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QUESTION 1

Commercial paper is:

A. long-term debt issued by commercial banks.

B. short-term, unsecured debt issued by large corporations.

C. issued with maturities of 1 to 2 years.

D. short-term debt that is backed by stocks and bonds that the issuing firm owns.

Answer: B

QUESTION 2

A general decrease in price levels in the economy is referred to as:

A. disinflation.

B. stagflation.

C. recession.

D. deflation.

Answer: D

QUESTION 3

The Federal Reserve announces that it plans to buy \$3.89 billion in Treasury securities on the open market. All else equal, which of the following is a likely result of this Fed action?

A. Interest rates will rise, causing security prices to fall.

B. Money supply will increase, causing interest rates to fall.

C. Stock and bond prices should increase.

D. Both B and C are likely results of this Fed action.

Answer: D

QUESTION 4

Which of the following are fiscal policy tools under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Congress?

A. the decision on the amount of cash reserves that a bank must hold

B. the decision on whether to raise or lower effective tax rates

C. the decision on whether to raise or lower the rate at which banks can borrow money from the Federal

Reserve

D. Both A and B are fiscal policy tools

Answer: B

QUESTION 5

Which of the following actions can be expected to result in a decrease in stock and bond prices, all else equal?

I. The Federal Reserve announces a decrease in the discount rate.

II. Congress votes to decrease payments to Social Security recipients.

III. Congress votes to decrease taxes.

IV. The Federal Reserve announces that it will sell some of the Treasury securities it owns on the open

market.

A. I and III only

B. II and IV only

C. I, II, and III only

D. II and III only

Answer: B

QUESTION 6

When the U.S. dollar appreciates relative to other world currencies,

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I. the prices of all domestic stocks and bonds can be expected to increase.

II. the prices of securities offered by manufacturers that import a lot of their parts can be expected to

increase.

III. an increase in the purchase of U.S. securities by foreign investors can be expected.

A. I, II, and III

B. I and II only

C. II only

D. III only

Answer: C

QUESTION 7

The Securities Act of 1933 did what?

A. It established the requirement that investment advisers be registered with the SEC.

B. It established the SEC as the regulatory agency for the secondary market.

C. It established the requirement that new securities be registered.

D. All of the above are correct answers.

Answer: C

QUESTION 8

Ms. Scatty is a registered representative with a well-known family of mutual funds. When selling one of

the funds, she forgets to give her buyer a prospectus.

Which of the following statements is true?

A. Ms. Scatty can be held civilly liable under the Securities Act of 1933.

B. Ms. Scatty can be held criminally liable under the Securities Act of 1933.

C. Since mutual funds are not covered under the Securities Act of 1933, there is no liability in this

instance.