

A SAMPLE - HOW TO WRITE AN ECONOMICS IA

#1

Identify an appropriate article with relevant stakeholders, economic theorem, and data that can be referenced. Start explaining the case using appropriate terminology and references to the article.



#2

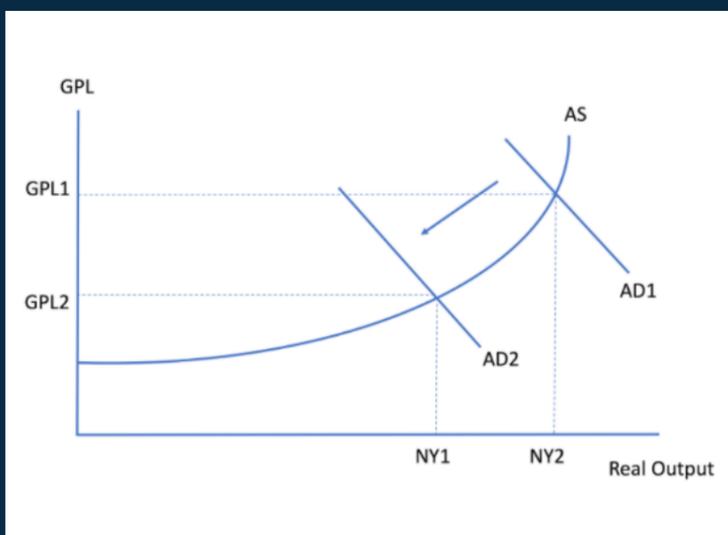
Highlight the relevant text in the article and outline relevant economic theory that relates to the case. Go on to provide an economic analysis of what happens in the article and evaluate how it is relevant or not relevant to the theorem. You should show the linkages between different aspects of theory.

#3

Explanation of the diagrams and short overview of short-run and long-run effects. A common mistake students make is that they don't explain in detail relevant theorem or link back to the article.

For example, a student might write: "A government uses contractionary fiscal policy to raise tax and increase government spendings. This increases the AD and leads to economic growth"

However, the student needs to go one step further and link the theorem back to relevant diagrams.



"A government uses contractionary fiscal policy to reduce tax and increase government spendings. For instance, the government reduced income tax rates from 30% to 20%, and corporate tax rate to 13% in the article. This leads to a rise in household disposable income and corporate post-tax earnings. The domestic consumption and capital investments increase, encouraging economic growth. From figure 1, AD shifts rightwards (AD1 to AD2) and leads to economic growth (NY1 to NY2)"

#4

Every article is about a problem. You should evaluate why the proposed policy in your article works or does not work. Do cite limitations and evaluate how this policy affects various stakeholders. In addition, evaluate ONE possible solution. If one is mentioned in the case it must be that one that you evaluate. Alternatively, briefly explain your own proposed policy (just a few lines). Do remember to address limitations of the economic theorem, effects on stakeholders, long and short run impact