

Economics 2 questions-u7

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Economics Question 12 a (i) When real interest rates of both the United States and the European Union are equal, financial capital is equal in both states. This is because both states have relatively the same level of development. Interest rates determine the direction of financial assets. If the domestic interest rate in the United States falls to 3.75 percent, financial capital shall flow from low interest rate to high interest rate. Therefore, financial capital shall flow from the United States to the European Union. This increases financial capital in the European Union that in turn decreases interest rate.

Question 12 a (ii) Flexible exchange rate regime

An increase in financial capital in the European Union led to depreciation of the euro relative to dollars.

Question 12 b

Depreciation of the euro because of the increase in financial capital influences the European net export. To this end, imports become expensive and exports become cheap (Krugman, and Wells 123). This led to an increase in exports and a decline in imports. The resulting net export is favorable, as exports shall outweigh imports. The European Union will experience a surplus in the current account.

Question 7 (a)

Labor productivity can be improved through education and training of employees. To this end, workers increase their know-how and effectiveness. This improves the quality of service delivered thereby improving productivity. Technology can improve labor productivity. A well-equipped worker with necessary equipment can deliver services more effectively and efficiently compared to an unequipped worker. Technology eases the time and

efforts employed by worker in delivering service (Krugman, and Wells 167).

Question 7 (b)

Increase in labour productivity increases real output from Y_f to Y' and decreases price from P_f to P' .

Question 7 (c)

The above diagram assumes increasing opportunity cost between the two goods. The increase in labor productivity increases the production of the two goods. Therefore, the production possibility curve shifts outward as shown above.

Works Cited

Krugman, Paul R, and Robin Wells. Economics. New York: Worth Publishers, 2006. Print.