



WORKSHEET II

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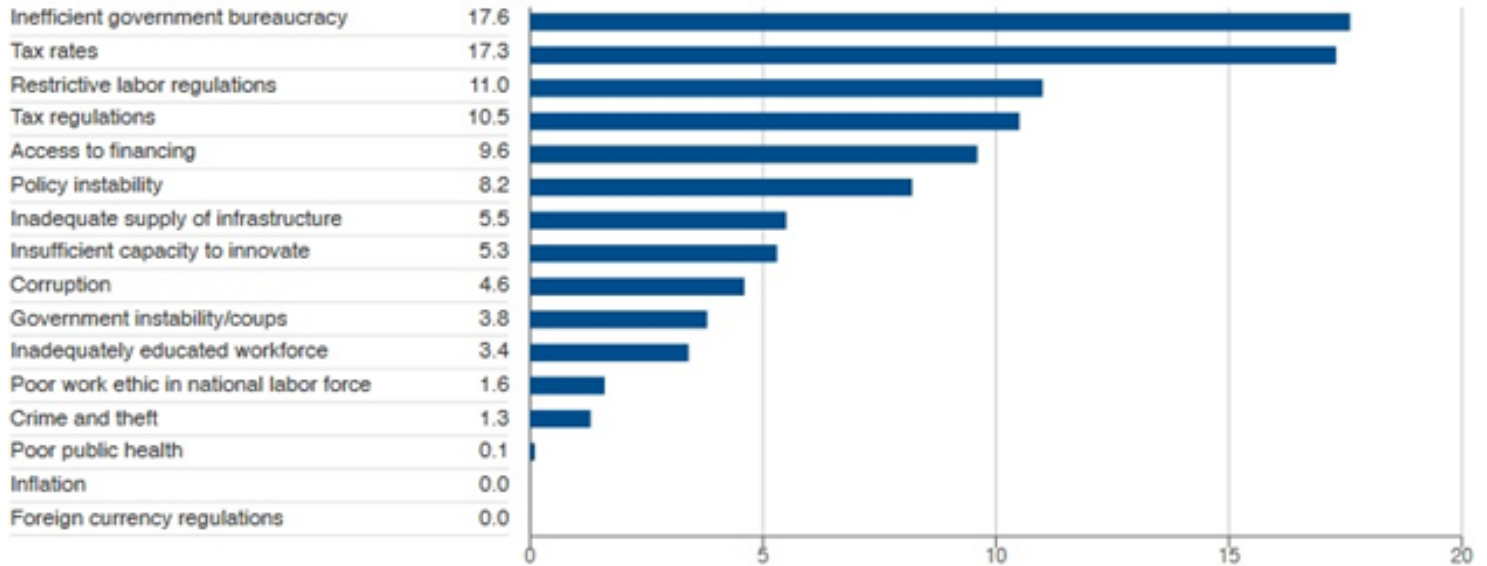
A. When is a country's economy competitive?

B. The following diagram (1) shows the reasons why a country is unable to show a high competitiveness index over time.

Diagram (1). Most problematic factors for doing business

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Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey 2017



B. What are the main factors hindering the development of business competitiveness?

C. What is a country's trade balance?

D. What factors can contribute to an increase in our country's exports?

E. The World Economic Forum (WEF) publishes its competitiveness report every year. It defines competitiveness as "the ability of a country to achieve high growth rates and to maintain its per capita GDP (Gross Domestic Product) at high levels". Study the table below (1) and answer the following questions:

Index (1). World Competitiveness Rankings 2019 Results
Covering 141 economies, the **Global Competitiveness Index 1** measures **national competitiveness** - defined as the set of institutions, policies and factors that determine the level of productivity.

Rank	Economy	Score ¹	Diff. from 2018 ²		Rank	Economy	Score ¹	Diff. from 2018 ²		Rank	Economy	Score ¹	Diff. from 2018 ²	
			Rank	Score				Rank	Score				Rank	Score
1	Singapore	84.8	+1	+1.3	48	Mexico	64.9	-2	+0.3	95	Kenya	54.1	-2	+0.5
2	United States	83.7	-1	-2.0	49	Bulgaria	64.9	+2	+1.3	96	Kyrgyz Republic	54.0	+1	+1.0
3	Hong Kong SAR	83.1	+4	+0.9	50	Indonesia	64.6	-5	-0.3	97	Paraguay	53.6	-2	+0.3
4	Netherlands	82.4	+2	-	51	Romania	64.4	+1	+0.9	98	Guatemala	53.5	-2	+0.2
5	Switzerland	82.3	-1	-0.3	52	Mauritius	64.3	-3	+0.5	99	Iran, Islamic Rep.	53.0	-10	-1.9
6	Japan	82.3	-1	-0.2	53	Oman	63.6	-6	-0.8	100	Rwanda	52.8	+8	+1.9
7	Germany	81.8	-4	-1.0	54	Uruguay	63.5	-1	+0.8	101	Honduras	52.7	-	+0.2
8	Sweden	81.2	+1	-0.4	55	Kazakhstan	62.9	+4	+1.1	102	Mongolia	52.6	-3	-0.1
9	United Kingdom	81.2	-1	-0.8	56	Brunei Darussalam	62.8	+6	+1.3	103	El Salvador	52.6	-5	-0.2
10	Denmark	81.2	-	+0.6	57	Colombia	62.7	+3	+1.1	104	Tajikistan	52.4	-2	+0.2
11	Finland	80.2	-	-	58	Azerbaijan	62.7	+11	+2.7	105	Bangladesh	52.1	-2	-
12	Taiwan, China	80.2	+1	+1.0	59	Greece	62.6	-2	+0.5	106	Cambodia	52.1	+4	+1.9
13	Korea, Rep.	79.6	+2	+0.8	60	South Africa	62.4	+7	+1.7	107	Bolivia	51.8	-2	+0.4
14	Canada	79.6	-2	-0.3	61	Turkey	62.1	-	+0.5	108	Nepal	51.6	+1	+0.8
15	France	78.8	+2	+0.8	62	Costa Rica	62.0	-7	-0.1	109	Nicaragua	51.5	-5	-
16	Australia	78.7	-2	-0.1	63	Croatia	61.9	+5	+1.8	110	Pakistan	51.4	-3	+0.3
17	Norway	78.1	-1	-0.1	64	Philippines	61.9	-8	-0.3	111	Ghana	51.2	-5	-0.1
18	Luxembourg	77.0	+1	+0.4	65	Peru	61.7	-2	+0.4	112	Cape Verde	50.8	-1	+0.6
19	New Zealand	76.7	-1	-0.8	66	Panama	61.6	-2	+0.6	113	Lao PDR	50.1	-1	+0.8
20	Israel	76.7	-	+0.1	67	Viet Nam	61.5	+10	+3.5	114	Senegal	49.7	-1	+0.7
21	Austria	76.6	+1	+0.3	68	India	61.4	-10	-0.7	115	Uganda	48.9	+2	+2.1
22	Belgium	76.4	-1	-0.2	69	Armenia	61.3	+1	+1.4	116	Nigeria	48.3	-1	+0.8
23	Spain	75.3	+3	+1.1	70	Jordan	60.9	+3	+1.6	117	Tanzania	48.2	-1	+1.0
24	Ireland	75.1	-1	-0.6	71	Brazil	60.9	+1	+1.4	118	Côte d'Ivoire	48.1	-4	+0.6
25	United Arab Emirates	75.0	+2	+1.6	72	Serbia	60.9	-7	-	119	Gabon	47.5	n/a	n/a
26	Iceland	74.7	-2	+0.2	73	Montenegro	60.8	-2	+1.2	120	Zambia	46.5	-2	+0.5
27	Malaysia	74.6	-2	+0.2	74	Georgia	60.6	-8	-0.3	121	Eswatini	46.4	-1	+1.1
28	China	73.9	-	+1.3	75	Morocco	60.0	-	+1.5	122	Guinea	46.1	+4	+2.9
29	Qatar	72.9	+1	+1.9	76	Seychelles	59.6	-2	+1.1	123	Cameroon	46.0	-2	+0.9
30	Italy	71.5	+1	+0.8	77	Barbados	58.9	n/a	n/a	124	Gambia, The	45.9	-5	+0.5
31	Estonia	70.9	+1	+0.2	78	Dominican Republic	58.3	+4	+0.9	125	Benin	45.8	-2	+1.4
32	Czech Republic	70.9	-3	-0.3	79	Trinidad and Tobago	58.3	-1	+0.4	126	Ethiopia	44.4	-4	-0.1
33	Chile	70.5	-	+0.3	80	Jamaica	58.3	-1	+0.4	127	Zimbabwe	44.2	+1	+1.6
34	Portugal	70.4	-	+0.2	81	Albania	57.6	-5	-0.5	128	Malawi	43.7	+1	+1.3
35	Slovenia	70.2	-	+0.6	82	North Macedonia	57.3	+2	+0.7	129	Mali	43.6	-4	-
36	Saudi Arabia	70.0	+3	+2.5	83	Argentina	57.2	-2	-0.3	130	Burkina Faso	43.4	-6	-0.5
37	Poland	68.9	-	+0.7	84	Sri Lanka	57.1	+1	+1.1	131	Lesotho	42.9	-1	+0.6
38	Malta	68.5	-2	-0.2	85	Ukraine	57.0	-2	-	132	Madagascar	42.9	n/a	n/a
39	Lithuania	68.4	+1	+1.2	86	Moldova	56.7	+2	+1.2	133	Venezuela	41.8	-6	-1.3
40	Thailand	68.1	-2	+0.6	87	Tunisia	56.4	-	+0.8	134	Mauritania	40.9	-3	+0.1
41	Latvia	67.0	+1	+0.7	88	Lebanon	56.3	-8	-1.4	135	Burundi	40.3	+1	+2.7
42	Slovak Republic	66.8	-1	-0.1	89	Algeria	56.3	+3	+2.5	136	Angola	38.1	+1	+1.1
43	Russian Federation	66.7	-	+1.1	90	Ecuador	55.7	-4	-0.1	137	Mozambique	38.1	-4	-1.7
44	Cyprus	66.4	-	+0.8	91	Botswana	55.5	-1	+1.0	138	Haiti	36.3	-	-0.1
45	Bahrain	65.4	+5	+1.7	92	Bosnia and Herzegovina	54.7	-1	+0.6	139	Congo, Dem. Rep.	36.1	-4	-2.1
46	Kuwait	65.1	+8	+3.0	93	Egypt	54.5	+1	+1.0	140	Yemen	35.5	-1	-0.9
47	Hungary	65.1	+1	+0.8	94	Namibia	54.5	+6	+1.8	141	Chad	35.1	-1	-0.4

Source: The Global Competitiveness Report 2018 – 2019,
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E1. Which are the top ten countries, according to the World Economic Forum report on global competitiveness?

E2. Which are the 10 lower-ranking countries, according to the World Economic Forum report on global competitiveness?

E3. What position does Greece hold, according to the World Economic Forum report on global competitiveness?

