

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS

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TOPIC - Definitions of Economic Dynamics

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ECONOMIC DYNAMICS

• Definitions of Economic Dynamics :-

① Acc. to Prof. J.R. Hicks, "I call economic statics those parts of economic theory where we do not trouble about dating. Economic dynamics consists of those parts where every quantity must be dated."

② According to Bauriol, "Economic dynamics is the study of economic phenomena in relation to the preceding and succeeding events".

③ In the words of Prof. Stigler, "Economics is the study of the path by which a set of economic quantities (price and quantities) reach equilibrium".

• Limitations of Economic Dynamics :-

① Complicated method - It is a difficult and complex method of investigation not only because there is no 'ceteris paribus' but also the time element must be taken fully into account.

② Contradictory - Conclusions drawn on the basis of economic statics are contradictory.

③ Absence of favourable conditions -

The theory of economic dynamics requires some fundamental conditions, which the economic data do not possess.

④ Economic model - building - Modern economists have constructed economic dynamic models. Much theoretical of economic model is carried out by examining only the mathematical properties of solutions to a system of equations. So it is difficult for students to use of economic dynamics.

• Importance of Economic dynamics :-

① Traditional Economics -

Many principles and theories of traditional economics are based on dynamic analysis. Ex: Ricardo's theory of distribution, Marshall's time analysis etc.

② Realistic - Dynamics is more realistic and light - giving than statics.

③ Study of stability of Equilibrium -

An analysis of the conditions for the stability of equilibrium can be studied.

④ Theory of trade cycle - It is also proved to be an indispensable in the theory of trade cycle.