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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
- 4. capital account



The capital account of the U.S. includes:

- 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



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

Day	I			1				
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								
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?