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SUBJECT: ECONOMICS

Strand	4: International Economics	
Sub Strand	4.1: Balance of Payment	
Content Learning Outcome	4.1.1: Analyse Fiji's Balance of Payment.	

LESSON NOTES - BALANCE OF PAYMENT

<u>The Balancing Item-</u> In theory <u>a surplus on capital account is always = to the deficit on current account.</u>
The required equality between the sum of the credit and debits entries in the Balance of Payment is brought about by the inclusion of a balancing item. <u>It ensures that the Balance of Payment always balances.</u>

Preparation of BOP Account

Example:

BALANCE OF PAYMENT ACCOUNT			
Current Account	\$m	\$m	
Merchandise (visible trade)			
Exports	51.8		
Less Imports	-49.2		
BOT		2.6	
Services (Invisible Trade)			
Services Credit	13.2		
Less Services Debit.	-16.5		
NET SERVICES		-3.3	
BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES		+ -0.7	
Income:			
Income Credit	5.0		
Less Income Credit	-22.3		
NET INCOME		+ -17.3	
Unrequited Transfers			
Unrequited Transfers Credits	4.7		
Unrequited Transfers Less Debits	-2.2		
NET UNREQUITED TRANSFERS		+ -2.5	
Balance of Current Account (Deficit)		- 15.5	
Capital Account			
Official capital transactions			
General government	-1.8		
Plus Reserve Bank	+(1.5)		
TOTAL OFFICIALS		(3.3)	
Non official capital transactions		+18.8	
Balance on capital account (surplus)		\$15.5m	

ACTIVITY

Use the following hypothetical balance of payment data and answer the question that follows:

	\$m
Capital inflow	65
Imports of services	50
Capital outflow	35
Exports of goods	200
Exports of services	105
Import of goods	350

	Calculate the following:	
a.	Balance of Trade	
		(1 mark)
b.	Balance on invisibles	
		(2 marks)
c.	Balance on Current Account	
		(2 marks)
d.	Balance on Capital Account	
		(1 mark)
e.	Balance of Payment Account	
		(2 marks)
2. I	Discuss the purpose of balancing item.	
		(2 marks)