

MACROECONOMICS QUALIFYING EXAM

7008 Section

Required Question

Explain the main differences between the Solow and Ramsey neoclassical growth models and the classical-Keynesian growth models. Describe in your reply:

- (a.) The Ramsey and Solow models
- (b.) The Kaleckian model (Rowthorn)
- (c.) The Kaldorian model (Thirlwall)
- (d.) The policy implications of both approaches

Optional Questions (must answer one)

Question 1.

Explain the significance of the Equifinality theorem and the capital controversies. What are the implications for growth theory?

Question 2.

What is the main difference between New Growth Theory (Romer/Lucas) and the old (Solow) neoclassical analysis? Explain.

Question 3.

Explain what types of shocks are relevant to explain variance in cross country growth performance and why. Also, discuss the relative relevance of policy measures and exogenous shocks in explaining growth differentials among countries.