



Macroeconomics

Unit 4 Practice Sheet

Part 1: Nominal v. Real Interest Rates- Answer the questions. Show your work.

1. Assume the nominal interest rate is 7% and inflation is 3%. What is the real interest rate? **4%**
= 7% - 3%
2. Assume the real interest rate is -2% and the inflation rate is 5%. What is the nominal interest rate? **3%**
= -2% + 5%
3. Assume the real interest rate is 4% and the nominal interest rate is 7%. What is the expected rate of inflation? **3%**
= 4% - 7%

Part 2 - Bank Balance Sheets- Use the balance sheet below to answer the questions.

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Required reserves | \$2,000 | Demand deposits | \$20,000 |
| Excess reserves | \$0 | | |
| Customer loans | \$7,000 | | |
| Government securities (bonds) | ? | | |

4. Calculate the total amount of government securities this bank owns. **The bank owns \$11,000 of government securities since both assets and liabilities need to equal \$20,000.**
5. Calculate the required reserve ratio. Explain how you got your answer. **Reserve Requirement is .1 or 10%. The bank has \$2000 of required reserves which is 10% of the \$20,000 of deposits.**
6. Suppose that an individual deposits \$10,000 of cash into her checking account. What is the immediate effect of the cash deposit on the M1 measure of the money supply? Explain. **No change. Cash and money in checking accounts are both part of M1 money supply.**
7. What is the dollar value of the bank's required reserves after the \$10,000 cash deposit? Explain. **\$3,000. This is the original \$2,000 plus the additional \$1000 that must be placed in required reserves.**
8. What is the dollar value of the bank's excess reserves immediately after the \$10,000 cash deposit? Explain. **\$9,000. The bank can loan out 90% of the \$10,000 deposit.**
9. Calculate the maximum increase in the money supply as a result of the \$10,000 deposit. Show your work. **\$90,000 increase = Initial loan (\$9,000) x money multiplier (10). Notice that the answer is not \$100,000. Only the amount that is initially lent out gets multiplied.**
10. What are two different behaviors that could prevent the money supply from increasing by the maximum amount? **Banks might not lend out all their excess reserves, people could hold cash and not deposit money in banks.**
11. Assume instead that the government buys \$10,000 of securities. What is the immediate effect on the M1 measure of the money supply? Explain. **No change. The purchase initially increases the monetary base, not the money supply. The money supply increases only after the money is lent out.**
12. Calculate the maximum increase in the money supply when the government buys \$10,000 of securities. Show your work. **\$100,000 increase = Initial loan (\$10,000) x money multiplier (10)**
13. Will the demand deposits for this bank initially increase, decrease, or stay the same when the government buys \$10,000 of securities? Explain. **Same. Demand deposits don't change since people didn't deposit more money.**
14. Assume customers withdraw more money from this bank than it has in reserves. What two options does the bank have to avoid becoming insolvent? **Borrow from the Fed or borrow from another bank.**



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Part 3 - Monetary Policy- Fill out the chart showing how each influences the economy.

15. How does a decrease in the interest rate affect investment? Explain. **Investment increases since loans are easier to get and cheaper.**

16. What is the difference between the discount rate and the federal funds rate? **Discount rate is what the Fed charges banks. The federal funds rate is what banks charge each other.**

| | Recessionary Gap | Inflationary Gap | AS or AD |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Long-run Self-Adjustment | Costs↓ Wages↓ - AS↑ | Costs↑ Wages↑ - AS↓ | AS |
| Fiscal Policy | Gov Spend↑, Taxes↓ - AD↑ | Gov Spend↓, Taxes↑ - AD↓ | AD |
| Monetary Policy | RR↓, DR↓, Buy bonds - AD↑ | RR↑, DR↑, Sell bonds - AD↓ | AD |

Part 4- Loanable Funds- Fill out the chart.

| | Demand or Supply ↑ or ↓ | Real Interest Rate |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 17. To decrease unemployment, the government deficit spends | D↑ | Real rate↑ |
| 18. Political unrest causes foreigners to take money out of the economy. | S↓ | Real rate↑ |
| 19. Businesses expect lower sales and worse economic conditions. | D↓ | Real rate↓ |
| 20. In anticipation of longer life expectancy, people begin to save more | S↑ | Real rate↓ |

Part 5- FRQ Practice- Complete the following question from the 2017 AP exam (Question 2).

2. Assume that an economy is in long-run equilibrium. Assume that consumers wish to hold less money because they use credit cards more frequently to purchase goods and services than cash.
 - (a) Draw a correctly labeled graph of the money market and show the effect of the reduced holdings of money on the equilibrium nominal interest rate in the short run.
 - (b) Based on the change in the interest rate in part (a), what will happen to each of the following in the short run?
 - (i) Prices of previously issued bonds
 - (ii) The price level and real income. Explain.
 - (c) With a constant money supply, based on your answer to part b(ii), will the velocity of money increase, decrease, or remain the same, or is the change indeterminate?
 - (d) If the central bank wishes to reverse the change in the interest rate identified in part (a), what open market operation would it use?

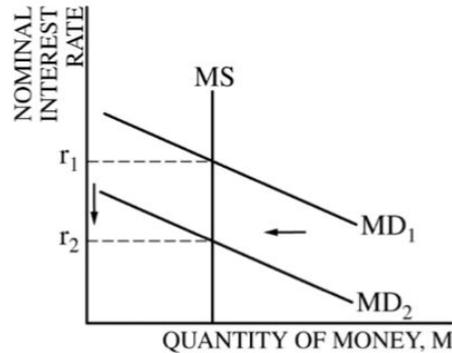


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Question 2

6 points (2 + 2 + 1 + 1)



(a) 2 points:

- One point is earned for drawing a correctly labeled graph of the money market.
- One point is earned for showing a leftward shift in the money demand curve, resulting in a lower nominal interest rate.

(b) 2 points:

- One point is earned for stating that the price of previously issued bonds will increase.
- One point is earned for stating that both the price level and real income will increase and for explaining that the lower interest rate will increase consumption, investment, and/or net exports (interest-sensitive spending), which increases aggregate demand.

(c) 1 point:

- One point is earned for stating that the velocity of money will increase.

(d) 1 point:

- One point is earned for stating that the central bank would sell bonds.