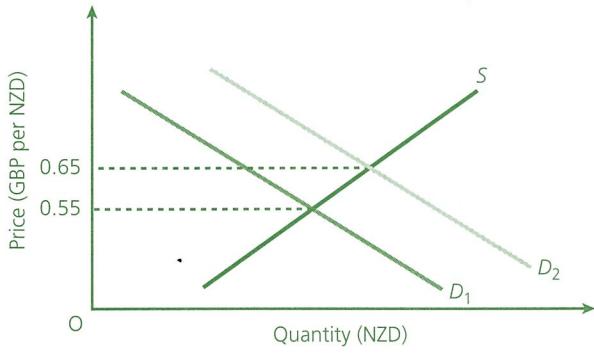


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## Foreign exchange rates

- 1 Which is a drawback of using a fixed exchange rate system?  
**A** a fall in the demand for exports  
**B** a rise in the demand for imports  
**C** the large opportunity cost of using foreign exchange reserves to maintain the fixed rate  
**D** the uncertainty it creates for international trade and exchange
  
- 2 In a floating exchange rate system, what is the name given to a rise in the value of an exchange rate?  
**A** appreciation  
**B** depreciation  
**C** devaluation  
**D** revaluation
  
- 3 In which exchange rate system does the government intervene in the foreign exchange market to maintain its exchange rate at a predetermined level against other currencies?  
**A** devalued  
**B** fixed  
**C** floating  
**D** revalued
  
- 4 In which exchange rate system is the exchange rate determined by the market forces of demand for and supply of the currency?  
**A** fixed  
**B** floating  
**C** managed  
**D** mixed
  
- 5 With reference to the diagram below, identify the option that does **not** explain the change in the exchange rate of the New Zealand dollar.



- A** an increase in interest rates in New Zealand
- B** greater demand from British households for New Zealand exports
- C** more British tourists visiting New Zealand
- D** more firms from New Zealand investing in Britain

- 6 Define the term *exchange rate*. [2 marks]

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- 7 Suppose the exchange rate between the US dollar (USD) and the euro (EUR) is  $\text{USD}1 = \text{EUR}0.73$ . Calculate the price for customers in Europe of buying textbooks priced at USD70 from the USA. [2 marks]

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- 8 Suppose the exchange rate between the British pound (GBP) and the Hong Kong dollar (HKD) is  $\text{GBP}1 = \text{HKD}10.5$ . Calculate how much it costs a British tourist (in pounds) to buy an iPad in Hong Kong that is priced at HKD6000. [2 marks]

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- 9 Suppose that the exchange rate between the Australian dollar (AUD) and the British pound (GBP) is  $\text{AUD}1 = \text{GBP}0.57$  while that between the Australian dollar and the Hong Kong dollar (HKD) is  $\text{AUD}1 = \text{HKD}6$ . Calculate the exchange rate of the British pound against the Hong Kong dollar. [2 marks]

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- 10 Although the Chinese government controls the value of its exchange rate, it has been known to allow the yuan (the Chinese currency) to appreciate.

- a Explain what is meant by an appreciation in the value of a currency. [2 marks]

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- b Analyse the likely effects of China's currency appreciation on its exports and imports. [6 marks]

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