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Answer all the questions. You can answer in Finnish. The weight of each question is the same.

- 1. (6p) Build up a formal ISLM model with the appropriate assumptions so that monetary policy is <u>ineffective</u>.
- 2. (6p) Let the two period lived consumer's lifetime utility function be: $v(c_1,c_2)=c_1+\beta \ln c_2$, where $1>\beta>0$. The lifetime budget constraint is: $c_1+\frac{c_2}{R} \le y_1-T_1+\frac{y_2-T_2}{R}$. y_1 (y_2) are positive endowments (or incomes) and R is the interest factor. T_1 (T_2) are the lump-sum taxes in the respective periods. How does a permanent increase in taxes by the amount Δ in both periods affect the first period's consumption?
- 3. (6p) Let the storage technology in the two-period model be $f(k) = Ak^{\alpha}$, where A > 0 and $1 > \alpha > 0$ The lifetime utility function is $v(c_1, c_2) = c_1 + \beta c_2$, where $1 > \beta > 0$. What is the interest factor in a competitive equilibrium? Proof and a short discussion suffices (riittää)!

- 4. (6p) Let the aggregate production function be Cobb-Douglas: $Y = AK^{\alpha}L^{1-\alpha}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, and with A > 0. Denote the positive marginal propensity to save by s and the growth rate of population (the number of employed people) by n. There is no depreciation and no technical progress. Find the golden rule level of the capital per capita.
- 5. (6p) Consider the following problem: maximize $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t \ln c_t$ subject to

 $c_t + k_{t+1} = Ak_t^{\alpha}$. $0 < \beta < 1$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and A > 0. Solve the problem with dynamic programming as far as you can. In particular, answer the following questions:

- (i) Write down the Bellman equation.
- (ii) Characterize the steady state.
- (iii) Sketch the dynamics as far as you can.

(Hint: there is the Euler condition somewhere!!!)

6. (6p) By using diagrams explain the contents of the Phelps-Koopmans inefficiency theorem.

Return the question sheet!!!