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SUBJECT: ECONOMICS

Strand	3. Macroeconomics
Sub Strand	3.1 National Income Approaches
Content Learning Outcome	EC 12.3.1.1 Evaluate the different approaches of calculating National Income together with its limitations.

LESSON NOTES - NATIONAL INCOME

LIMITATIONS OF GDP

- The GDP figures do not take into account the following items.
 - Non market activities i.e. the household production is not taken into account while calculating GDP. If the goods and services are sold, it can be counted but if it is not sold it is not counted therefore excluded in GDP figures. Example voluntary labour
 - Goods and services traded on informal markets.
 - Illegal market activities are not counted e.g. drugs, leisure activities are also not accounted for in GDP figures.
- The relative merit of production – there is no distinction in the national income account of the relative “goods” or “bads” of production. For e.g. a dollar spent on cigarettes may carry out the same weight as a dollar spent on education.
- Distribution of Income – GDP is an aggregate or a total output. It gives no indication of how this production is distributed.
- Social conditions, GDP does not take into account for: a) Resources that were not used e.g. production lost through unemployment. b) The relative social, political or the working conditions of the economy that create the output.
- Ecological cost are underestimated in the calculation of GDP i.e. externalities created by economic activity.
- Role of women are under represented in calculation of GDP e.g. the motherhood and the child care that moulds the young for future generation which in turn contributes to a great deal in the economy is under represented.

