

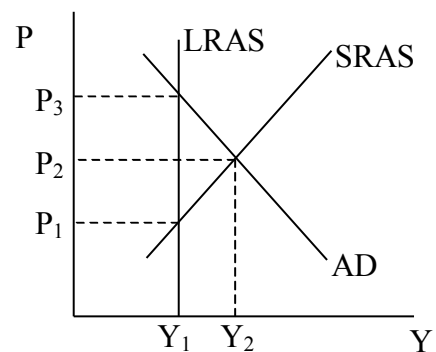
Study Questions

Lecture 15 International Macroeconomics

Part 1: Multiple Choice

Select the **best** answer of those given.

1. If the aggregate supply and demand curves in the figure at the right describe the situation in an economy at some point in time, we would expect to see
 - a. Output at Y_1 at that time.
 - b. Prices rising over time.
 - c. The price level at P_1 at that time.
 - d. More unemployment than normal.
 - e. GDP at its long run level.



2. When a country devalues its currency, we expect that
 - a. Income will rise because the devaluation stimulates aggregate demand.
 - b. Income will rise because the devaluation stimulates aggregate supply.
 - c. Income will fall because the devaluation reduces aggregate demand.
 - d. Income will fall because the devaluation reduces aggregate supply.
 - e. There will be no change in income because income is earned from production, not from trade.
3. With a floating exchange rate, a monetary contraction causes
 - a. The exchange rate to depreciate.
 - b. The interest rate to fall.
 - c. National income to increase
 - d. A capital inflow.
 - e. The price level to rise.

4. Suppose that a country has a mixture of individuals and companies that are in each of the following situations:

- Group I. These have borrowed in domestic currency to finance assets whose values are also in domestic currency.
- Group II. These have borrowed in foreign currency to finance assets valued in domestic currency.
- Group III. These have borrowed in domestic currency to finance assets valued in foreign currency.
- Group IV. These have borrowed in foreign currency to finance assets valued in (the same) foreign currency.

Which of these groups see the domestic-currency value of their wealth fall when the country devalues? (Assume in each case that the initial value of the assets is at least as great as what was borrowed.)

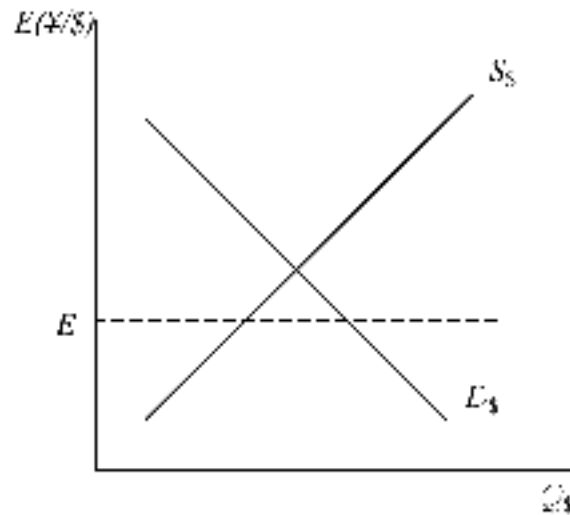
- a. I only.
 - b. II only.
 - c. III only.
 - d. IV only.
 - e. II and IV only.
5. If the U.S. economy moves into recession due to a decline in consumer confidence, which of the following do we **not** expect?
- a. The U.S. dollar will depreciate.
 - b. The U.S. interest rate will fall.
 - c. GDP in other countries will expand.
 - d. Aggregate demand abroad will decline.
 - e. U.S. imports will shrink.
6. According to the estimates of “pass-through” in the assigned reading by Mann and Plück, if a foreign currency appreciated against the US dollar by 25%, by how much would you expect the prices of imports from that country to rise, within the US, after several quarters?
- a. Not at all
 - b. 4%
 - c. 10%
 - d. 25%
 - e. 40%

7. The article by Elliott argues that 2012 will see a recession in Europe and that this could cause a recession in the United States. Which of the following might contribute to this, according to him?
- a. US firms will earn less income from their investments in Europe.
 - b. The Eurozone will import more from the US to replace lost output.
 - c. US imports from the EU will rise, as Americans seek bargains there.
 - d. Interest rates in Europe will rise, diverting US investment there and away from the US.
 - e. The EU Common Agricultural Policy will require an increase in tariffs against US exports.

Part II: Short Answer

Answer in the space provided.

1. The graph below shows the foreign exchange market from the perspective of the Japanese economy, with the U.S. dollar as its foreign currency. Suppose that a decline in investor expectations within Japan now causes aggregate demand there to fall, reducing output and prices.



- a. Show the effects of this change on supply and demand for foreign exchange (dollars) in the figure, and explain the reasons for these changes.
- b. Had the Japanese exchange rate relative to the dollar been floating, how would this contraction of the Japanese economy altered the value of its currency?
- c. Suppose instead, though, that the Japanese central bank was pegging the yen to the dollar at the exchange rate shown as \bar{E} in the figure. Use the figure to

determine first the nature of the intervention that would be required to maintain that peg, and second how that intervention will change as a result of the shifts in curves that you found in part (a).

2. Suppose that a company in India initially owns a factory worth 45 million rupees, that it has borrowed 1 million US dollars to finance its construction, and that these are its only assets and liabilities.
 - a. If the exchange rate is initially 40 rupees per dollar, what is the initial value of the company, in rupees?
 - b. If the rupee now depreciates by 20% what does the value of the company in rupees become?
 - c. Would the effect of the depreciation on the value of the company be any different if it was measured in dollars?
3. In class you saw a graph of the exchange value of the US dollar relative to five other currencies, since the beginning of this century. Relative to the currency of each country, indicate whether the dollar has appreciated or depreciated over this period.

| Relative to | The US dollar [appreciated or depreciated] |
|-------------|--|
| Canada | |
| China | |
| Euro | |
| Japan | |
| Mexico | |