

Take Home Study Problem: 2020 Academic Session

Economic Analysis

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To members of the First-Year class:

During the 2020 academic session, we dedicated a major portion of our class time investigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the U economy. We studied the 3 D's of all economic disturbances (Depth, Diffusion, and Duration). We also discussed what type of recession/depression will most likely emerge from the pandemic. Will the economic downturn take on the characteristics of a V-shaped, a U-shaped, a W-shaped, an L-shaped, or the so-called swoosh recession, or a shape that is not even listed here?

The purpose of this exercise is for you to discuss each of the possible shapes noted above. List and discuss the reasons for and against the likelihood of each of these various shaped recessions developing. What would the 3 D's of each shape look like? Finally, select the recession shape that you believe is the most likely to occur. Discuss the rationale behind your selection.

Best wishes,

Dr Ed