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Chapter 8: What do the following terms mean: aggregate economic activity, expansions, boom, contraction, recession, depression, peak, trough, business cycle, comovement, recurrent but not periodic, and persistent? Why have business cycles become longer and less severe since World War II? Why are some economists uncertain about that statement? What determines if a variable is procyclical, countercyclical, or acyclical? What are lagging, leading, and coincident variables? If I gave you a variable, you should be able to determine which type of variable it is and the economic reason for that.

This is the non-graded Assignment #6A that will be gone over with Assignment #6.

1) (10 points each) For each of the following variables, tell me if it is procyclical, countercyclical or acyclical. Explain your logic. Is it a leading, roughly coincident, or lagging statistic? Explain your logic.

- A) Your grade
- B) Your weight
- C) How often you shave
- D) Who wins the NCAA Division I playoffs
- E) The length of the day

2) (15 points) What is meant by “that music is really skanking!”?

3) (15 points) Why have the number of failing students gone down since semester?

4) (15 points) Why did it take you this long to realize that this assignment was handed out on April Fool's day, so this side is a joke? (Turn it over.)

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- B) Inflation
- C) Business fixed investment
- D) Inventory investment
- E) Duration of unemployment

2) (15 points) What is meant by “recurrent but not periodic”?

3) (15 points) Why have the business cycles become less severe since World War II?

4) (15 points) Why did it take the government until November of 2008 to know that the recession had started in December of 2007?