

# AP Macroeconomics 2000 Scoring Guidelines

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## **Scoring Guideline for Macroeconomics Question 1**:

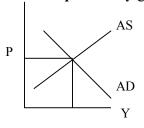
$$[2+2+4+2 = 10 \text{ Points}]$$

#### Part (a): 2 Points

(1 point) AD-AS graph with a real output (Q or Y) and a price level shown (1 point) Showing that the real output is below the full-employment or potential

income

Some **one point only** graphs:



PL LRAS AD

Absence of Full employment

Absence of Recession

GDP

#### Part (b)

(1 point) G increase has greater impact than the T decrease

(1 point) Reason: part of the T decrease is saved and does not contribute directly to an increase in income

#### Part (c): 4 Points

No Assertions!

i. (1 point) Consumption increases because disposable income increases (May draw on part b if Y<sub>d</sub> or money income increase is clearly stated)

ii. (1 point) Because AD increases, GDP and P level increase

[If the student operates in the perfectly elastic range of AS curve, P level would not need to increase.]

- iii. (1 point) Imports increase with an explanation:
  - a) higher income/real GDP increases imports
  - b) higher domestic price level increases imports
  - c) higher interest rate leads to appreciated \$ which will increase imports

[Note: if only assert \$ increases vs. other currencies, no point in part iii.]

- iv. (1 point) Exports decrease with an explanation:
  - a) higher domestic price level decreases exports
  - b) appreciated dollar reduces exports

(Note: Exports "do not change" if P does not change in ii. is acceptable)

Part (d):

(1 point) Because net investment is a component of AD, increased investment will shift out the AD curve

## [Insist on a reason for the AD curve's shifting out.]

(1 point) Increased net investment means an increase in the capital stock (or productivity or capacity) and an outward shift in AS.

## **Scoring Guideline for Macroeconomics Question 2**

	[2+2 = 4 Points]			
Part (a)	(i) Supply of dollars increases	to buy French Francs or to buy French goods	(1 point)	
		-	(1 point)	
	(simply saying "increased supply of dollars" is <u>not acceptable</u> .)			
	(ii) <b>Depreciation</b> of U.S. dollar or reduced value of the dollar (1 points)			
	( using the explanation from p ( a wrong answer, but consiste			
Part (b	) (i) Demand for U.S. dollar increases	ses and the dollar appreciates	(1 point)	
	( simply saying "appreciation of th	ne dollar" is not acceptable)		
	ii) Quantity supplied of U.S. dollar	ars increases	(1 point)	
	(assertion OK) (a wrong answer but consistent	with (i), earns this point)		
Scorin	ng Guideline for Macroecond	omics Question 3:		
[2	+3+2 = 7 Points]			
Part (				
Inv	ward shift in the money supply			
	1 <b>point</b> Correct money suppl labeled x-axis (Qr		u axes	
	labeled y-axis (i, j	,		
	Ms curve	•		
	Md curve			
	1 point Inward shift in moneMs shift left	ey supply and a higher intere	est rate	
	interest rate incre	200		

## Alternative point allocation

#### 1 point

- Flawed graph, showing increase in interest rate (Flawed = only one major error)
- Flawed graph, with correct written **explanation** (no assertions)

#### 0 points

- Absence of graph (no need to read any accompanying text)
- Poor graph with assertion (Poor = 2 or more major errors)

#### Part (b)

**1 point** C: decrease linked graphically or with explanation (not assertion) to interest sensitivity

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**1 point** G: student expected to respond using automatic effects only—no discretionary interest- rate response is acceptable. (i.e., G decreases because cost of borrowing increases)

#### Two answers acceptable:

- no automatic response (must definitively say no change in G)
- G increases automatically because payments on debt increase

#### Part (c)

AD shifts in: Real income decreases and Price level falls

1 point Correctly labeled A	AD/AS graph with an inward shift in AD
x-axis (Y, GDP, Q)	
y-axis (P, PL, Prices)	
ASAD	
shift in AD	
<b>1 point</b> Correct impact on	Real Income (decrease) and Price Level (decrease) (1
point)	
decrease in Y	decrease in P

#### Alternative point allocation

#### 1 point

- Flawed graph, showing P and Y decrease (Flawed = only one major error)
  - Flawed graph, with correct written **explanation** (no assertions)
  - Shift in AS, as long as AD shifted down correctly

#### 0 points

- Absence of graph (no need to read any accompanying text)
- Poor graph with assertion (Poor = 2 or more major errors)