

Chapter 02 Testbank

Student: _____

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True False

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True False

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True False

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True False

5. New trade theory points out that through its impact on economies of scale, trade can increase the variety of goods available to consumers and decrease the average costs of those goods.

True False

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True False

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True False

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9. Michael Porter's (1990) 'Diamond' has four attributes of a nation: (a) factor endowments; (b) domestic demand conditions; (c) relating and supporting industries; and (d) firm strategy, structure and rivalry. Focus therefore centres on national competitive advantage.

True False

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11. According to the textbook, most economists prefer the Heckscher-Ohlin theory to Ricardo's theory (i.e. comparative advantage) because of which of the following two factors?

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12. Which of the following has historically been noted as being an accurate explanation for international trade patterns?

- A. product life-cycle theory
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- D. efficient allocation

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- A. low-cost production; government intervention
- B. increased trade; government intervention
- C. government intervention; entrepreneurship
- D. government intervention; strategic trade policy

15. Porter suggested that the four attributes making up the 'diamond' consist of factor endowments, relating and supporting industries, firm strategy and structure and rivalry, and _____.

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16. The theories of international trade claim that promoting free trade is generally in the best interest of a country, although it may not be in the best interest of _____.

- A. firms
- B. governments
- C. contractors
- D. society

17. Free trade is:

- A. an agreement between two parties to sell goods to one another with the absence of currency transaction.
- B. the re-routing of imports from non-members through the member that has the lowest tariffs in a free trade area.
- C. when low-cost external suppliers are replaced by high-cost suppliers inside the free trade area.
- D. the absence of barriers to the free flow of goods and services between countries.

18. Diminishing returns imply that when a firm already has significant value built into its product offering, _____ value by a relatively _____ amount requires _____ costs.

- A. decreasing; large; offset
- B. increasing; small; significant
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23. According to the new trade theory, firms that establish _____ advantage with regards to the production of a particular new product may subsequently dominate global trade in that product.

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- C. an absolute
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- A. international trade
- B. first-mover advantage
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- B. entrepreneurs
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- A. Increase research and development activities.
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- A. reject lobby attempts
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- C. adopt policies
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29. According to the Uppsala model of internationalisation, firms will enter markets that are _____.

- A. geographically close
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- A. retail
- B. manufacturing
- C. high-technology
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- A. internationalises rapidly.
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- A. demographics
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33. New trade theory is at variance with the _____ theory, which suggests that a country will predominate in the export of a product when it is particularly well endowed with those factors used intensively in its manufacture.

- A. Heckscher-Ohlin
- B. competitive advantage
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- C. Economies of scale
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35. Because of substantial economies of scale, the _____ argues that in many industries there are increasing returns to specialisation.

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- B. product life-cycle theory
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37. Of the following, which one is NOT an indicator of why trade is considered to be mutually beneficial to those involved in it?

- A. It allows for specialisation.
- B. It allows for production of products at higher prices.
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- D. It affords production of a larger variety of products.

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- A. alleviate
- B. maintain
- C. decrease
- D. support

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44. In relation to the stage models of internationalisation, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A. There are two major categories of stage models.
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45. Which of the following choices correctly matches a scholar with the theory that he or she proposed?

- A. Adam Smith/Comparative advantage
- B. David Ricardo/New trade
- C. Raymond Vernon/Product life cycle
- D. Eli Heckscher/Absolute advantage

46. International new ventures (INVs) and 'born globals' internationalise rapidly due to reduced trade barriers and shorter product life cycles. These firms:

- A. do not follow an incremental sequential process to internationalisation.
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- C. are technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) firms.
- D. have an absolute advantage in the marketplace.

47. All of the following have important implications for international trade and international theory on business practice except:

- A. first-mover advantage.
- B. government trade policy.
- C. location.
- D. consumer confidence.

48. _____ refers to a situation where a government does not attempt to influence through quotas or duties what its citizens can buy from another country or what they can produce and sell to another country.

- A. Autonomous trade
- B. Free trade
- C. Clear commerce
- D. Unencumbered commerce

49. Considered to be the first theory of international trade, _____ principal assertion was that gold and silver were the mainstays of national wealth and essential to vigorous commerce.

- A. collectivism's
- B. mercantilism's
- C. capitalism's
- D. economic conservatism's

50. The flaw with mercantilism was that it viewed trade as _____.

- A. a zero-sum game
- B. an economic necessity
- C. a non-essential economic activity
- D. a positive-sum game

Chapter 02 Testbank **Key**

1. Capitalism was considered to be the first theory of international trade.

FALSE

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

Section: Mercantilism

2. A situation in which a gain by one party results in a loss by another is called a zero-sum game.

TRUE

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

Section: Mercantilism

3. The Heckscher-Ohlin theory emphasises the interplay between the proportions in which the factors of production (such as land, labour and capital) are available in different countries, explaining why some countries export oil while others export textiles.

TRUE

Difficulty: Medium

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Section: Heckscher-Ohlin Theory

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FALSE

Difficulty: Medium

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Learning Objective: 2.3 Understand the theories of internationalisation of the firm

Section: The Product Life-Cycle Theory

5. New trade theory points out that through its impact on economies of scale, trade can increase the variety of goods available to consumers and decrease the average costs of those goods.

TRUE

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.3 Understand the theories of internationalisation of the firm

Section: New Trade Theory

6. The theory of national competitive advantage, developed by Michael Porter, focuses on the importance of country factors such as domestic demand and domestic rivalry in explaining a nation's dominance in the production and export of particular products.

TRUE

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

Section: National Competitive Advantage: Porter's Diamond

7. The product life-cycle theory suggests that trade patterns are influenced by where a new product is introduced.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.3 Understand the theories of internationalisation of the firm

Section: The Product Life-Cycle Theory

8. The most contentious implication of new trade theory is that it generates an argument for government and strategic trade policy.

TRUE

Difficulty: Hard

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.3 Understand the theories of internationalisation of the firm

Section: Implications of New Trade Theory

9. Michael Porter's (1990) 'Diamond' has four attributes of a nation: (a) factor endowments; (b) domestic demand conditions; (c) relating and supporting industries; and (d) firm strategy, structure and rivalry. Focus therefore centres on national competitive advantage.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy

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Section: National Competitive Advantage: Porter's Diamond

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FALSE

Difficulty: Hard

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Section: The Stage Models of Internationalisation: An Incremental Sequential Approach

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Section: The Leontief Paradox

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Difficulty: Medium

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Section: Evaluating the Product Life-Cycle Theory

13. If a national market is large, there should be enough demand to enable producers to realise _____ for certain products.

- A. profit margins
- B.** economies of scale
- C. a sufficient quantity of buyers
- D. efficient allocation

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.1 Understand why nations trade with each other—benefits of trade

Learning Objective: 2.4 Be familiar with the arguments of those who maintain that government can play a proactive role in promoting national competitive advantage in certain industries

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Difficulty: Medium

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Learning Objective: 2.6 Examine the important implications that international trade and internationalisation theory holds for business practice

Section: Focus on Managerial Implications

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Section: Introduction

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Learning Objective: 2.3 Understand the theories of internationalisation of the firm

Section: Extensions of the Ricardian Model

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Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

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Section: The Leontief Paradox

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Section: The Eclectic Paradigm

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Learning Objective: 2.5 Examine the reasons for rapid internationalisation/born globals

Section: International New Ventures/Born Global Firms

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Section: Foreign Direct Investment in the World Economy

25. The manufacture of standard electronic components is a _____ process requiring semi-skilled labour.

- A. product life-cycle
- B. capital-intensive**
- C. labour-intensive
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Difficulty: Medium

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Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

Section: The Leontief Paradox

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Section: The Stage Models of Internationalisation: An Incremental Sequential Approach

30. Researchers from around the world have identified (mostly) _____ firms that have internationalised rapidly.
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 - B. manufacturing
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Learning Objective: 2.5 Examine the reasons for rapid internationalisation/born globals

Section: International New Ventures/Born Global Firms

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 - B. internationalises through joint venture.
 - C. globalises in an incremental, sequential manner.
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Section: International New Ventures/Born Global Firms

32. In the context of factor endowments, which of the following are considered to be classified as advanced factors?
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Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

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Section: Heckscher-Ohlin Theory

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 - B. competitive advantage
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Difficulty: Medium

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Section: Implications of New Trade Theory

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Learning Objective: 2.1 Understand why nations trade with each other—benefits of trade

Section: Increasing Product Variety and Reducing Costs

38. New trade theory points out that through its impact on economies of scale, trade can increase the variety of goods available to consumers and _____ the average costs of those goods.

- A. alleviate
- B. maintain
- C. decrease**
- D. support

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Section: New Trade Theory

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Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.4 Be familiar with the arguments of those who maintain that government can play a proactive role in promoting national competitive advantage in certain industries

Section: Economies of Scale, First-Mover Advantages and the Pattern of Trade

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- B. Heckscher-Ohlin
- C. Vernon**
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Section: The Product Life-Cycle Theory

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Learning Objective: 2.5 Examine the reasons for rapid internationalisation/born globals

Section: International New Ventures/Born Global Firms

47. All of the following have important implications for international trade and international theory on business practice except:

- A. first-mover advantage.
- B. government trade policy.
- C. location.
- D.** consumer confidence.

Difficulty: Easy

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.6 Examine the important implications that international trade and internationalisation theory holds for business practice

Section: Focus on Managerial Implications

48. _____ refers to a situation where a government does not attempt to influence through quotas or duties what its citizens can buy from another country or what they can produce and sell to another country.

- A. Autonomous trade
- B.** Free trade
- C. Clear commerce
- D. Unencumbered commerce

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.1 Understand why nations trade with each other—benefits of trade

Section: Introduction

49. Considered to be the first theory of international trade, _____ principal assertion was that gold and silver were the mainstays of national wealth and essential to vigorous commerce.

- A. collectivism's
- B.** mercantilism's
- C. capitalism's
- D. economic conservatism's

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.1 Understand why nations trade with each other—benefits of trade

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

Section: Mercantilism

50. The flaw with mercantilism was that it viewed trade as _____.

- A.** a zero-sum game
- B. an economic necessity
- C. a non-essential economic activity
- D. a positive-sum game

Difficulty: Medium

Gradable: automatic

Learning Objective: 2.1 Understand why nations trade with each other—benefits of trade

Learning Objective: 2.2 Understand the theories explaining trade flows between nations

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