

**Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.**

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ is the total number of people aged 16 years and older (and not in jail, hospital or institutional care) while the \_\_\_\_\_ is the number of people employed and the unemployed. 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) labor force participation rate; labor force  
 B) working-age population; labor force participation rate  
 C) working-age population; labor force  
 D) labor force; working-age population
- 2) Suppose there are 100 million in the labor force, and 6 million unemployed people. During the next month, 200,000 people lose their jobs and 300,000 find jobs. The new total of employed persons is \_\_\_\_\_ and the new unemployment rate is \_\_\_\_\_. 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) 94.1 million; 5.9 percent  
 B) 100.1 million; 5.8 percent  
 C) 100 million; 6.1 percent  
 D) 93.9 million; 6.1 percent
- 3) The labor force participation rate is percentage of the \_\_\_\_\_ who are in the labor force. 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) population  
 B) working-age population  
 C) people over age 16  
 D) people under age 65
- 4) When more labor is unemployed than the amount at the natural unemployment rate, then real GDP \_\_\_\_\_ potential GDP. 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) is equal to  
 B) is greater than  
 C) is less than  
 D) cannot be compared to
- 5) Suppose the CPI last year is 121 and the CPI this year is 137. The correct method to calculate the inflation rate is 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A)  $(137/121) \times 100 = 113.2$ .  
 B)  $[(137 - 121)/121] \times 100 = 13.2$ .  
 C)  $137 \times 121 = 258$ .  
 D)  $(137 - 121)/100 = 0.16$ .
- 6) If the CPI was 132.5 at the end of last year and 140.2 at the end of this year, the inflation rate over these two years was 6) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) 5.8 percent.  
 B) 7.7 percent.  
 C) 4.4 percent.  
 D) 5.4 percent.

**Write your answer in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.**

- 7) Suppose that the U.S. population is 275 million. Also assume that the labor force is 135 million and that 130 million people are employed. Calculate the unemployment rate.
- 8) Suppose the working-age population is 150 million, the labor force is 125 million, and employment is 120 million.  
 a) What is the unemployment rate?  
 b) Now suppose that 2 million students graduate from college and begin to look for jobs. What is the new unemployment rate if none of the students have found jobs yet?  
 c) Suppose that all 2 million students find jobs. What is the unemployment rate now?

9) If nominal GDP is \$230 for a period and real GDP is \$200 for the same period, what is the GDP deflator for this period?

- 10) A typical household in Orangeland consumes only orange juice and shorts. Last year, which was the base year, the household spent \$400 on juice and \$120 on shorts. In the base year, juice was \$2 a bottle and shorts were \$10 a pair. This year, juice is \$3 a bottle, shorts are \$12 a pair, and a typical household has bought 180 bottles of juice and 14 pairs of shorts.
- What is the basket used in the CPI?
  - Calculate the CPI in the current year.
  - Calculate the inflation rate in the current year.
  - Is the inflation rate that you've calculated likely to be biased? Why or why not?