

QUESTIONS FOR DICKEN'S *GLOBAL SHIFT*, CHAPTER TWO

QUESTION SET 1 (Everyone)

Briefly compare the growth rates of world GDP, exports, and FDI during the late 20th century.

What might explain the *differences in the growth rates* of these flows of (a) national GDP: money within national economies, (b) exports: goods and services across national economies, and (c) FDI: capital investment among national economies?

QUESTION SET 2 (Students drawing number 1: last name starts with A-G)

What are the world's 5 largest national producers of manufactured goods?

In what countries or regions of the world has manufacturing production been growing most rapidly?

What are the world's 5 largest national exporters of merchandise (also called "goods," including raw materials, manufactures, and agricultural products)?

What are the world's 5 largest national importers of merchandise (also called "goods," including raw materials, manufactures, and agricultural products)?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade deficits in merchandise trade?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade surpluses in merchandise trade?

QUESTION SET 3 (Students drawing number 2: last name starts with H-K)

What are the world's 5 largest national producers of marketed services?

In what countries or regions of the world has services production been growing most rapidly?

What are the world's 5 largest national exporters of services?

What are the world's 5 largest national importers of services?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade deficits in services trade?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade surpluses in services trade?

Step back a minute: how in the world can services be traded across countries? Can you really get a haircut or have your dry cleaning done in another country? Respond briefly:

QUESTION SET 4 (Students drawing number 3: last name starts with L-W)

What are the world's 5 largest national producers of agricultural products (or "agricultural services")?

In what countries or regions of the world has agricultural production been growing most rapidly?

What are the world's 5 largest national exporters of merchandise (also called "goods," including raw materials, manufactures, and agricultural products)?

What are the world's 5 largest national importers of merchandise (also called "goods," including raw materials, manufactures, and agricultural products)?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade deficits in agriculture-based trade?

What 2-3 countries seem to have the largest international-trade surpluses in agriculture-based trade?

QUESTION SET 5 (Everyone)

Suggest two reasons for comparing and studying global economic trends at the scale of individual countries.

Suggest two reasons for comparing and studying global economic trends at the scale of urban regions.

Suggest two reasons for comparing and studying global economic trends at the scale of world regions (e.g., the EU, North America, East Asia, South Asia....).