UNIT 4 - MACROECONOMICS

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Macroeconomics: the branch of economics that	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
including employment, gross domestic product, inf	lation, economic growth and the distribution of income.	
countries want because it means the economy is moving in the		
right direction. Steady economic growth is usually	associated with things like:	
entrepreneurs starting		
firms becoming more productive by		
workers becoming more productive throug	h	
	for the economy	
Price stability refers to	over time so that a	
country's money will retain its purchasing power o		
Countries want	so individual, firms, and governments can correctly	
predict how much the money they have now will b	uy in the future.	
Full employment refers to the state of the econom	ny when virtually all who are	
	of the economy. The income	
people receive from working	and pay taxes.	
Gross Domestic Product: the dollar value of		
produced within the nation's borders in one year.		
GDP excludes certain items:		
1. Intermediate Goods: products used		
further processing before being sold to the fina	Garage Sale	
2. Secondhand Sales: sales of	And a	
3. Nonmarket Transactions:		
mowing your own yard, house cleaning or othe	r home improvements.	
4. <u>Underground Economy</u> : unreported legal and	<u>.</u>	

output-Expenditure Model: a macro mo onsumers, businesses, government and	odel used to show by		
ggregate Demand =			
C =	by households accounts for the largest part of GDI		
I =	by businesses		
G =	at the federal, state and local level		
X = which are go	which are goods sold abroad		
VI = which are go	which are goods purchased from abroad		
(X—M) is positive, we have a	meaning we export more than we import		
(X—M) is negative, we have a This is what the U.S. has year after year	meaning we import more than we expor .)		
<u>Тн</u>	IE BUSINESS CYCLE		
	of gross		
domestic product (GDP). hases include			
1. <u>Peak</u> : the turnaround point wher	e real GDP		
2. <u>Trough</u> : the turnaround point wh	nere real GDP		
	nere real GDP		
	real GDP		
 <u>Recession</u>: a period during which <u>Expansion/Recovery</u>: a period of GDP is 	real GDP		
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	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	
	employment Rate: the number of	divided by the total
nu	mber of persons in the civilian labor force.	
UR	= # unemployed but looking × 100 = %	
	civilian labor force	
<u>Civ</u>	ilian Labor Force: those who are curre	ently
Cri	ticisms of the Unemployment Rate	
1.	Discouraged Workers: people who have become frustrated with look	ing for a job and
	This tends to	_ of unemployment.
2.	Part time Workers: these workers are	as full time
	workers. Again, this tends to understate the true rate of unemployment. If the official UR is say	
	9.8%, when we add in both discouraged workers and part time worke	rs the actual UR may be closer
	to 16% or 17%.	
Kir	ids of Unemployment	
1.	Frictional Unemployment: workers who are	for one reason
	or another. Also called search and wait unemployment.	
2.	Structural Unemployment: this is unemployment caused when a func	damental change in the
	economy	
	This if often caused by changes in technology, called automation.	
3.	Cyclical Unemployment : this is unemployment related to	,
	caused by a recession.	
4.	Seasonal Unemployment: unemployment resulting from	
	or changes in the demand for certain products	
<u>Ful</u>	I Employment: the lowest possible unemployment rate with the	
an	d all factors of production	
Ou	r estimate is	
	e first 4.5% represents	

Anything over and above that is cyclical.

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Inflation:	
To remove distortions of inflation on GDP, econo	mists must construct a price index.
1. Consumer Price Index (CPI): reports on price	changes for
used by a ty	ypical household.
It is used	in the economy.
Base Year: a year that serves as the basis of com	parison for all other years.
Market Basket: a representative selection of	
used by an urba	an consumer.
Nominal GDP: is GDP that	for inflation.
Real GDP: is GDP that	for inflation.
To go from Nominal GDP to Real GDP you use the	e following formula.
 Changes in real GDP from 1 year to the next. Changes in real GDP per capita which is 	
We want to keep the inflation rate between 1-39	
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Deflation: a in the general/average price level as measured by an index num The immediate result of inflation is a decrease in the of the do	
2 Types of Inflation	
1. Demand-pull Inflation : when different group	s such as consumers, businesses or the government can produce. "Too many dollars chasing too few
-	, they will raise
	ould come primarily from wages or energy/oil prices.
	om some people to others. Some will benefit from
inflation while others will be hurt.	
Winners	Losers