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The BOP of Country A showed the following entries for 2013: a capital account surplus of 50, a deficit in the services account of 15, and a trade deficit of 45. The change in the official reserves was zero. Assuming SD=0, what was the balance of unilateral transfers for A?



## Multiple choice. **Justify your claims**.

When the U.S. ships food aid to a developing nation, the U.S. debits:

- 1. unilateral transfers
- 2. services
- 3. capital
- 4. official reserves



The payment of a dividend by an American company to a foreign stockholder represents:

- 1. a debit in the U.S. capital account
- 2. a credit in the U.S. capital account
- 3. a credit in the U.S. official reserve account
- 4. a debit in the U.S. current account



When a U.S. firm imports a good from England and pays for it by drawing on its pound sterling account in a London Bank, the U.S. debits its current account and credits its:

- 1. official reserve account
- 2. unilateral transfers account
- 3. services in its current account
- capital account



- 1. the change in U.S. assets abroad and foreign assets in the U.S.
- 2. the change in U.S. assets abroad and foreign assets in the U.S., other than official reserve assets
- 3. all financial assets
- 4. all but current account transactions



## Balance of Payments

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The following data are taken from the balance of payments of country A (currency AA):

| bn USD           | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |  |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Port. Investment | 2.9  | -6.9 | -5.4 | -8.7 |  |

Is the following statement consistent with the data shown above?

After 1995, foreigners have issued AA-denominated bonds in A's capital market in order to take advantage of the favourable interest rate differential with respect to the US capital market.

| On 15 <sup>th</sup> June 201X, you bought 5 futures contracts for |
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| 50,000 EUR each at $\frac{USD}{FUR}$ 1.29. Assume that the daily  |
| settlement prices are shown in the table below:                   |

| Day   |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Price | 1.28 | 1.3 | 1.29 | 1.31 | 1.26 | 1.25 | 1.26 | 1.27 |

- What are the daily cash flows from marking to market?
- ▶ If you deposit USD 60,000 into your margin account, and your broker requires USD 55,000 as maintenance margin, when will you receive a margin call and how much will you have to deposit?

On 15th September 201X, you sold 7 futures contracts for 62,500 GBP each at  $\frac{USD}{GBP}$  1.51. Assume that the daily settlement prices are shown in the table below:

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| Day   | 16   | 17   | 18   | 19   | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25   |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Price | 1.53 | 1.55 | 1.56 | 1.54 | 1.57 | 1.53 | 1.51 | 1.49 |

- What are the daily cash flows from marking to market?
- ▶ If you deposit USD 70,000 into your margin account, and your broker requires USD 65,000 as maintenance margin, when will you receive a margin call and how much will you have to deposit?