

**10th Social Studies Ohio Graduation Test
Economics Standard**

Benchmark A

Question 23	Spring 2005	A
Question 9	9 th Practice	D

Benchmark B

Question 5	Spring 2005	B								
Question 26	Spring 2005	A								
Question 36	Spring 2005	<p style="text-align: center;">Sample Response for Item 36 (Short Answer):</p> <p>Exemplar: If the United States government wanted to encourage businesses to hire more employees, the government would lower taxes on businesses. The reason is that if tax rates were lower, businesses would have more money left after paying taxes, and they could afford to hire more employees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scoring Guidelines for Item 36:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Score point</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">2 points</td> <td>The response states that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses in order to encourage businesses to hire more employees and provides a complete explanation of the reason.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">1 point</td> <td>The response states that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses in order to encourage businesses to hire more employees but provides a partial explanation of the reason. OR The response provides a complete explanation of why businesses would hire more employees but does not state that the government would lower tax rates. OR The response states the government would lower taxes with no explanation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">0 points</td> <td>The response does not meet any of the above criteria. The response fails to state that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses and offers either an inaccurate/partial explanation or no explanation at all.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Score point	Description	2 points	The response states that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses in order to encourage businesses to hire more employees and provides a complete explanation of the reason.	1 point	The response states that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses in order to encourage businesses to hire more employees but provides a partial explanation of the reason. OR The response provides a complete explanation of why businesses would hire more employees but does not state that the government would lower tax rates. OR The response states the government would lower taxes with no explanation.	0 points	The response does not meet any of the above criteria. The response fails to state that the U.S. government would lower tax rates for businesses and offers either an inaccurate/partial explanation or no explanation at all.
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		4 points	<p>The response contains the following four elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it states that the Federal Reserve System could have increased reserve requirements for banks; • accurately states reduced consumer spending; • accurately states reduced business spending; and • offers an accurate explanation of these effects related to decreased money circulation.
		3 points	The response contains three of the four elements.
		2 points	The response contains two of the four elements.
		1 point	The response contains one of the four elements.
		0 points	The response does not meet any of the above criteria. The response may discuss operations of the Federal Reserve System but not relate the actions to the conditions of the prompt.
		<p>Note: Each part of the item (identification, impact on consumer spending, impact on business spending, and explanation) can be scored independently, for one point each.</p>	