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### **Macroeconomics for managers**

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English

We consider two countries; A and B. Country A is a closed economy, while country B is an open economy. You can assume that country B has a flexible exchange rate regime. Both countries suffer from high unemployment, and plan to cut taxes.

- a) Discuss how a tax cut affects GDP, consumption and investments in country A.
- b) Discuss how a tax cut affects GDP, consumption, investments, and net exports in country B. Compare the effects of the tax cuts for unemployment in the two countries.

Country B hesitates to implement the tax cut, but country C – another open economy – carries out a tax cut.

- c) Discuss how country B is affected by the tax cut in country C.

Norsk

Vi betrakter to land; A og B. Land A har en lukket økonomi, mens land B har en åpen økonomi. Du kan anta at land B har et fleksibelt valutakursregime. Begge land har høy arbeidsledighet, og planlegger å redusere skattene.

- a) Diskuter hvordan reduserte skatter påvirker BNP, konsum og investeringer i land A.
- b) Diskuter hvordan reduserte skatter påvirker BNP, konsum, investeringer og nettoeksport i land B. Sammenlign effektene av reduserte skatter på arbeidsledigheten i de to landene.

Land B nøler med å kutte i skattene, men land C – et annet land med en åpen økonomi – reduserer skattene.

- c) Diskuter hvordan land B påvirkes av skattekuttene i land C.