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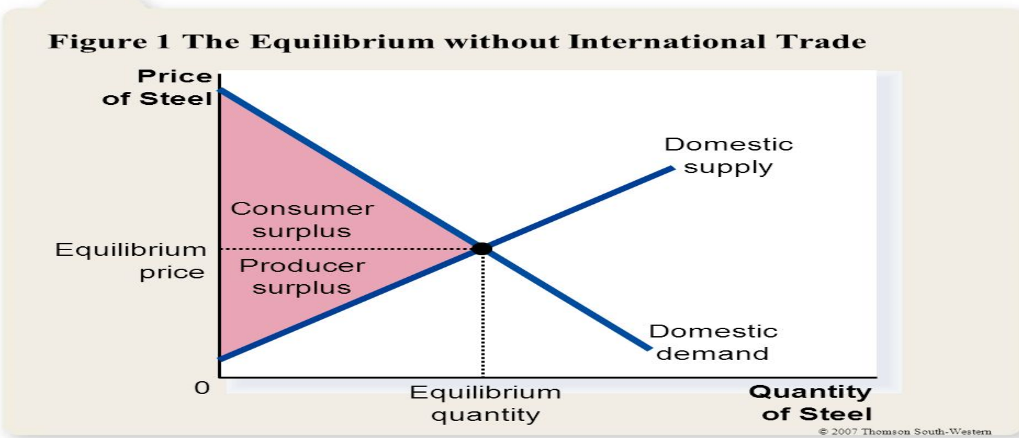
# Module A:
# International Trade and Foreign Exchange-Overview

**Q-01. What is international Trade? Who are the core parties in international trade?**
**International trade** is the way countries trade or exchange goods and services. Picture a situation where Country A produces lots of computers but has few natural resources, while Country B has plenty of resources but not many computers. By trading computers for resources, both countries benefit. This trading can happen through imports (buying from other countries) and exports (selling to other countries). It allows countries to focus on what they do best and still get what they need. This exchange helps economies grow, creates jobs, and gives people more choices. Just like neighbors sharing stuff, international trade helps nations share what they're good at and makes the world more connected.

**Core parties in international trade:**
The core parties in international trade, are:

1. **Exporter (Seller):**
   - Supplies goods or services and ensures compliance with trade terms.
   - Responsible for shipment and documentation.
2. **Importer (Buyer):**
   - Purchases goods or services and ensures payment under agreed terms.

**Q-02. How does the equilibrium without international trade demonstrate economic well-being using consumer and producer surplus?**



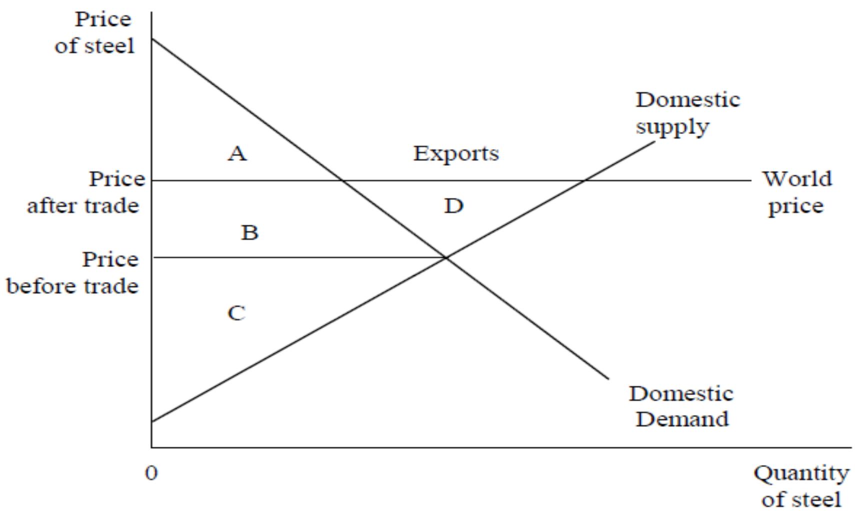

The graph illustrates the equilibrium without trade where domestic supply meets domestic demand, determining the **equilibrium price** and **quantity**.

- **Consumer Surplus:** The triangular area above the equilibrium price represents the benefit consumers receive by paying less than their willingness to pay.

- **Producer Surplus:** The triangular area below the equilibrium price shows the benefit producers receive by selling at a price higher than their cost of production.
- **Total Surplus:** The sum of consumer and producer surplus measures the total economic well-being of the nation.

Without international trade, this equilibrium reflects a balanced distribution of resources within the domestic market.

**Q-03. What happens to consumer and producer surplus when a country allows international trade and becomes an exporter of a good, as shown in the graph?**

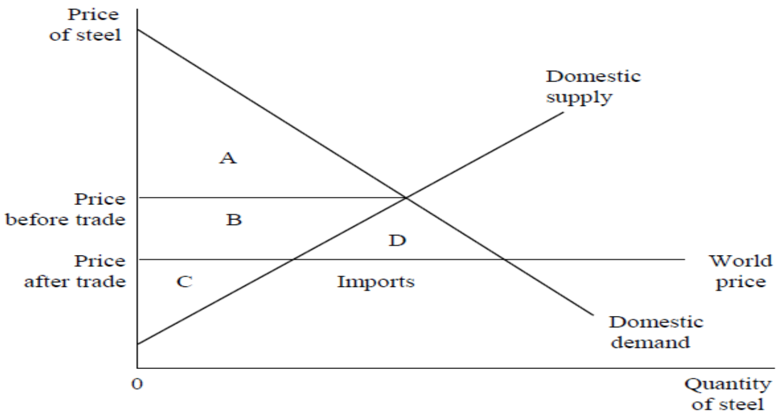



When trade is allowed and the world price is higher than the domestic price:

1. **Domestic Price** rises to the world price.
2. **Producers** increase production to export steel, improving their surplus. Producer surplus rises by **(B + D)**.
3. **Consumers** face higher prices, reducing their surplus by **B**.
4. **Gains from Trade** are represented by area **D**, which increases the total surplus.

In summary, producers are better off, consumers are worse off, but the **nation's total economic well-being** improves due to trade gains (area D).

**Q-04. What happens to consumer and producer surplus when a country allows international trade and becomes an importer of a good, as shown in the graph?**




When trade is allowed and the **world price** is lower than the **domestic price**:

1. **Domestic Price** falls to the world price.
2. **Consumers** benefit from lower prices, increasing their surplus by **(B + D)**.
3. **Producers** reduce their production and face losses, with producer surplus decreasing by **B**.
4. **Gains from Trade** are represented by area **D**, which increases the total surplus.

In summary, consumers are **better off**, producers are **worse off**, but the nation's **total economic well-being** improves due to the gains from trade (area D).

**Q-05. What is the gain on the part of a country in international trade? Who are the losers and to what extent?**

In **international trade**, countries gain by getting things they need but can't make as well or at all. For example, if a country is great at making cars but not at growing bananas, they can trade cars for bananas. This makes both countries happier. Gains include more choices, better products, and economic growth.

However, there can be losers too. Some industries might struggle to compete with cheaper imports, leading to job losses. Also, if a country heavily relies on imports without producing much, it could affect their economy if trade suddenly changes. This is why governments use rules to make sure trade is fair. By balancing the good and the not-so-good parts, countries try to ensure that most people benefit from international trade.

So, while countries gain by trading and cooperating, there can be challenges for specific industries or if things aren't balanced well.

**Q-06. What are the key trade theories and barriers, and how have they evolved?**

**Trade Theories:**

1. **Mercantilism (16th to mid-18th century):**
    - Advocated exporting more than importing to accumulate wealth.
    - Government should stimulate exports and restrict imports.

2. **Adam Smith's Free Trade (1776):**
   - Nations should specialize in products with an absolute advantage.
   - Increased global output through specialization and free trade.
3. **Ricardo's Law of Comparative Advantage:**
   - Even less efficient nations should specialize where their disadvantage is smallest.
   - Increases global output through comparative advantage.

**Trade Barriers:**

1. **Tariffs:**
   - Taxes on imports, raising the price for consumers.
2. **Quotas:**
   - Limits on the amount of certain goods that can be imported.
3. **Non-Tariff Barriers:**
   - Include voluntary export restraints, technical regulations, international cartels, dumping, and export subsidies.

**Modern Trends:**

- **Globalization and Trade Liberalization:**
  - Favorable forces for expanding trade and foreign exchange transactions.
  - Free trade agreements and the WTO work to reduce protectionism.

**Q-07. Why do countries seek currency convertibility, and what preconditions must be met for successful implementation?**

**Reasons for Seeking Currency Convertibility:**

- To make the economy internationally competitive.
- To integrate the economy with the global monetary and financial system.
- To increase investment and economic growth.

**Preconditions for Successful Convertibility:**

- **Internal Financial Balance:**
  - Establish sound fiscal and monetary policies to avoid excessive inflation.
- **External Financial Balance:**
  - Ensure the stability of the exchange rate.
- **Adequate Level of Reserves:**
  - Maintain sufficient reserves to absorb domestic or external shocks.
- **Incentives System:**
  - Liberalize the system to ensure the positive impact of market forces on resource allocation.

**Q-08. Why currency convertibility is important for an economy? What disadvantage a country may face due to poor currency convertibility?**

**Currency convertibility** is like having a magic ticket that lets a country's money change into other countries' money easily. This is crucial for a strong economy. When a country's currency can be easily traded for other currencies, it attracts foreign investments, trade, and tourism.

**Importance:** Currency convertibility encourages international business and investment. It makes it simpler for tourists and companies to buy and sell goods, and for countries to work together smoothly.

**Disadvantages of Poor Convertibility:** If a country's currency can't be easily changed, it can discourage foreign investors, making it harder to get money to grow the economy. Limited convertibility might lead to economic isolation, making it tough to buy needed goods or services from other countries. It can also impact tourism and the country's reputation in the global market.

So, good currency convertibility is like opening doors for a country to connect with the world and prosper.

**Q-09. For some years now the balance of trade of Bangladesh is declining quite fast. What are the that can be attributed to this declining trade? How this trend can be reversed?**

The declining balance of trade in Bangladesh could happen for a few reasons. One might be that the country is importing more than it's exporting, which can make the balance go down. Also, changes in global demand or competition can affect what Bangladesh can sell. To reverse this trend, Bangladesh could focus on producing things that other countries want more of, boosting its exports. Improving the quality and variety of products could also attract more buyers. Creating new industries and investing in technology might help too. Moreover, negotiating fair trade deals with other countries and promoting local products can make a positive impact.

Balancing trade is like finding the right mix of buying and selling to keep the country's economy strong. With the right strategies, Bangladesh can work towards a more balanced and thriving trade situation.

**Q-10. What are the components of current account?**

**Or, What are the components of the current account and the financial account of BOP? BPE-97th.**

The current account is like a big wallet that tracks a country's day-to-day money flows with the rest of the world. It has a few key components:

1. **Exports and Imports:** This is about buying and selling things with other countries. When a country sells more stuff abroad (exports) than it buys (imports), it's good for the current account.
2. **Services:** This includes money earned from services like tourism, transportation, and technology services that people from other countries pay for.
3. **Income:** This is the money earned from investments abroad and payments received from foreign companies.
4. **Transfers:** These are like gifts or help from one country to another, such as foreign aid or remittances from people living abroad.

So, the current account is a mix of trading goods, selling services, earning from investments, and receiving gifts. It shows how a country is doing in its daily money business with the world.

**Financial Account Components:**

1. **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** Investments made by residents in a foreign country that provide significant influence.
2. **Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI):** Investments in foreign financial instruments like stocks and bonds without obtaining significant control.
3. **Official Reserves:** Changes in a country's foreign exchange reserves held by its central bank.
4. **Other Investments:** Includes short-term and long-term loans, banking capital, and trade credits.

Together, these components provide a comprehensive overview of a country's economic transactions with the rest of the world.

**Q-11. Define the components of capital account.**

The **capital account** is like a special pocket where a country keeps track of the big money movements that aren't part of regular trading. It has a few parts:

1. **Foreign Investments:** This is when people from other countries put their money into a country's businesses or properties.
2. **Foreign Loans:** It's like borrowing money from outside the country to invest in big projects like infrastructure or industries.
3. **Gifts and Donations:** Sometimes, countries give or receive big donations or gifts. These are also part of the capital account.
4. **Sale of Assets:** If a country sells big things like land or buildings to other countries, it's recorded here.

**Q-12. What are the key functional areas of International Banking?**

International banking has a few key areas where it works:

1. **Foreign Exchange:** This is like a money exchange counter but for countries. Banks help convert one currency into another, making it easy for businesses and people to trade worldwide.
2. **Trade Finance:** Banks help businesses with payments, insurance, and paperwork when they trade with other countries. It's like making sure things go smoothly in the global shopping mall.
3. **Cross-Border Investments:** Banks assist people and businesses in investing their money abroad. It's like helping your piggy bank grow in different parts of the world.
4. **International Payments:** Banks make sure money moves safely between countries when people buy things, send money home, or pay for services overseas.

5. **Global Correspondence:** Banks talk to each other across countries, like pen pals, to ensure smooth transactions and solve any issues.

**Q-13. As a banker of a Bangladeshi Garments' Exporter, how will you facilitate the exporter starting from LC, shipment and to export bill realization? BPE-97th.**

As a banker facilitating a Bangladeshi Garments' Exporter, the process starts with assisting in the establishment of a Letter of Credit (LC).

1. **Letter of Credit (LC) Guidance:**
    - Assist in the proper establishment of the LC, ensuring adherence to international trade standards.
    - Provide expertise on required documentation for LC compliance.
2. **Shipping Process Facilitation:**
    - Collaborate with shipping and logistics partners for secure and timely transportation.
    - Aid in document preparation, including the bill of lading and commercial invoice.
3. **Export Bill Realization:**
    - Guide the exporter in submitting compliant documents for negotiation or collection.
    - Stress the importance of timely document submission for efficient fund realization.
4. **Communication and Coordination:**
    - Maintain open communication channels to address any challenges promptly.
    - Ensure coordination among all stakeholders involved in the export process.

By employing these points, the bank aims to facilitate a seamless and efficient export transaction for the Bangladeshi Garments' Exporter, from the initiation of the LC to the realization of export bill proceeds.

**Q-14. Your customer ABC Company wants to import large volume of raw materials from a new supplier abroad. As a Banker what will be your advice to make the import secured. BPE-98th.**



As a banker, I would advise ABC Company to take the following steps to secure their large-volume import of raw materials from a new supplier abroad:

1. **Use a Letter of Credit (LC)**: This ensures payment is made only after the supplier meets all the specified terms and conditions.
2. **Conduct Due Diligence**: Verify the new supplier's credibility and track record through references, industry reports, or credit agencies.
3. **Insurance Coverage**: Obtain insurance for the shipment to cover risks like damage, theft, or loss during transit.

4. **Quality Assurance**: Arrange for pre-shipment inspection to confirm the quality and quantity of the materials before they are shipped.
5. **Legal Compliance**: Ensure all import regulations and documentation requirements are thoroughly followed to avoid legal complications.

These steps help mitigate risks and ensure a smooth and secure import process.

**Q-15. What is the role of banks in international trade?**

Banks in Bangladesh play a vital role in **facilitating international trade** by:

1. **Facilitating Payments**:
   a) *Passive Role*: In **Cash in Advance** and **Open Account**, banks transfer funds as instructed.
   b) *Active Role*:
      - **Documentary Collection**: Banks act as agents to collect payments without liability.
      - **Documentary Credit**: Banks provide irrevocable payment guarantees, holding primary liability.
2. **Providing Financing**:
   a) **Export Finance**: Pre-shipment and post-shipment stages.
   b) **Import Finance**: Pre-import and post-import stages.
3. **Foreign Exchange**:
   Enables currency exchange and hedging solutions to manage foreign exchange risks.
4. **Offshore Banking**:
   Deals with transactions in currencies foreign to both transacting parties, supporting the global **Eurocurrency market**.

These components collectively ensure smooth global trade, financing, and risk management.

**Q-16. What are the major export sectors of Bangladesh? What are the challenges in export diversification? BPE-5$^{th}$.**

Bangladesh's major export sectors include:

1. **Apparel (Woven and Knit Garments)**: The largest export sector, contributing significantly to foreign exchange earnings.
2. **Leather and Leather Goods**: Encompasses tanned leather, footwear, bags, and accessories.
3. **Jute and Jute Products**: Includes raw jute, yarn, sacks, and diversified jute items.
4. **Frozen Foods**: Primarily shrimp and other seafood products.
5. **Agricultural Products**: Such as vegetables, fruits, and spices.
6. **Home Textiles**: Items like bed linens, towels, and curtains.
7. **ICT Enabled Services**: Information and communication technology services.

Bangladesh faces several challenges in diversifying its exports beyond ready-made garments (RMG). Key issues include:

1. **Overdependence on RMG**: The dominance of RMG in exports limits the development of other sectors.
2. **Limited Product and Market Diversification**: Exports are concentrated in a few products and markets, increasing vulnerability to external shocks.
3. **Inadequate Infrastructure**: Poor logistics, transportation, and energy supply hinder the growth of new export sectors.
4. **Skill Gaps**: A shortage of skilled labor in non-RMG sectors affects product quality and competitiveness.
5. **Regulatory and Policy Constraints**: Complex procedures and lack of supportive policies deter investment in diversified exports.
6. **Limited Access to Finance**: Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in emerging sectors struggle to obtain financing for expansion.
7. **Global Market Access Issues**: Non-tariff barriers and stringent standards in international markets pose challenges for new exporters.

**Q-17. What are the common problems faced by the exporters in Bangladesh and how these issues be addressed? BPE-5th.**

**Exporters in Bangladesh face several challenges:**

1. **Overdependence on garments**: Over 80% of exports are ready-made garments (RMG), making the economy vulnerable to shifts in global demand and trade policies.
2. **Logistics and infrastructure issues**: Inefficient ports, congested roads, and slow customs processes increase costs and delay shipments.
3. **Trade barriers**: Recent restrictions by India and the U.S. have disrupted exports, especially in the RMG sector.
4. **Limited export diversification**: Sectors like leather, jute, and ICT lack sufficient policy support and incentives.
5. **Corruption and red tape**: Exporters often encounter delays and informal payments during customs clearance.
6. **Reduced export incentives**: Cash assistance rates have been lowered, affecting competitiveness.

**Solutions**:

- Invest in infrastructure and streamline customs procedures.
- Promote diversification by supporting emerging sectors.
- Enhance diplomatic efforts to resolve trade disputes.
- Implement anti-corruption measures in trade processes.
- Develop long-term strategies for sustainable export growth.

Addressing these issues can strengthen Bangladesh's export sector and economic resilience.

# Case Study

**Q-01.** Bangladesh is an open developing economy that actively participates in international trade. Over the last decade, the country has expanded its export sector, especially ready-made garments (RMG), while also importing large volumes of raw materials, machinery, fuel, and consumer goods. As a result, Bangladesh's balance of trade has been showing a continuous deficit.

In recent years, the global market has become more competitive. Rising import prices, exchange rate pressure, and higher dependence on a few export products have increased external vulnerability. At the same time, Bangladesh is trying to attract foreign direct investment (FDI), improve trade facilitation, and strengthen its international banking system.

Banks play a critical role in supporting exporters and importers through trade finance instruments such as Letters of Credit (LC), documentary collection, export bill negotiation, foreign exchange services, and international payments. Bangladesh Bank closely monitors foreign exchange reserves to ensure import coverage and external stability.

The government is also working to improve currency convertibility, promote export diversification, and reduce non-tariff barriers. However, exporters still face challenges such as infrastructure bottlenecks, compliance costs, skill shortages, and strict quality standards in international markets.

To improve economic well-being, policymakers emphasize gains from trade, efficient allocation of resources, and balanced growth of the external sector through effective trade and banking policies.

**QUESTIONS:**

**a)** With reference to the given case, explain what international trade is and identify the core parties involved in international trade transactions.

**b)** With reference to the given case, explain how market equilibrium without international trade reflects a country's economic well-being through consumer surplus and producer surplus.

**c)** With reference to the given case, explain how international trade affects consumer surplus and producer surplus when Bangladesh becomes an exporter of a good.

**d)** With reference to the given case, discuss how international trade influences consumer surplus and producer surplus when Bangladesh becomes an importer of a good.

**e)** With reference to the given case, discuss the main gains of international trade for a country. Also explain who may be adversely affected by international trade.

**Ans:**

**a) International Trade and Core Parties**

International trade means buying and selling goods and services between different countries. In the case, Bangladesh exports garments and imports raw materials and machinery. International trade helps countries get goods they cannot produce efficiently.

The main parties in international trade are the **exporter**, who sells goods to foreign countries, and the **importer**, who buys goods from abroad. Banks help by providing payment and trade finance services.

**b) Equilibrium without Trade and Economic Well-Being**

Without international trade, the market price is set where domestic demand meets domestic supply. Consumers get consumer surplus by paying less than what they are willing to pay. Producers get producer surplus by selling at a price higher than their cost.

The total of consumer and producer surplus shows the country's economic well-being. This equilibrium shows efficient use of domestic resources.

**c) When Bangladesh Becomes an Exporter**

When Bangladesh becomes an exporter, the domestic price rises to the world price. Producers earn more and sell more, so producer surplus increases. Consumers pay higher prices, so consumer surplus decreases.

Overall, the country gains from trade.

**d) When Bangladesh Becomes an Importer**

When Bangladesh becomes an importer, the domestic price falls to the world price. Consumers benefit from lower prices, so consumer surplus increases. Producers face losses, so producer surplus decreases.

The total economic welfare of the country increases.

**e) Gains and Losers from International Trade**

International trade increases exports, investment, production, and economic growth. Consumers get more choices and better prices. The country benefits from efficient use of resources. However, domestic producers in import-competing industries may lose, and some workers may lose jobs. Despite this, overall national welfare increases.

## Compare and contrast

**Q-01. Differentiate between Balance of Trade and Balance of Payments. BPE-98th.**

| Aspect | Balance of Trade (BOT) | Balance of Payments (BOP) |
|---|---|---|
| **1.**Definition | Measures the difference between a country's exports and imports of goods only. | Measures all financial transactions a country has with the rest of the world, including trade, investments, and loans. |
| **2.**Components | Includes only exports and imports of tangible goods, like toys, cars, and electronics. | Includes exports, imports, foreign investments, loans, aid, and more. |
| **3.**Focus | Focuses only on the trade of physical goods. | Looks at the overall financial relationship a country has with the world. |

**Q-02. Distinguish between International Trade and Domestic Trade.**

| **Aspect** | **International Trade** | **Domestic Trade** |
|---|---|---|
| Meaning | International trade refers to the buying and selling of goods and services between two or more countries. | Domestic trade refers to the buying and selling of goods and services within the same country. |
| Area of Operation | It takes place across national boundaries. | It takes place within the geographical boundary of a country. |
| Currency used | Different currencies are used, and foreign exchange is required. | Only the domestic currency is used. |

**Q-03. Distinguish between Consumer Surplus and Producer Surplus.**

| **Aspect** | **Consumer Surplus** | **Producer Surplus** |
|---|---|---|
| Meaning | Consumer surplus is the benefit consumers receive when they pay a price lower than what they are willing to pay. | Producer surplus is the benefit producers receive when they sell a product at a price higher than their cost of production. |
| Related to | It is related to buyers or consumers in the market. | It is related to sellers or producers in the market. |
| Price Comparison | It arises when the market price is below the maximum price consumers are willing to pay. | It arises when the market price is above the minimum price producers are willing to accept. |

**Q-04. Distinguish between Export Finance and Import Finance.**

| **Aspect** | **Export Finance** | **Import Finance** |
|---|---|---|
| Meaning | Export finance refers to financial assistance provided to exporters to produce and ship goods to foreign buyers. | Import finance refers to financial assistance provided to importers to purchase goods from foreign suppliers. |
| Purpose | Its main purpose is to support exporters before and after shipment of goods. | Its main purpose is to help importers make payment for imported goods. |
| Beneficiary | The exporter is the main beneficiary of export finance. | The importer is the main beneficiary of import finance. |



**Q-05. Distinguish between Current Account and Capital Account.**

| **Aspect** | **Current Account** | **Capital Account** |
|---|---|---|
| Meaning | The current account records a country's regular transactions of goods, services, income, and transfers with the rest of the world. | The capital account records transactions related to capital transfers and acquisition or disposal of non-produced assets. |

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|---|---|---|
| Nature of Transactions | It includes day-to-day and recurring transactions. | It includes long-term and non-recurring transactions. |
| Main Components | It includes trade in goods, trade in services, primary income, and secondary income (transfers). | It includes capital transfers, foreign investments, foreign loans, and sale or purchase of assets. |

## Short Questions

**Q-01. What is Balance of payments? BPE-96th. BPE-97th.**

Balance of Payments (BOP) is like a country's money diary—it tracks all the money coming in and going out. Imagine you jot down every bit of money you earn and spend. Similarly, BOP keeps a record of a country's transactions with other nations, including money from exports, money spent on imports, investments, loans, and more. It helps see if the country is spending more than it's earning or vice versa. A positive BOP means a country is earning more than it's spending, which is good. A negative BOP can signal borrowing a lot. BOP helps countries manage their money flows, making sure they're not getting into financial trouble and maintaining a stable economy.

**Q-02. When does this international trade (export or import) happen?**

**International trade**, which involves exporting and importing, happens when countries or businesses want things that they can't easily produce themselves. Exporting is when a country or business sells its goods or services to another country.

**For example**, a toy company in Country A might export its toys to Country B because people there love those toys. Importing is when a country or business buys goods or services from another country. For instance, Country B might import fresh fruits from Country A because it doesn't grow those fruits easily. Trade takes place all the time as people look for better prices, unique products, or things they can't make. It's like sharing between countries to get what everyone needs and wants, making the world more connected and exciting.

**Q-03. What is the Balance of Trade?**

The Balance of Trade is like keeping track of your pocket money—just for countries. It's about comparing how much stuff a country sells (exports) to how much it buys (imports) from other countries. If a country sells more toys, cars, and things abroad than it buys from other places, it's a "surplus," which is good. But if it buys more than it sells, that's a "deficit," which is not so good.

Imagine trading stickers with a friend. If you give more stickers than you get, you have a sticker deficit. But if you get more stickers than you give, you have a sticker surplus. Similarly, countries aim to balance the money and stuff they trade to keep their economies healthy. The Balance of Trade helps understand how well a country is doing in the global swapping game.

**Q-04. How can you explain country's positive Balance of Trade (BOT) position in a given period and its impact to the economy?**

Imagine a country selling more toys and gadgets to other countries than it buys from them. This creates a positive Balance of Trade (BOT). It's like getting more pocket money than you spend. This is good for the economy because it means the country is making money from outside and people are loving their products.

With a positive BOT, the country's industries are busy, jobs increase, and the economy grows. It can also use the extra money earned to invest in things like schools or roads. But too much focus on a positive BOT might mean people have to save a lot and not spend much.

So, while a positive BOT boosts the economy, a balance between earning from exports and spending on imports is important. It's like keeping a healthy money flow between a country and its friends around the world.

**Q-05. How can you explain country's negative Balance of Trade (BOT) position in a given period and its impact to the economy?**

Think of a country buying more toys and gadgets from other countries than it sells to them. This leads to a negative Balance of Trade (BOT), kind of like spending more pocket money than you get. This can have effects on the economy.

A negative BOT might mean the country isn't making enough money from outside and is relying on savings or borrowing. This can slow down industries and lead to fewer jobs. However, sometimes it's okay if the country is buying things, it can't make itself. But if it's always negative, it can lead to debts and problems.

So, while a little negative BOT isn't bad, a balance between earning from exports and spending on imports is important. This way, the country can enjoy a variety of goods while keeping its economy strong and stable.

**Q-06. Can BOT of a country be positive and BOP of the same country is negative?**

**Yes,** it's possible for a country to have a positive Balance of Trade (BOT) while having a negative Balance of Payments (BOP). Imagine a country that sells more toys and gadgets to other countries than it buys from them. This gives it a positive BOT because it's making money from exports.

But the Balance of Payments looks at all the financial transactions a country has with the rest of the world, including trade, investments, and loans. If a country is borrowing a lot or paying back loans, it could lead to a negative BOP even if the BOT is positive.

So, a positive BOT shows good trading, while a negative BOP might mean the country is relying on borrowing or facing other financial challenges. It's like having a good allowance but still having to manage other expenses and debts.

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