ECON 212 FINAL EXAM ESSAY QUESTIONS FALL 2014

One of the following essay questions will be on your final exam (Note that you are required to prepare all three questions. At the time of the exam, one question chosen by instructor will be asked). Confine your answer to approximately 400 words for each question. The essays will be marked on the basis of relevancy to the topic and for theoretical accuracy.

1. Assess the usefulness of the gross domestic product as a measure of a society’s economic well-being.
2. Inflation and unemployment have been labeled as “the twin evils of modern macroeconomics”. What do you think is the basis for such a labeling? Which of these two evils is, in your opinion, the lesser evil? Provide reasons for your choice.
3. Analyze the effectiveness of both fiscal and monetary policies as tools for economic stabilization. In your analysis, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of both policies, and indicate which approach, in your opinion, is better suited for the current Canadian economic environment.