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## AP Macro Problem Set #2

### Unit 2: Measurement of Economic Performance

1. ( \_\_\_\_/15 Points) **Gross Domestic Product**
  - a. Define GDP, identify what is not included, define the four components, and give an example of each ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  - b. Explain the difference between nominal GDP and real GDP. Use a simplified numerical example with two different years to show your understanding. ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  - c. If someone told you that the nominal GDP increased by 4% in 2004 explain why you would need two additional pieces of information to conclude that the standard of living for the typical person also increased by 4%. ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  
2. ( \_\_\_\_/10 Points) **Unemployment**
  - a. Define and give examples of the three types of unemployment discussed in class. ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  - b. How is the unemployment rate calculated? What is the Natural Rate of Unemployment? Do we want zero unemployment? ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  
3. ( \_\_\_\_/15 Points) **Inflation**
  - a. Define and identify how to calculate the Consumer Price Index (CPI)? Explain the meaning of the following CPIs relative to a base year. Year 1=90, Year 2=100, Year 3=125, Year 4=150. Lastly explain why the percent change in prices from year 3 to year 4 is NOT 25%. ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  - b. Identify how to calculate nominal interest rates and real interest rates. Assume that you put \$100 in the bank. Use numeric examples to explain three different scenarios in which your REAL income falls, stays the same, and increases. ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  - c. If the actual inflation is greater than the anticipated inflation, fully explain who would benefit and who would be hurt and explain WHY? ( \_\_\_\_/5)
  
4. ( \_\_\_\_/15 Points) Practice FRQs
  - a. FRQ #1 ( \_\_\_\_/8)
  - b. FRQ #2 ( \_\_\_\_/7)

3. Indicate whether each of the following is counted in the United States gross domestic product for the year 2006. Explain each of your answers.
- (a) The value of a used textbook sold through an online auction in 2006
  - (b) Rent paid in 2006 by residents in an apartment building built in 2000
  - (c) Commissions earned in 2006 by a stockbroker
  - (d) The value of automobiles produced in 2006 entirely in South Korea by a firm fully owned by United States citizens

**OUTPUTS AND PRICES IN GALA LAND**

<b>This Year's Output</b>	<b>This Year's Price</b>
400 loaves of bread	\$6 per loaf
1,000 gallons of water	\$2 per gallon
800 pieces of fruit	\$2 per piece

Gala Land produces three final goods: bread, water, and fruit. The table above shows this year's output and price for each good.

- (a) Calculate this year's nominal gross domestic product (GDP).
- (b) Assume that in Gala Land the GDP deflator (GDP price index) is 100 in the base year and 150 this year. Calculate each of the following.
  - (i) The inflation rate, expressed as a percentage, between the base year and this year
  - (ii) This year's real GDP
- (c) Since the base year, workers have received a 20 percent increase in their nominal wages. If workers face the same inflation that you calculated in part (b)(i), what has happened to their real wages? Explain.
- (d) If the GDP deflator in Gala Land increases unexpectedly, would a borrower with a fixed-interest-rate loan be better off or worse off? Explain.