

Homework

(Deadline: TO BE DECIDED AFTER MID-TERM)

Instructions:

1) Read the following article:

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/k/keynesianeconomics.asp>

- 2) You are to summarize the article into 10-13 key points (ประเด็นสำคัญ), which are accompanied by brief explanations.
- 3) Your work must be within one and a half pages. One page is preferred.
- 4) Your work has to be HAND-WRITTEN on IPAD or SCANNED PAPER(S).
- 5) **Your key points MUST be about economic theories (not Keynes' biography) and cover the following notions.**
 - a. Keynes' perspective on Great Depression
 - b. Keynes' perspective on the Classical Economics
 - c. Possible solutions to Great Depression
 - d. Pros and cons of monetary policy
 - e. Pros and cons of fiscal policy
 - f. What is Keynesian economics?
 - g. Keynes' perspective on saving and economic growth
 - h. Alternative theory on saving and economic growth (Google!)
- 6) You will be fully awarded 10 marks (10%) for 10 correct and accurate key points. The extra 3 key points are for 3 extra marks in case some of your conclusions are incorrect.

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7) Submission after deadline will not be accepted.

Keynesian economics

- A macroeconomic theory of total spending in the economy and its effects on output, employment, and inflation.
- Considered a "demand-side" theory that focuses on changes in the economy over the short run.

Keynes' perspective on the classical Economics

- During recessions business pessimism and certain characteristics of market economies would exacerbate economic weakness and cause aggregate demand to plunge further.

Possible solutions to Great Depression

- Advocated for increased government expenditures and lower taxes to stimulate demand and pull the global economy out of the depression.
- Focuses on using active government policy to manage aggregate demand in order to prevent economic recessions.
- Advocated a countercyclical fiscal policy.

Keynes' perspective on Great Depression

- Once an economic downturn sets in, the fear and gloom that it endangers among businesses will tend to become self-fulfilling and can lead to a sustained period of depressed economic activity and unemployment.

Fiscal policy

Pros

- Spending boosts aggregate output and generates more income.
- Provide justification for politically popular spending on a national scale.

Cons

- Fiscal stimulus is far less effective than the original multiplier model suggests.

Monetary policy

Pros

- Boosts short-term demand in the economy.
- Respond to the needs of the market and require governmental intervention to stay on track.
- Employment's growth increases.

Cons

- Lowering interest rates become less effective because it reduces the incentive to invest rather than simply hold money in cash.
- Interest rate manipulation may no longer be enough to generate new economic activity.

Alternative theory on saving and economic growth.

- In neoclassical economics, economic growth depends upon saving. In the absence of exogenous circumstances, savings would not only depress the marginal productivity of capital forcing the economy towards a stationary state.

Keynes' perspective on saving and economic growth

- If aggregate demand in the economy fell, the resulting weakness in production and jobs would precipitate a decline in prices and wages.
- A lower level of inflation and wages, stimulating employment and restoring economic growth.

Keynes was critical the British government

- He proposed that the government spend more money and cut taxes to turn a budget deficit, which would increase consumer demand in the economy.

Keynes criticized the idea of excessive saving.

- The more money sitting stagnant, the less money in the economic stimulating growth.

Fiscal policy was the dominant paradigm in academic economics for decades.

- Milton Friedman and Murray Rothbard showed that the Keynesian model misrepresented the relationship between saving, investment, and economic growth.

Classical economics

- Keynes developed his theories in response to the Great Depression.

Activist fiscal and monetary policy

- Are the primary tools recommended by Keynesian economists to manage the economy and fight unemployment.