregnancies, these factors contribute to a decrease in the birth rate. They empower individuals to make choices based on their personal circumstances, aspirations, and preferences, ultimately shaping the demographic landscape of a population.

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3(b) Explain two causes of a fall in the birth rate. [4]

Improvement in healthcare has been a significant factor contributing to the fall in the birth rate. Advancements in medical technology, access to quality healthcare services, and enhanced prenatal care have played a crucial role in reducing infant mortality rates. As healthcare improves, the likelihood of infant survival increases, which impacts individuals' decisions regarding family size.

When infant mortality rates are high, individuals may feel compelled to have more children to ensure that at least some survive to adulthood and provide support in old age. However, with improvements in healthcare, the risk of infant mortality decreases, leading to a change in people's expectations and behaviors. Parents may feel more confident in the survival of their children and therefore choose to have fewer children overall.

Lower infant mortality rates also have broader social implications. They contribute to a higher quality of life and reduced child mortality rates, which positively impact society as a whole. Communities with better healthcare systems experience lower child mortality rates, leading to improved overall health outcomes and a decreased need for families to have larger numbers of children.

Moreover, as healthcare improves, individuals may prioritize their own well-being and quality of life over having larger families. Access to healthcare services allows individuals to focus on their own health needs, including family planning and reproductive health. Consequently, individuals may choose to delay childbirth or have fewer children to ensure better personal health and well-being.

It is important to note that improvement in healthcare is a multifaceted process that encompasses not only medical advancements but also education and awareness about reproductive health. Access to contraception, pre-natal care, and educational programs on family planning contribute to informed decision-making and can further reduce the birth rate.

Overall, the improvement in healthcare has a significant impact on the decline in the birth rate. Reduced infant mortality rates, better healthcare access, and increased awareness of reproductive health all play a crucial role in shaping individuals' decisions to have fewer children, leading to changes in the demographic landscape of a population.

3(b) Explain two causes of a fall in the birth rate [2]
[all other causes have been explained below]

Increase in state provision of welfare payments: When governments provide comprehensive welfare programs, including financial assistance for elderly individuals or pensions, there is less financial pressure on families to rely on their children for support in old age. As a result, couples may choose to have fewer children since the burden of providing for aging parents is alleviated by state-provided welfare payments.

Rise in access to contraceptives: The availability and accessibility of contraceptives have increased significantly in many societies. Access to various methods of contraception empowers individuals and couples to plan their family size according to their preferences. Effective family planning allows people to have greater control over when and how many children they have, contributing to a decline in the birth rate.

Reduction in infant mortality: As mentioned earlier, a reduction in infant mortality rates influences people's perceptions and decisions about family size. When the chances of a child surviving to adulthood increase, individuals may feel less compelled to have additional children as a means of ensuring the continuation of their lineage or family support.

Ageing population: Demographic shifts, such as an ageing population, can influence the birth rate. In societies where a significant proportion of the population consists of older individuals, there may be fewer people in their child-bearing age. This demographic composition naturally leads to a decline in the birth rate.

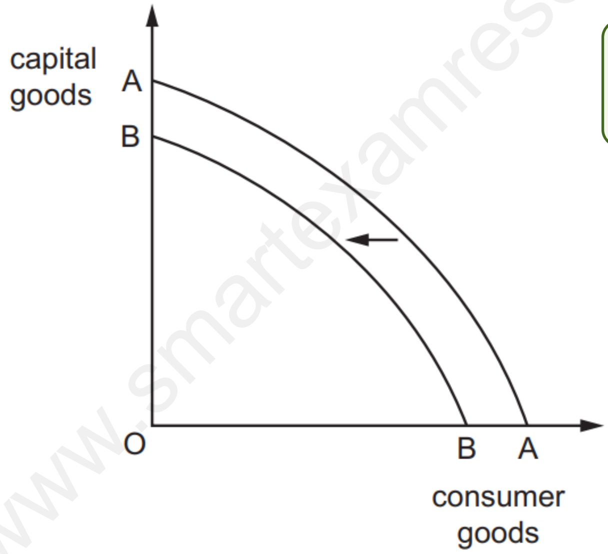
Education: Higher education levels, particularly among women, have been associated with lower birth rates. Education often leads to increased career opportunities and financial independence for women. As women pursue higher education and engage in professional careers, they may choose to delay childbirth or have fewer children to focus on their personal and professional aspirations.

More women working: The rise in women's workforce participation has a direct impact on the birth rate. As women prioritize their careers and pursue economic independence, they may choose to delay having children or opt for smaller family sizes. Balancing work and family responsibilities can become more challenging, leading to a decrease in the number of children women have.

Government policy: Government policies aimed at controlling population growth, such as placing limits on the number of children individuals can have, can influence the birth rate. Policies like China's former one-child policy and similar measures in other countries have directly impacted the birth rate by implementing restrictions on family size.

It's important to note that the causes mentioned above often interact and reinforce each other. They are influenced by cultural, economic, and social factors, and their impact on the birth rate may vary across different countries and regions.

3(c) Analyse, using a production possibility curve (PPC) diagram, the effects of a decrease in the quantity of capital goods in an economy. [6]



Capital goods are a resource/investment used to produce other goods: Capital goods, such as machinery, equipment, and infrastructure, are vital resources used in the production process. They contribute to the economy's overall productive capacity by enabling the efficient production of other goods and services. A decrease in the quantity of capital goods implies a reduction in the availability of these resources.

Fewer capital goods reduce potential output/productive capacity: With a decrease in the quantity of capital goods, the economy's potential output and productive capacity are negatively affected. The reduced availability of capital goods restricts the economy's ability to produce goods and services efficiently. As a result, the PPC curve shifts inward, indicating a decrease in the maximum achievable production levels for both capital goods and other goods in the economy.

The analysis of the PPC diagram demonstrates that a decrease in the quantity of capital goods limits the economy's production possibilities. It hinders the efficient allocation of resources and constrains the economy's ability to produce a higher quantity of goods and services. The reduction in capital goods availability may impact overall economic growth, investment, and productivity in the long run.

3(d) Discuss whether or not a government should allow monopolies. [8]

When considering whether a government should allow monopolies, it is important to analyze the pros and cons of such a decision. The following points provide an assessment of both sides of the argument:

Why a government should allow monopolies:

Economies of scale: Monopolies often benefit from economies of scale, meaning they can produce goods or services at a larger scale, resulting in lower average costs. This cost advantage can potentially lead to lower prices for consumers, making products more affordable and accessible.

Investment and research and development: Monopolies, due to their market dominance and high profits, have the financial resources to invest in research and development activities. This investment can lead to technological advancements, innovations, and the development of high-quality products. These improvements can benefit consumers by offering better products and enhancing overall industry standards.

International competitiveness: Some monopolies may be internationally competitive, allowing a country to establish a strong presence in global markets. This can contribute to the country's export performance, generate foreign exchange, and create jobs. Additionally, a competitive monopoly can enhance the country's reputation for producing high-quality goods or services, attracting foreign investments and promoting economic growth.

Nationalized monopolies: In some cases, monopolies may be under government ownership, commonly known as nationalized monopolies. These monopolies can be aligned with welfare objectives, where the government ensures that the monopoly operates in the best interests of the public. This allows the government to regulate prices, ensure equitable access, and address market failures, particularly in sectors that are crucial for public welfare, such as healthcare or utilities.

Why a government should not allow monopolies:

Market failure and abuse of market power: Monopolies possess significant market power, which can lead to market failures and hinder economic efficiency. They may engage in anti-competitive practices such as price discrimination, collusion, or predatory pricing. These actions can harm consumers by reducing choice, increasing prices, and stifling innovation. Government intervention may be necessary to prevent these abuses and promote fair competition.

High prices and restricted output: Monopolies, by virtue of their market dominance, may have the ability to set higher prices and restrict output. This can lead to reduced consumer surplus and limit the availability of goods or services. In situations where monopolies exploit their market power, consumers may face higher costs, reduced quality, and limited options.

Complacency and lack of innovation: Without competitive pressures, monopolies may become complacent and less motivated to improve product quality, invest in research and development, or drive innovation. The absence of competition can lead to stagnation and hinder overall economic progress. Encouraging competition through market entry and promoting a level playing field can stimulate innovation and benefit consumers with improved products and services.

Given these considerations, the decision to allow or regulate monopolies should be carefully assessed by governments. While monopolies may bring certain advantages such as economies of scale and investment capacity, the risks of market failures, restricted output, and higher prices should be taken into account. Governments can adopt a balanced approach by implementing regulations and antitrust measures to promote fair competition, protect consumer welfare, and encourage innovation in industries dominated by monopolies.

4(a) Define deregulation. [2]

Deregulation refers to the process of removing rules and regulations, reducing government intervention, and implementing actions that facilitate the entry and operation of businesses in an industry, often as part of a supply-side policy to promote competition.

4(b)Explain two benefits consumers may gain from a market economic system. [4]

In a market economic system, consumers can enjoy several benefits:

Sovereignty: In a market economy, consumers have the power to determine what goods and services will be produced through their purchasing decisions. They express their preferences and demand for certain products, which influences the allocation of resources and production decisions by businesses. This consumer sovereignty allows individuals to shape the market according to their needs, preferences, and values.

Choice: A market economy typically offers a wide range of choices to consumers. Multiple firms operate in competitive markets, producing similar or substitute products. This competition encourages businesses to differentiate their offerings, improve quality, and innovate to attract consumers. As a result, consumers have the freedom to choose from various options based on price, quality, features, and other factors. The availability of choices empowers consumers to select products that best meet their specific needs and preferences.

By having the ability to shape production and a wide range of choices, consumers in a market economic system can enjoy greater autonomy and the opportunity to select goods and services that align with their preferences and values.

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4(b)Explain two benefits consumers may gain from a market economic system. [4]

Consumers can derive several benefits from a market economic system, including:Low prices:

In a market economy, competition among firms is a driving force. To attract and retain customers, businesses strive to offer their products at competitive prices. The presence of multiple firms vying for consumer attention creates a market environment where price becomes an important factor in consumer decision-making. Firms may need to lower their prices to gain a competitive edge, resulting in cost savings for consumers. The availability of alternatives and the pressure to keep prices affordable contribute to lower overall prices in the market, allowing consumers to stretch their purchasing power and potentially access goods and services at more affordable rates.

High quality: The profit motive in a market economy encourages firms to produce goods and services of high quality. Businesses recognize that meeting or exceeding consumer expectations regarding product quality is crucial for building a strong customer base and maintaining a competitive advantage. As consumers have the freedom to choose among various competing products, firms strive to differentiate themselves by enhancing the quality of their offerings. This drive for quality improvement can encompass aspects such as durability, functionality, design, safety, and reliability. Consequently, consumers benefit from access to higher-quality products that meet their needs and provide enhanced satisfaction.

By promoting competition and incentivizing firms to offer low prices and high-quality products, a market economic system empowers consumers with the ability to make informed choices, obtain better value for their money, and enjoy products that align with their preferences and standards.

4(c) Analyse how education and subsidies can increase a country's economic growth rate.[6]

Education and subsidies can play significant roles in increasing a country's economic growth rate. Here is a coherent analysis of how these factors contribute to economic growth:

Education:

Increased qualifications and skills: Education and training programs enhance the knowledge and skills of individuals, making them more productive in the workforce. Higher levels of education can lead to specialized expertise, technical skills, and innovative thinking, all of which contribute to higher productivity levels.

Improved productivity: A well-educated workforce is more efficient and productive, as individuals possess the necessary knowledge and skills to perform tasks effectively. This increased productivity translates into higher output and economic growth. Skilled workers are better equipped to adopt new technologies, implement efficient practices, and contribute to overall economic development.

Mobility of workers and attracting multinational corporations (MNCs): Education facilitates the mobility of workers, allowing them to adapt to changing labor market demands and fill skill gaps in different sectors. Moreover, a well-educated workforce attracts multinational corporations seeking skilled employees. MNCs bring investment, advanced technologies, and employment opportunities, which contribute to economic growth.

Reduction in unemployment: Education equips individuals with the skills needed to secure employment, reducing unemployment rates. Lower unemployment not only enhances individual income and well-being but also leads to increased consumer spending and economic expansion.

Subsidies:

Lower production costs and increased supply: Subsidies provided to businesses can lower their production costs by offsetting certain expenses. This reduction in costs incentivizes firms to increase their production levels, as they can maintain profitability while offering competitive prices. Increased production contributes to higher supply, allowing more goods and services to be available in the market.

Lower prices and increased demand: Lower production costs due to subsidies can lead to lower prices for consumers. Reduced prices make goods and services more affordable, increasing their demand. As consumers can purchase goods at lower prices, their purchasing power increases, leading to higher overall consumption. Increased demand further stimulates production and economic growth.

Subsidies for consumers: Subsidies provided to consumers, such as education and healthcare subsidies, can improve access to essential services and resources. By gaining better education and healthcare, individuals become more skilled, healthier, and productive. These factors positively impact their employment prospects, income levels, and overall productivity, contributing to economic growth.

In conclusion, education and subsidies have the potential to enhance a country's economic growth rate. Education raises workforce productivity, attracts investment, and reduces unemployment. Subsidies lower production costs, stimulate supply and demand, and improve human capital, all of which foster economic growth.

4(d) Discuss whether or not a reduction in a country's trade protection will reduce its current account surplus. [8]

When assessing the effects of trade liberalization on import expenditure, several factors should be considered:

Why it might:

Lower tariffs: The reduction of tariffs on imported goods can lead to a decrease in their prices. This affordability may increase the demand for imports, resulting in a higher import expenditure.

Removal of quotas: Removing quotas on imports allows for a greater quantity of goods to be purchased from foreign suppliers. This removal can result in an increase in import expenditure as more imports are allowed into the country.

Removal of bans/embargoes: If a ban or embargo on a particular product is lifted, it enables imports of that product to enter the country. This change can contribute to an increase in import expenditure as new products become available.

Closing the export-import gap: A higher import expenditure, coupled with export revenue remaining stable, can help reduce the gap between export earnings and import expenditure. This balance can lead to a more favorable trade position.

Why it might not:

Capacity constraints of foreign firms: Foreign firms may not have the capacity to supply a larger quantity of products to meet the increased demand from the importing country. This limitation can restrict the growth of import expenditure.

Price inelasticity of import demand: If the demand for imports is price inelastic, a decrease in import prices may not lead to a substantial increase in import expenditure. Consumers may not significantly increase their purchases even with lower prices.

Decline in import quality: If the quality of imports decreases, it can affect consumer preferences and reduce the willingness to purchase imports. This decline in quality may limit the growth of import expenditure.

Trade restrictions in other countries: While a country may reduce its trade restrictions, other countries can also implement similar measures. If multiple nations impose trade barriers, it can hinder the growth of import expenditure.

Exchange rate effects: If the country's currency depreciates, it can make imports relatively more expensive, discouraging import expenditure. At the same time, a weaker currency may make exports more competitive, leading to increased export revenue and potentially reducing the import expenditure.

Balancing export revenue: If import expenditure rises, the country may experience an increase in export revenue as well, particularly if the exports are in high demand. This balancing effect can mitigate the impact of higher import expenditure on the overall trade balance.

Surplus on invisibles: Invisibles refer to international trade in services, such as tourism, transportation, or financial services. If a country has a large surplus on invisibles, it can offset the impact of higher import expenditure and help maintain a favorable trade position.

In summary, trade liberalization measures can affect import expenditure, but the outcome depends on various factors such as changes in tariffs, quotas, and trade restrictions, as well as factors related to demand, supply capacity, quality, exchange rates, and the balance of trade in services.

5(a) State two functions, other than issuing banknotes and coins, of a central bank.[2]
Two functions, other than issuing banknotes and coins are:

- manages monetary policy / sets the rate of interest
- manages the national debt

[youc ould also write about the following]

- controls the banking system
- banker to commercial banks
- banker to the government
- lender of last resort
- looks after reserves of gold and foreign currency

5(b) Explain two reasons why workers in the tertiary sector may be paid more than workers in the primary sector. [4]

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Workers in the tertiary sector may be paid more than workers in the primary sector due to the following reasons:

Higher demand: The tertiary sector, which includes industries such as finance, healthcare, and professional services, often experiences higher demand compared to the primary sector. This increased demand can be driven by factors such as higher productivity, greater profitability, and the expansion of tertiary industries. As a result, employers in the tertiary sector may offer higher wages to attract and retain skilled workers.

Lower supply: Tertiary sector jobs often require higher qualifications, skills, and education compared to the primary sector. The supply of workers with the necessary expertise for tertiary jobs may be limited, leading to a higher demand for their services. The scarcity of qualified workers can create upward pressure on wages as employers compete to attract talent.

Stronger bargaining power: Workers in the tertiary sector may have stronger bargaining power due to the presence of trade unions or professional organizations representing their interests. These collective bodies can negotiate better wages and working conditions on behalf of their members. In contrast, primary sector workers, who can be replaced by capital equipment or face a higher degree of competition, may have weaker bargaining power.

Government policy favoritism: Government policies can play a role in determining wage differentials between sectors. If the government prioritizes investment in education and healthcare, for example, it can lead to increased spending in the tertiary sector. This investment can create more job opportunities and potentially higher wages for workers in these sectors.

Regional disparities: Tertiary sector jobs are predominantly found in developed countries where the cost of living and wages are generally higher. In contrast, primary sector jobs are more prevalent in undeveloped countries where wages and the cost of living tend to be lower. This disparity in economic development and living standards contributes to the wage differences between the two sectors.

Lower value of goods and services in the primary sector: The primary sector involves the extraction and production of raw materials, which often have lower market value compared to the goods and services provided in the tertiary sector. This difference in value creation translates into lower pay for primary sector workers relative to their counterparts in the tertiary sector.

In summary, the higher wages for workers in the tertiary sector compared to those in the primary sector can be attributed to factors such as higher demand, lower supply of skilled workers, stronger bargaining power, government policy favoritism, regional disparities, and the relative value of goods and services produced in each sector.

5(c) Analyse the advantages for firms of using division of labour. [6]

The division of labor offers several advantages for firms. The following analysis addresses each point mentioned:

Increased output and productivity: When workers specialize in specific tasks as part of the division of labor, they can become more efficient and skilled in their assigned areas. This specialization leads to increased productivity and, consequently, higher output levels. By focusing on specific tasks, workers can develop expertise, improve their techniques, and streamline their workflow, resulting in greater overall production.

Reduced costs of production: Division of labor can contribute to cost reductions for firms. By assigning specific tasks to specialized workers, the need for extensive training is reduced. Workers become proficient in their particular roles, eliminating the need for comprehensive training programs and reducing associated costs. Additionally, specialization can minimize the need for expensive and redundant equipment, further lowering production costs.

Improved quality: Specialization allows workers to concentrate on a specific aspect of the production process, enabling them to refine their skills and techniques. This heightened expertise can lead to an increase in the quality of the final product or service. The division of labor enables workers to become highly skilled in their respective tasks, resulting in greater precision, attention to detail, and overall quality improvement.

Lower costs and competitive pricing: The reduction in production costs achieved through division of labor can enable firms to offer their products or services at competitive prices. Lower costs translate into the ability to price products more attractively, potentially increasing demand. As demand rises, firms may experience higher revenue and profitability, contributing to their overall success.

In summary, the advantages for firms of utilizing division of labor include increased output and productivity, reduced costs of production, improved product quality, and the ability to offer competitive pricing. These benefits arise from the specialization of workers, allowing them to focus on specific tasks, develop expertise, and maximize efficiency in their respective areas of responsibility.

5(d) Discuss whether or not deflation will benefit an economy. [8]

The impact of deflation on an economy can vary, and both potential benefits and drawbacks need to be considered. Let's examine each point mentioned:

Why deflation might benefit an economy:

Increased international competitiveness: If deflation is driven by lower costs of production, it can enhance the competitiveness of domestic goods and services in international markets. Lower prices can make exports more attractive, leading to increased demand and potential economic growth.

Improved current account position: A more competitive export sector resulting from deflation can lead to an improvement in the current account balance. Higher export volumes or increased export revenues can help offset any decline in domestic demand, contributing to a favorable balance of trade.

Increased purchasing power: If deflation occurs without a significant decrease in incomes, it can increase the purchasing power of consumers. As prices decline, consumers may find their money can buy more goods and services, potentially raising living standards.

Stimulus for economic growth and employment: Deflation can create an environment of lower prices and reduced costs, which may encourage increased consumer spending and business investment. This boost in economic activity can lead to higher production levels, job creation, and overall economic growth.

Why deflation might not benefit an economy:

Decreased total demand and recession risk: Deflation caused by lower total demand can be a sign of an economic downturn. Falling prices can discourage consumer spending as individuals anticipate further price declines. This reduction in aggregate demand can lead to a contraction in economic output, potentially resulting in a recession.

Postponed consumer purchases: Deflation may prompt consumers to postpone their purchases in anticipation of even lower prices in the future. This behavior can further dampen economic activity, leading to a slowdown in production and reduced business revenue.

Decline in investment: Lower prices and reduced demand associated with deflation can discourage investment by businesses. If firms expect decreased sales and profitability, they may scale back their investment plans, leading to decreased capital expenditure and potential long-term economic stagnation.

Reduced output and raw material demand: In response to deflation, firms may decrease their production levels to align with lower demand. This can have a ripple effect on other sectors, such as raw material suppliers, as reduced output leads to decreased demand for inputs. This decline in demand can negatively impact employment levels and the overall economy.

Increased unemployment: If deflation leads to reduced economic activity, businesses may respond by cutting costs, including labor expenses. This can result in job losses and an increase in unemployment rates, further weakening consumer demand and hindering economic recovery.

In summary, the impact of deflation on an economy depends on various factors. While it may offer certain benefits such as increased competitiveness, improved current account position, and increased purchasing power, it can also have negative consequences such as decreased demand, recession risks, reduced investment, and rising unemployment. The overall effects of deflation will depend on the specific circumstances and underlying causes driving the deflationary pressures in the economy.