

Review Questions

(Credits to Praphangkorn)

1. Why do prices of crude oil, rice, and agricultural raw experience similar booms and busts?
2. What is the reason behind the dismal relative performance of Thailand's crops compared to the rest of the world?
3. How bleak is the future of Thailand's agriculture?
4. Discuss the US-China trade war's impact on Thailand's textile and garment industry.
5. Is it possible that the share in the GDP of Thailand's tourism industry increases to 18% in 2020? Does it mean output from the manufacturing sector would decline?
6. Evaluate whether the campaign to enhance domestic spending (Taste-Shop-Spending) can enhance GDP growth? Can the fiscal multiplier go as high as 5.0, as confidently argued by the Minister of Finance?
7. Discuss whether the visa fee waiver has a net benefit to Thailand's tourism industry.
8. What will be the impact on Thailand's economy when the FED cuts federal funds rate to 0.25%?
9. Is the strong baht in 2019 a sign of the strength of the Thai economy?
10. "Thailand's international reserves amounted to 222.2 billion dollars as of November 22, 2019. The governor of the Bank of Thailand said that the baht is overvalued against the greenback". (Bangkok Post, December 3, 2019). State whether you agree or disagree with the statement. Provide brief reasons.