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## Summary

The central problem of economics is scarcity - limited resources versus unlimited wants.

Because resources are scarce, people and sources face opportunity costs, meaning every choice involves giving up the next best alternative.

Economics addresses three basic questions:-

1- What to produce? Societies must decide which goods and services to prioritize.

2- How to produce? choices involve methods of production - labor vs. machines, natural vs. chemical methods, public vs. private production.

3- For whom to produce? Distribution can be equal, based on ability to pay, or through special privileges.

- **Microeconomics** - studies individual decisions, prices, and markets (sometimes called price theory).

- **Macroeconomics** - studies overall performance, unemployment, inflation, and national growth.

- Economic analysis is also of two types:-

- **Positive analysis** - explains cause-and-effect relationships and predicts outcomes (fact-based, if then statements).

- **Normative analysis** - evaluates outcomes based on value judgment and recommends what should be done.



1- scarce

2- unlimited

3- scarcity

4- opportunity costs

5- next best

6- efficiency

7- Microeconomics

8- Macroeconomics

9- Macroeconomics

10- Microeconomics

11- What is

12- Normative

13- Value judgment