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The paper is divided into two sections Section A and Section B

SECTION A

Candidates must answer ALL the questions in this section

SECTION B

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SECTION A [50 MARKS]

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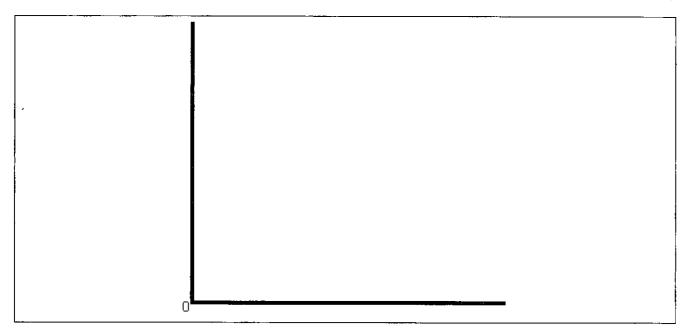
Question 1			
		ending between firms and households, there are three ne such leakage. Name the other two	(2)
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Question 2			
Name two market-orientate	d monetary	policy instruments	(2)
Question 3			
What are the criteria for a g	ood tax? Na	ame three criteria's and explain one briefly	(4)
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Question 4			
There are two countries, Altables show their production		They can only produce cars and bicycles The following wo goods	
	Alfa	200 cars or 1200 bicycles	
	Beta	200 cars or 1400 bicycles	
The president of Alfa want comparative advantage in t		cars with Beta and asks you if Alfa has an absolute or	(1)

Question 5	
Name two types of lags that slows down the impact of monetary and fiscal policy	(2)
Question 6	
Shortly describe the main differences between consumer price index (CPI) and production price index (PPI)	(2)
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Question 7	
In a country with a population of 75 million people there are 19 million children under the age of 15 years, 26 million employed, 8 million pensioners, 6 million unemployed and 1 million full time students. What is the unemployment rate?	(2)

Question 8

8.1 Use the following diagram to draw an example of the Phillips Curve

(3)



82	Show on the diagram	above with a	ı lıne marked S,	an example of	stagflation

83	Which pu	ublic institution is	responsible to keer	o inflation under control?
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The president of Neverland gave you the following information about the economy of Neverland Show all formulas and calculations

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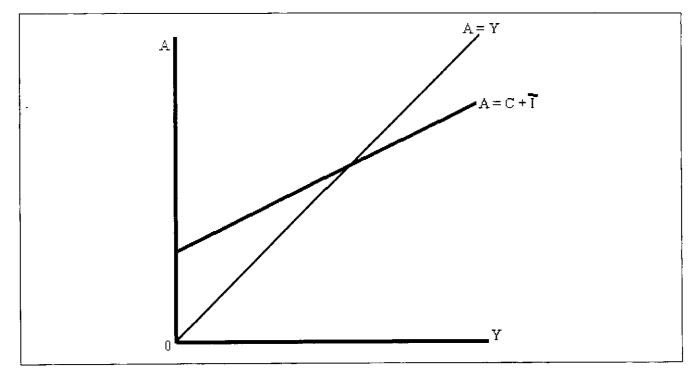
 $\overline{G} = 400$

T = 0.25Y

9 1	Calculate the multiplier for the economy of Neverland Give the answer in two decimals	(2)
92	Calculate the equilibrium income of Neverland	(3)
93	Calculate the fiscal surplus or deficit of Neverland	(2)

Question 10

Examine the following graph and use it to answer the following questions



- 10.1 Show on the above graph where equilibrium is by indicating it with a dot marked "E1" (1)
- 10 2 After this country elects a government, government expenditure increases from zero. Show what will happen to the Aggregate Spending line, name the new line "A2" (1)
- 10.3 Show where the new equilibrium is by indicating it with a dot marked "E2" (1)
- 10.4 The government decides they need to implement a proportional income tax. Show what will happen to the aggregate spending line (name the new line "A3"). And show the new equilibrium with a dot marked "E3".

Question 11

Make use of the table below, showing the CPI for South Africa for 2012 and 2013, to answer the following questions

	2012	2013
January	95 2	100 3
February	95 7	101 3
March	96 8	102 5
Aprıl	97 2	102 9
May	97 2	102 6

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June	97 5	102 9
July	97 8	104 0
August	98 0	104 3
September	98 9	104 8
October	99 5	105 0
November	99 8	105 3
December	100	105 5
Average for the year	97 8	103 5

11 1 Sandi had an income of R10 206 per month in April 2012, in April 2013 she has an income of R 11 320 per month. Did Sandi's nominal income increase? And if so by how much?		(1)	
11 2	Did Sandi's real income increase? And if so by how much? Only give the Rand value, do not round the cents up	(2)	

Question 12

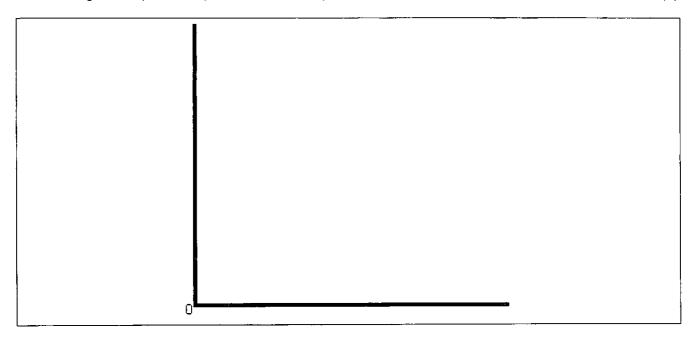
Suppose that an economy produces 3 goods. Their quantities produced for 2000, 2007 and 2012 are shown in the table below.

	2000 (ba	se year)	200)7	20	12
Product	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price
Hotdogs	100	R5	150	R10	170	R17
Pızzas	50	R15	100	R25	95	R30
Hamburgers	230	R10	250	R15	260	R22

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13 3 Show on the graph below what the effect of expansionary fiscal and monetary policy will have on the economy. Indicate any movements of the AD and AS curves and show any changes in equilibrium price level and output

(3)



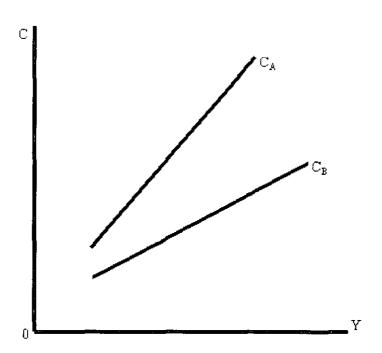
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SECTION B [50 MARKS]

Answer ALL the questions in this section on the mark-reading sheet which is supplied. Each question is worth 1½ marks. Note, Only ONE statement per question is correct.

- 1 A decline in disposable income
 - [1] increases consumption by moving upward along a specific consumption schedule
 - [2] decreases consumption because it shifts the consumption schedule downward
 - [3] decreases consumption by moving downward along a specific consumption schedule
 - [4] increases consumption because it shifts the consumption schedule upward
 - [5] has no effect on consumption
- 2 In the aggregate expenditures model, the
 - [1] marginal propensity to consume (MPC) is greater than zero, but less than one
 - [2] MPC and average propensity to consume (APC) are equal at the point where the consumption schedule intersects the 45-degree line
 - [3] average propensity to save (APS) is positive at all income levels
 - [4] MPC is equal to or greater than one at all income levels
 - [5] MPC marginal propensity to save (MPS) = 1
- 3 The MPC for an economy is
 - [1] the slope of the consumption schedule or line
 - [2] the slope of the savings schedule or line
 - [3] 1 divided by the slope of the consumption schedule or line
 - [4] 1 divided by the slope of the savings schedule or line
 - [5] It always has a 45 degree slope

- 4 In contrast to the investment schedule, the consumption schedule is
 - [1] relatively stable
 - [2] relatively unstable
 - [3] downward sloping
 - [4] horizontal
 - [5] vertical
- 5 The following diagram shows the consumption schedules for economies A and B



We can say that the

- [1] MPC is greater in B than in A
- [2] Investment at any given income level is greater in B than in A.
- [3] MPS is smaller in B than in A
- [4] MPC is greater in A than in B
- [5] MPC is the same in both economies
- 6 The multiplier is useful in determining the
 - [1] full-employment unemployment rate
 - [2] level of business inventories
 - [3] rate of inflation
 - [4] change in equilibrium GDP resulting from a change in spending
 - [5] prime interest rate
- 7 If the MPC is 0,7 and gross investment increases by R3 billion, the equilibrium GDP will
 - [1] increase by R10 billion
 - [2] increase by R2,10 billion
 - [3] decrease by R4,29 billion
 - [4] increase by R4,29 billion
 - [5] stay the same

8	If the multiplier in a	n economy is 5,	a R20 billion	increase in net	t exports will
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- [1] increase GDP by R100 billion
- [2] reduce GDP by R20 billion
- [3] decrease GDP by R100 billion
- [4] increase GDP by R20 billion
- [5] the multiplier does not have an effect on net exports
- 9 The multiplier effect means that
 - [1] consumption is typically several times as large as saving
 - [2] a small change in consumption can cause a much larger increase in investment
 - [3] a small increase in investment can cause GDP to change by a larger amount
 - [4] a small decline in the MPC can cause equilibrium GDP to rise by several times that amount
 - [5] banks are able to create money
- 10 The horizontal range of the aggregate supply curve
 - [1] indicates that resource prices are not constant
 - [2] implies that output can be increased only by increasing the price level
 - [3] assumes there are no unemployed resources in the economy
 - [4] is explained by the law of increasing opportunity costs
 - [5] shows the economy is in a recession or depression
- 11 Given the AD-AS model, if the national incomes of the major trading partners of South Africa were to rise, SA's
 - [1] aggregate demand curve would shift to the left
 - [2] aggregate supply curve would shift to the left
 - [3] aggregate supply curve would shift to the right
 - [4] aggregate demand curve would shift to the right
 - [5] both [3] and [4]
- 12 If exports increase by R100 million and imports increase by R95 million, it will shift the
 - [1] aggregate expenditures curve upward and the aggregate demand curve rightward
 - [2] aggregate expenditures curve upward and the aggregate demand curve leftward
 - [3] aggregate expenditures curve downward and the aggregate demand curve rightward
 - [4] aggregate expenditures curve downward and the aggregate demand curve leftward
 - [5] aggregate expenditures curve will stay constant and the aggregate demand curve rightward
- According to the monetary transmission mechanism, a change in the interest rate will cause a change in _____, which will lead to a change in _____ and ultimately lead to change in or income
 - [1] money supply, demand for money, wealth
 - [2] repo rate, deposit requirements, wealth
 - [3] consumption, price levels, living standards
 - [4] investment spending, aggregate spending, total production
 - [5] exports, net exports, total production

- 14 Which of the following is a shortcoming of GDP?
 - [1] GDP measures all final goods and services to avoid double counting
 - [2] GDP of South Africa does not include the value of imports into South Africa
 - [3] The work done by housewives is not recorded in the value of GDP
 - [4] GDP is only measured over a certain period, usually a year
 - [5] The work done in the formal sector is recorded in the value of GDP
- 15 The labels for the axes of the aggregate demand graph should be
 - [1] quantity of a product on the vertical axis and the price of a product on the horizontal axis
 - [2] price of a product on the vertical axis and quantity of a product on the horizontal axis
 - [3] real domestic output on the vertical axis and the price level on the horizontal axis
 - [4] real domestic output on the horizontal axis and the price level on the vertical axis
 - [5] aggregate spending on the vertical axis and output on the horizontal axis
- 16 Cost-push inflation
 - [1] occurs when production costs push prices up
 - [2] can be caused by labour (trade union) demands
 - [3] can be caused by a rand appreciation
 - [4] Both options [1] and [2] are correct
 - [5] Both options [2] and [3] are correct
- 17 A decrease in investment spending will cause a(n)
 - [1] decrease in aggregate demand
 - [2] increase in aggregate demand
 - [3] increase in aggregate supply
 - [4] decrease in aggregate supply
 - [5] no change in either aggregate demand or aggregate supply
- 18 The relationship between the aggregate demand curve and the aggregate expenditures model is shown in the fact that
 - [1] a decrease in the price level shifts the aggregate expenditures schedule downward and decreases real GDP
 - [2] a decrease in the price level shifts the aggregate expenditures schedule upward and increases real GDP
 - [3] an increase in the price level shifts the aggregate expenditures schedule upward and increases real GDP
 - [4] an increase in the price level shifts the aggregate expenditures schedule downward and increases real GDP
 - [5] there is no relationship between these two curves
- 19 Which of the following is NOT part of South Africa's GDP?
 - [1] The value of an insurance policy on a new BMW sold by a South African company
 - [2] The value of a BMW imported from Germany
 - [3] The value of a BMW produced in South Africa
 - [4] The commissions earned by a BMW dealership in South Africa
 - [5] The cost to wash your BMW in South Africa

- 20 Which of the following is an example of a final good or service?
 - [1] Gold that is sold to manufacture wedding rings
 - [2] Vegetables purchased by local restaurants to make soup
 - [3] Wood used in the production of houses
 - [4] A CD player purchased as a gift
 - [5] Sugar bought to manufacture candy
- 21 Aggregate spending on South African production comprises
 - [1] private consumption, government spending, private investment and total savings
 - [2] private consumption, government spending, private investment and net exports
 - [3] private consumption, government transfers, private investment and net exports
 - [4] private consumption, government investment, private savings and net exports
 - [5] private consumption, government spending, private investment and spending by foreigners on South African goods
- 22 In the Keynesian aggregate expenditure model, if inventories start to decrease, it could be a signal that
 - [1] aggregate spending is less that total output and businesses should decrease output
 - [2] aggregate spending is less that total output and businesses should increase output
 - [3] aggregate spending and total output are equal
 - [4] aggregate spending is greater that total output and businesses should decrease output
 - [5] aggregate spending is greater that total output and businesses should increase output
- The _____ demand for money arises out of the need to hold money as a medium of exchange This demand for money is a function of _____
 - [1] precautionary, interest rates
 - [2] transactions, national income
 - [3] speculative, interest rates
 - [4] precautionary, national income
 - [5] transactions, interest rates
- 24 An increase in the market interest rates, in general
 - [1] will shift the money demand curve downwards
 - [2] implies a lower opportunity cost of holding money balances
 - [3] will cause the price of bonds to fall
 - [4] will increase the purchasing power of money
 - [5] will increase strikes
- 25 Interest rates in South Africa are essentially determined by
 - [1] the cost of capital
 - [2] the interaction between the demand for money and the supply of money
 - [3] the South African Reserve Bank
 - [4] the South African government
 - [5] the quantity of money in circulation

- 26 Which of the following will cause the demand curve for money to shift to the right?
 - [1] An increase in real GDP
 - [2] A decrease in the reporate
 - [3] An increase in the quantity of money available
 - [4] A decrease in the quantity of money available
 - [5] An increase in the reporate
- 27 When the inflation rate is high the SARB will tend to
 - [1] reduce the cost of credit to the banks
 - [2] increase the reporate
 - [3] purchase government bonds on the open market
 - [4] decrease the repo rate
 - [5] use moral suasion to persuade banks to provide more loans to their clients
- 28 If the real interest rate is negative, then
 - [1] the inflation rate is larger than the nominal interest rate
 - [2] the inflation rate is smaller than the real interest rate
 - [3] the inflation rate is smaller than the nominal interest rate
 - [4] lenders will gain
 - [5] the real value of a loan will increase
- 29 If government spending is higher than current government revenue, this is known as
 - [1] a deficit on the current account of the balance of payments
 - [2] the budget deficit
 - [3] the public debt
 - [4] money financing
 - [5] good fiscal management
- 30 A tax such as value added tax (VAT) would generally be viewed as
 - [1] progressive, because the consumption expenditure of the rich is greater than that of the poor
 - [2] regressive, because low-income households spend a greater proportion of their income on goods that attract VAT
 - [3] proportional, because the VAT rate is constant across goods that attract VAT
 - [4] progressive, because most goods consumed by poor households are zero rated
 - [5] regressive, because the VAT burden increases as household income rises
- After a raise of R120 000 per year, Thandi's consumption expenditure increase by R9 000 every month. What is Thandi's marginal propensity to save?
 - [1] 0,925
 - [2] 0,9
 - [3] 0,075
 - [4] 0,5
 - [5] 0,1

- 32 If the financial account is in surplus, then
 - [1] the value of imports exceeds the value of exports
 - [2] the value of exports exceeds the value of imports
 - [3] there will be a surplus on the overall balance of payments
 - [4] capital outflows exceed capital inflows
 - [5] there has been a net inflow of foreign capital into the country
- 33 Other things equal, recessions in the economies of South Africa's trading partners will
 - [1] have no perceptible impact on the South African economy
 - [2] cause inflation in the South African economy
 - [3] depress real output and employment in the South African economy
 - [4] stimulate real output and employment in the South African economy
 - [5] Increase tourists to South Africa from these countries
- 34 The foreign exchange rate is the rate at which
 - [1] one country's goods trade for those of another country
 - [2] the currency of one country trades for the goods of another country
 - [3] currencies of different countries are exchanged
 - [4] one country's currency trades for silver provided by another country
 - [5] the services of one country trade for the currency of another country
- 35 The exchange rate is \$0,50 = R5,00 If a car sells for \$16,000, then its cost in Rands would be
 - [1] R80 000
 - [2] R16 000
 - [3] R12 800
 - [4] R160 000
 - [5] R64 000
- 36 As a result of more Americans visiting South Africa, we can expect
 - [1] an appreciation of the rand relative to the dollar
 - [2] a depreciation of the rand relative to the dollar
 - [3] an appreciation of the dollar relative to the rand
 - [4] that it will cost South Africans more to visit the United States
 - [5] an appreciation of the dollar relative to all major currencies
- 37 If we were to add up the value of output of all firms in the economy, we would
 - [1] obtain GDP at factor cost
 - [2] obtain GDP at market prices
 - [3] obtain GDP using the income method
 - [4] overestimate the value of production taking place in the economy
 - [5] underestimate the value of production taking place in the economy

- 38 If dairy farming is subsidised, we would expect the value of a litre of milk to be
 - [1] equal to the price paid by the consumer for a litre of milk
 - [2] greater than the price paid by the consumer for a litre of milk
 - [3] less than the price paid by the consumer for a litre of milk
 - [4] lower because of the subsidy
 - [5] higher because of the subsidy
- 39 Since the R200 note was first introduced in South Africa, its value has
 - [1] decreased in nominal terms and increased in real terms
 - [2] decreased in nominal terms and decreased in real terms
 - [3] increased in nominal terms and decreased in real terms
 - [4] increased in nominal terms and increased in real terms
 - [5] decreased in real terms, although its nominal value has remained unchanged
- 40 Refer to the table below that describes the income distribution in a country

Population	Cumulative	e Percentage
Population	Population	Income
Poorest 20%	20	5
Next 20%	40	10
Next 20%	60	25
Next 20%	80	60
Richest 20%	100	100

In this country, the richest 40% of the population earn _____ of the total income, whilst the poorest 40% of the population earn _____ of the total income

- [1] 40%, 15%
- [2] 40%, 10%
- [3] 60%, 15%
- [4] 75%, 10%
- [5] 75%, 15%

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