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B. participation in national economic policy discussions

C. worsening of an economic situation

D. enhancement of the power and wealth of a nation

45. Macroeconomists, instead of microeconomists, would deal with:

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A. Total output of a firm

B. Total output of a country

C. Total output of a city

D. Total output of an industry

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C. weight

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LO: 1.2 Can you identify the three major types of macroeconomic policy and discuss the difference between positive and normative analyses of macroeconomic policy?
Topic: Macroeconomic policy

42. ‘If Government cuts income taxes, demand for output is likely to increase’ is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ statement about \_\_\_\_\_\_ policy.

A. positive; fiscal

B. normative; fiscal

C. positive; monetary

D. normative; monetary

Ans: A

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
LO: 1.2 Can you identify the three major types of macroeconomic policy and discuss the difference between positive and normative analyses of macroeconomic policy?
Topic: Macroeconomic policy

43. ‘Any tax cut to increase demand for output should favour lower-income people’ is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ statement about \_\_\_\_\_\_ policy.

A. positive; fiscal

B. normative; fiscal

C. positive; monetary

D. normative; monetary

Ans: B

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
LO: 1.2 Can you identify the three major types of macroeconomic policy and discuss the difference between positive and normative analyses of macroeconomic policy?
Topic: Macroeconomic policy

44. Aggregation means the:

A. adding up of individual economic variables to obtain economy wide totals

B. participation in national economic policy discussions

C. worsening of an economic situation

D. enhancement of the power and wealth of a nation

Ans: A

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Knowledge
Difficulty: Easy
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

45. Macroeconomists, instead of microeconomists, would deal with:

A. positive analysis

B. aggregation

C. the scarcity principle

D. individual firms

Ans: B

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Knowledge
Difficulty: Easy
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

46. Which of the following is the most aggregated value?

A. Total output of a firm

B. Total output of a country

C. Total output of a city

D. Total output of an industry

Ans: B

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

47. A cost of aggregation is that:

A. details about individual households and firms are lost

B. the ‘big picture’ cannot be studied

C. economy-wide totals cannot be obtained

D. broad economic trends are obscured

Ans: A

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

48. To aggregate 300 tonnes of steel, 5000 bushels of wheat, and 1 million barrels of crude oil, economists add together the \_\_\_\_\_ of the three products

A. units

B. dollar value

C. weight

D. number of tonnes, bushels and barrels

Ans: B

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

49. Aggregation allows economists to \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the cost of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. see the big picture; obscuring the details

B. make positive statements; ignoring normative analysis

C. make normative statements; ignoring positive analysis

D. see the details; obscuring the big picture

Ans: A

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Knowledge
Difficulty: Easy
LO: 1.3 Do you understand the difference between microeconomics and macroeconomics and how aggregation is used?
Topic: Aggregation

50. In a debate on the state of the economy, Senator A pointed out that the price of clothing, fruits and computers had decreased slightly over the last year, while Senator B stated that the inflation rate had increased over the last year. In this example, aggregate data is being used by:

A. both senators

B. Senator A

C. Senator B

D. neither senator

Ans: C

AACSB: Reflective thinking
Blooms: Comprehension
Difficulty: Medium
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