CONCEPT: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF GDP COMPONENTS

| Consumption – spending by on goods and services | | | | | | |
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| □ Services – An (intangible) act or use for which a consumer, firm, or government is willing to pay. | | | | | | |
| > In the United States, consumer spending on services is greater than spending on goods | | | | | | |
| □ Nondurable Goods – products with less than years of expected life | | | | | | |
| □ Durable Goods – products with more than years of expected life | | | | | | |
| Examples of Services: | Examples of Nondurable Goods: | | s: Examples | Examples of Durable Goods: | | |
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| • Investment – spending on capital equipment, inventory, and structures | | | | | | |
| □ Business Fixed Investment – spending by firms on new factories, buildings, and equipment to produce goods | | | | | | |
| □ Residential Investment – spending by households and firms on homes (single family or multi-unit) | | | | | | |
| > Note that the resale of previously constructed homes are NOT included in investment | | | | | | |
| □ Changes in Inventories – changes in the supply of goods produced but not yet sold | | | | | | |
| > The change in inventory can be positive or negative | | | | | | |
| January 1: Sony had \$100M of unsold televisions December 31: Sony had \$20M of unsold televisions | | January 1: Sony had \$100M of unsold televisions December 31: Sony had \$160M of unsold televisions | | | | |
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| □ Financial transactions (sale of stocks/bonds) are included in Investment | | | | | | |
| Government Purchases – spending on goods and services by local, state, and federal | | | | | | |
| > Does not include transfer payments, such as welfare (does not result in production) | | | | | | |
| • Net Exports = Exports im | ports | | | | | |
| □ <i>Exports</i> – goods produced _ | ut sold | | | | | |
| □ Imports – goods produced but sold | | | | | | |