

1. Assuming a floating exchange rate between the euro and the dollar, the US government places a tax on the sale of dollars by American citizens in the currency market: for each dollar sold by American citizens, they should pay 0.5 dollars to the US government. What is the likely effect of this tax?

- (a) A shift to the left of the supply of dollars function and, accordingly, an appreciation of the euro against the dollar.
- (b) A shift to the right of the demand for dollars function and, accordingly, a devaluation of the euro with respect to the dollar.
- (c) A shift to the left of the supply of dollars function and, accordingly, both a shift to the left of the demand for euros function and a depreciation of the euro against the dollar.
- (d) A shift to the right of the supply of dollars function and, accordingly, both a shift to the left of the demand for euros function and a revaluation of the euro against the dollar.

2. Identify the option where the two concepts have opposite meanings.

- (a) Real appreciation and nominal depreciation
- (b) The purchase of dollars in the currency market and the sale of euros in the same market
- (c) Devaluation and revaluation
- (d) Triangle arbitrage and spatial arbitrage

3. In which case is the euro undervalued (with respect to its purchasing power parity value) against the dollar?

- (a)  $e = 1 \text{ \$/€}$   $P = 200$  i  $P^* = 400$
- (b)  $e = 1/2 \text{ €\$}$  and  $P = P^* = 200$
- (c)  $e = 2 \text{ €\$}$  and  $e_{PPP} = 1/4 \text{ \$/€}$
- (d) None of the above

4. The dollar has appreciated against the euro. It is not a possible explanation that

- (a) the US GDP has grown and, at the same time, the US interest rate has fallen.
- (b) the eurozone GDP has grown and, simultaneously, the eurozone inflation rate has fallen.
- (c) while the eurozone inflation rate went up, the US inflation rate went down.
- (d) None of the above

5. The denial of which sentence is not false?

- (a) The dollar tends to depreciate against the euro if the European Central Bank purchases euros in the currency market.
- (b) In a fixed exchange rate regime the real exchange rate is necessarily equal to 1.
- (c) A rising real exchange rate (expressed as units of foreign goods divided by units of domestic goods) represents an erosion (worsening) of the domestic economy's competitiveness.
- (d) If  $e = 2 \text{ €\$}$ , the euro could be undervalued against the dollar with respect to its purchasing power parity value.

6. The impossible trinity

- (a) refers to monetary policy, fixed exchange rates, and capital controls.
- (b) states that it is not possible to have an upward sloping supply of euros function, a downward sloping demand for euros function, and an exchange rate equal to its purchasing power parity value.
- (c) makes it impossible to have a fixed exchange rate, a speculative attack, and commercial arbitrage.
- (d) asserts that a floating exchange rate implies both capital controls and the impossibility of conducting an independent monetary policy.

7. It is not possible to have triangular arbitrage when

- (a)  $2 \text{ \$/€}$   $1/2 \text{ \$/¥}$ , and  $1/4 \text{ €¥}$ .
- (b)  $1 \text{ \$/€}$   $1/2 \text{ \$/¥}$ , and  $2 \text{ €¥}$ .
- (c)  $1 \text{ \$/€}$   $2 \text{ \$/¥}$ , and  $2 \text{ ¥/€}$
- (d) None of the above

8. Letting  $P$  designate the eurozone price index, the competitiveness of the eurozone cannot improve

- (a) when  $P$  remains constant,  $e$  (expressed in  $\text{\$/€}$  units) doubles, and  $P^*$  raises.
- (b) in passing from  $e = 1/4 \text{ €\$}$ ,  $P = 100$ , and  $P^* = 400$  to  $e = 2 \text{ \$/€}$  and  $P = P^* = 400$ .
- (c) when  $P^*$  remains constant,  $e$  (expressed in  $\text{\$/€}$  units) falls, and  $P$  doubles.
- (d) when  $e$  remains constant,  $P^*$  increases, and  $P$  decreases but less than  $P^*$  increases.

Write your answers in minuscule letters in only one of the following tables

No answer: +0 · Correct answer: +1 · Incorrect answer: -1/3

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

No answer: +0 · Only one answer: if correct, +1; if incorrect, -1/3.

Two answers: if one correct, +1/2; if none correct, -1/2.

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