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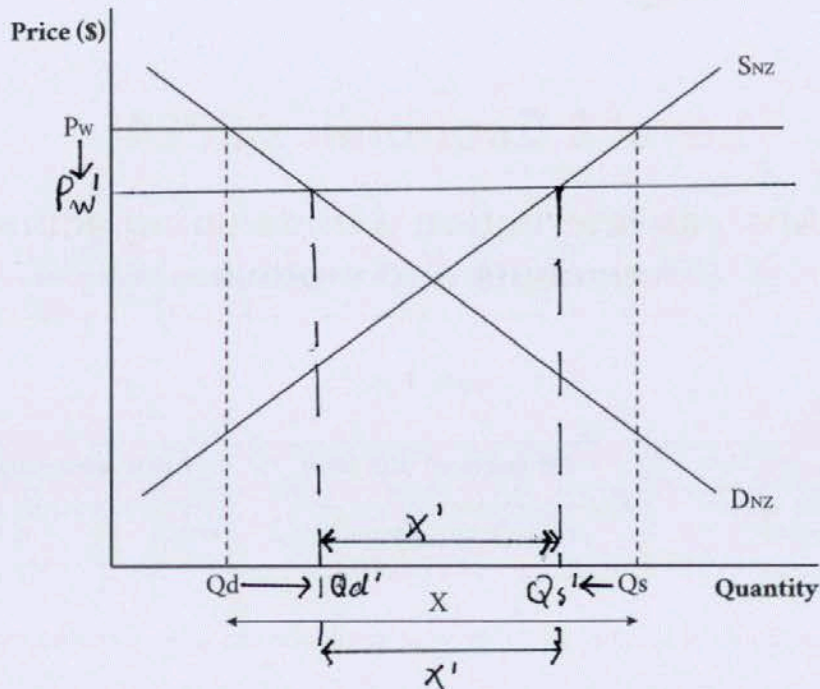
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QUESTION ONE: Price taker model

- (a) On Graph One below, show the impact of the lower world price of lamb on exports. Label the new level of exports as X_1 .

Graph One: The market for lamb



- (b) Referring to Graph One, explain how the lower world price of lamb affects the quantity of exports from New Zealand.

New Zealand is a price taker of lamb so we take ^{whatever} the world price of lamb as our demand and supply of lamb is too insignificant to impact the world market and hence world price. As world price decreases from P_W to P_W' , due to increased overseas supply and decreased overseas demand, the quantity of lamb demanded by New Zealand consumers increases from Q_d to Q_d' as it is now more affordable to purchase lamb as it is less expensive. As world price decreases from P_W to P_W' , quantity supplied ~~by the~~ of lamb by New Zealand producers/farmers decreases from Q_s to Q_s' as it is now less profitable to produce lamb. ~~As~~ As quantity demanded increases and quantity supplied decreases, the shortage produced decreases from $Q_s - Q_d$ to $Q_s' - Q_d'$. As this surplus is exported overseas, export quantity decreases ~~by the~~ from X to X' as shown on the graph for lamb. For lamb.

Export quantity in New Zealand therefore decreases.

- (c) Referring to Graph One, explain how the lower world price of lamb affects the amount of export receipts.

A lower world price ^{of lamb} causes from P_w to P_w' becomes the New Zealand price as we are price takers. As Quantity supplied decreases from Q_s to Q_s' and Quantity demanded ^{increases} decreases from Q_D to Q_D' , surplus decreases and export levels/quantity decrease from X to X' . As price received by ^{exporters} ~~producers~~ (world price) of lamb decreases and export quantity decreases, export receipts for lamb decrease from $X \times P_w$ to $X' \times P_w'$. Export receipts in New Zealand therefore decrease.

- (d) Compare and contrast the impact of the lower world price on New Zealand producers and New Zealand consumers of lamb. Refer to Graph One in your answer.

New Zealand is a price taker, so as the world price of lamb decreases from P_w to P_w' , the price of lamb in New Zealand decreases from P_w to P_w' . As the price of lamb decreases from P_w to P_w' , the quantity of lamb supplied by New Zealand producers decreases from Q_s to Q_s' as it is now less profitable to produce lamb at this price level. New Zealand producers of lamb are negatively impacted as their export receipts decrease from $X \times P_w$ to $X' \times P_w'$ and total revenue decreases from $Q_s \times P_w$ to $Q_s' \times P_w'$. Total revenue and profits decrease as price received and quantity sold has decreased, while costs of production have not changed. Producers of lamb may shift resources from lamb production to the production of a related good such as pork which is now a relatively more profitable. As profits and revenue decrease, Business confidence decreases so lamb producers are less likely to invest in capital goods to increase production in the future. ~~Firms~~ Firms may have to lay off workers or give less hours to workers as they no longer need to produce as much or cannot afford the wages. Producers may have to retrain workers in the production of related goods such as pork which is expensive. Overall New Zealand producers are worse off by the decrease in world price of lamb.

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As the price of lamb decreases from P_w to P_w' , the quantity of lamb demanded increases from Q_D to Q_D' by New Zealand ~~pro~~ consumers, ~~consumers~~ are ~~better off~~. This is because lamb is now more affordable to purchase with their limited disposable income. Consumers of lamb are better off as they get more lamb at a lower price. They may purchase less of a substitute good such as pork which is now relatively more expensive. If the price of lamb ~~decreases by more~~ decreases by more than the ~~de~~ quantity demanded of lamb increases, ~~consumers~~ spending will decrease ($Q_D \times P_w$ to $Q_D' \times P_w'$) on lamb. This means consumers will have more disposable income to spend on other goods, or save for retirement, increasing standard of living.

Overall, decrease in world price of lamb negatively impacts producers of lamb in New Zealand as profits decrease but positively impacts ~~producers~~ consumers of lamb in New Zealand as they receive more for a lower price.

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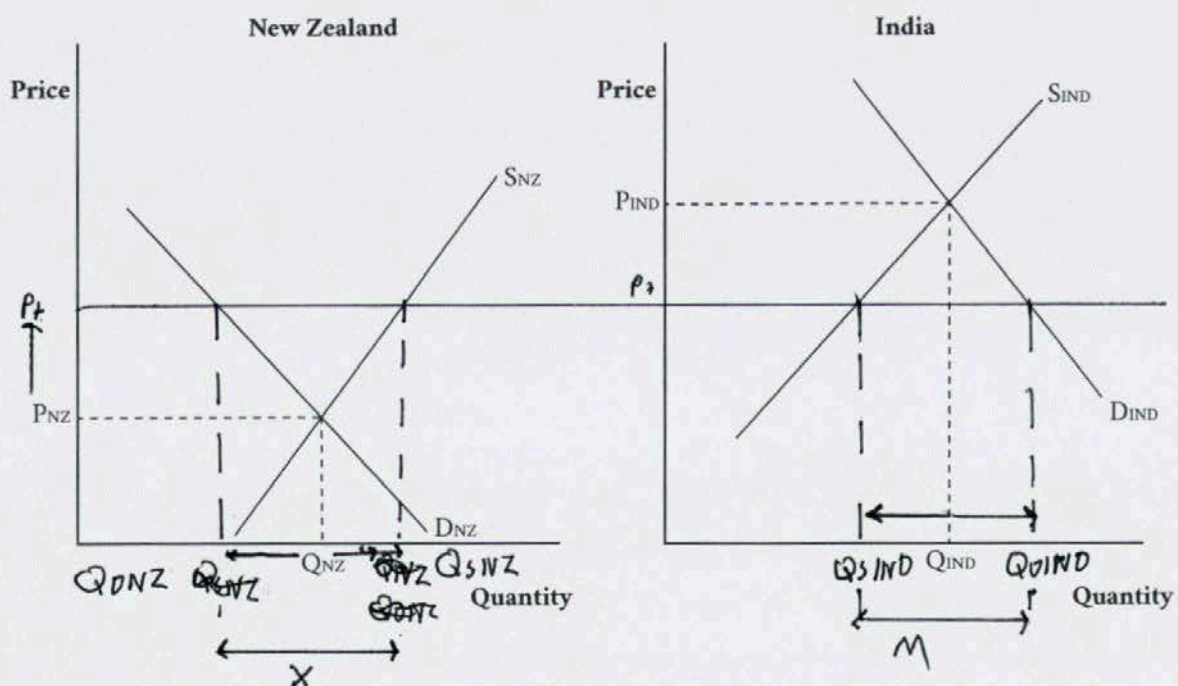
QUESTION TWO: The two-country model

- (a) Explain one possible reason why New Zealand's two-way trade with India is much less than with China.

New Zealand has a free trade agreement with China which allows the countries to trade without barriers such as tariffs making trade more beneficial for both countries. New Zealand does not have a free trade agreement with India so they may place tariffs or embargos on our exports, making trade with them less profitable ~~and~~ and beneficial so our two-way trade is much less.

Graph Two below shows the market for wood products in New Zealand and India.

Graph Two: The market for wood products



(b) On Graph Two, label the:

- trade price (P_t)
- amounts of exports and imports in each country (X and M).

(c) Referring to Graph Two, explain the impact of exporting wood products on:

(i) Revenue gained by New Zealand wood producers.

Exporting wood to India, increases the ~~trade~~ price of wood in New Zealand to increase from P_{NZ} to P_t . As trade price increases, quantity of wood supplied by New Zealand producers increase from Q_{NZ} to Q_{SNZ} as it's more profitable.

Revenue gained by New Zealand wood producers increases from Q_{NZ} to $Q_{SNZ} \times P_t$ as both quantity supplied and price received increases.

(ii) The current account balance.

As the price in New Zealand for wood increases from P_{NZ} to P_t by exporting wood to India, the quantity of wood demanded by New Zealand consumers decreases from Q_{NZ} to Q_{DNZ} while quantity supplied by New Zealand increases from Q_{NZ} to Q_{SNZ} . A surplus of wood ($Q_{SNZ} - Q_{DNZ}$) is produced which is exported (X) to India at trade price. Export receipts increase as we receive $X \times P_t$ for exports of wood to India. Increased export receipts has a positive impact on the current account balance on the balance for goods, decreasing the deficit or increasing a surplus.

(d) Explain how the export of wood products to India may impact resource allocation between the New Zealand wood industry and other agricultural export industries.

As the export of wood products to India has increased the price received by New Zealand wood suppliers from P_{NZ} to P_t is now more profitable to produce wood and quantity supplied increases from Q_s to Q_{SNZ} . To produce more wood which is now relatively more profitable to produce than other agricultural export industries, resources may be reallocated from the production of other agricultural products to the production of wood. Workers may be shifted or trained to work on wood production. Land may be reallocated to wood production and ~~agricultural~~ producers may invest in capital goods to produce more wood which they can export at the trade price.
Exports of wood Export receipts: $X \times P_{trade}$.

QUESTION THREE: Free trade agreements and the exchange rate

- (a) Identify one country that New Zealand has a free trade agreement with.

Australia

- (b) Explain how a tariff on New Zealand dairy exports protects India's dairy producers.

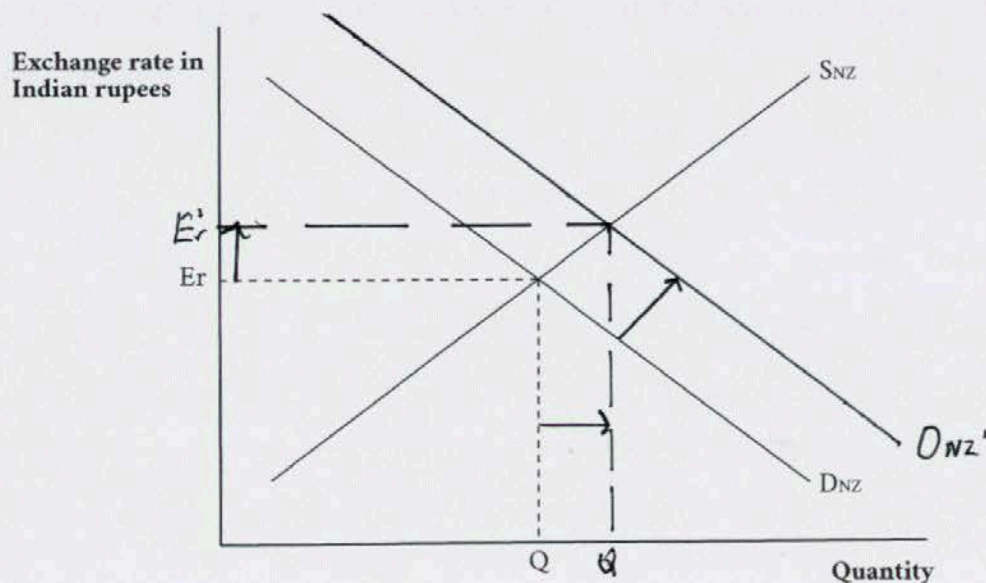
A tariff is a cost payed by exporters to the foreign ~~country~~ country's Government in order to export there. Tariffs on New Zealand's dairy products makes our products less price competitive than local producers as our costs of production increase. This allows Indian dairy producers to be protected from our cheaper dairy products as they can sell more price competitively in India.

One option is for New Zealand to pursue an 'Early Harvest' deal with India. This means that the two countries can agree on some areas of trade, and leave the more difficult issues, such as dairy products, for later.

If this deal occurs, it could lead to a significant increase in exports for New Zealand.

- (c) On Graph Three below, show the impact on the exchange rate of a large increase in exports to India.

Graph Three: The New Zealand exchange rate



- (d) Explain the impact on the exchange rate of a large increase in New Zealand's exports to India. Refer to Graph Three in your answer.

A large increase in New Zealand's exports to India causes ~~the~~ the demand for the New Zealand dollar to increase from D_{NZ} to D'_{NZ} as India ~~the~~ ~~exchange~~ purchase more exports. our exporters exchange more ~~for~~ rupees for ^{more} NZ dollars as they receive more ~~a~~ Indian currency. As the demand for the New Zealand Dollar ~~decrease~~ increases from D_{NZ} to D'_{NZ} , the value of the New Zealand Dollar compared ^{to} Indian ~~Ruppee~~ Rupees on the FOREX market increases from E_r to E'_r , appreciating our ~~currency~~ ~~in terms of~~ ~~the~~ New Zealand dollar. The exchange rate of the New Zealand dollar in Rupees increases.

The change in exchange rate will impact businesses that interact with the Indian market.

Business A imports specialty Indian foods to sell in New Zealand.

Business B offers guided package tours of India to New Zealand tourists. The package includes accommodation, food, and tourist activities.

- (e) Compare and contrast the impact of the exchange rate change you identified on Graph Three on Business A and Business B.

Business A will be positively impacted by the increase in the exchange rate of the New Zealand Dollar in Rupees as importing the same value of specialty Indian foods in Rupees now costs less New Zealand Dollars. Costs of production for Business A decrease increasing profitability. ~~They may~~ At each price level they are now willing and able to sell more specialty Indian foods. As revenue and ~~profit~~ profits increase, business confidence increases as they may invest in capital goods to ~~to~~ increase future production. They can afford to lower the price of food to increase demand and possibly further increase revenue and profits. As they produce more, they may hire more workers, have longer hours and offer high wages to skilled workers who are needed to expand the business. General wages may also increase.

Business B will also be positively impacted by the appreciation of the New Zealand Dollar in Rupees. This is because for the same price

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received in New Dollars for the package, the business's ~~costs~~ ^{operating} costs of production decrease as accommodation, food and activities in India now cost less NZ Dollars for the same amount of Indian currency. Profits will increase and the business may lower prices to increase demand but still receive higher profits. The business may ~~not~~ hire more workers at higher wages and increase business size. ~~By~~ ^{By} ~~reducing~~ ^{reducing} They may hire workers in India who are now cheaper to pay wages to at lower ~~ex~~ exchange rate of Rupees.

Overall both businesses benefit from the ~~to~~ increase in the exchange rate of the New Zealand dollar in Rupees.

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One	E8	<p>Part (a) The graph is fully complete and correctly labelled.</p> <p>Part (b) The candidate explained why the quantity of exports will decrease by referring to New Zealand production and consumption, with correct reference to Graph One.</p> <p>Part (c) They explained that export receipts will decrease due to a lower price and quantity for exports, with correct reference to Graph One.</p> <p>Part (d) The candidate gave a comprehensive explanation that the New Zealand producers of lamb are disadvantaged by the decrease in world price and that New Zealand consumers of lamb are advantaged by it, with reference to Graph One throughout.</p>
Two	E7	<p>Part (a) The candidate identified one reason why New Zealand's two-way trade with India is relatively low compared to with China, but did not explain it.</p> <p>Part (b) Both graphs were completed correctly.</p> <p>Part (c) They gave a comprehensive explanation that revenue will increase, with correct reference to the Graph Two, and that the current account will improve by referencing export receipts of $(P_t \times X)$.</p> <p>Part (d) The candidate compared resource allocation between industries. They explained that the wood industry requires more resources (land, labour) to increase output for export, which they acquire from other agricultural export industries who can't compete in resource markets (output falls).</p>
Three	E8	<p>Part (a) The candidate identified that Australia has a free trade agreement with New Zealand.</p> <p>Part (b) They explained that the cost of New Zealand dairy products to Indian consumers will increase, which will make consuming Indian dairy products more affordable.</p> <p>Part (c) They correctly showed an increase in demand for NZ\$ and the appreciation of the exchange rate.</p> <p>Part (d) They explained in detail that the NZ\$ will appreciate due to the exchange of currencies, with reference to the model.</p> <p>Part (e) The candidate explained comprehensively that Business A will be positively affected as it is less expensive to import, and Business B will be positively affected as it will have more purchasing power</p>