

17. **Time Value of Money (TVM):** The concept that a sum of money is worth more now than the same sum in the future due to its earning potential.
18. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The value of a series of cash flows, discounted to the present.
19. **Internal Rate of Return (IRR):** The discount rate that makes the net present value of an investment zero.
20. **Foreign Exchange (Forex):** The market where currencies are traded.
21. **Credit Default Swap (CDS):** A financial derivative that functions as a form of insurance against default by a borrower.
22. **Sovereign Debt:** Debt issued by a national government.
23. **Equity:** Ownership interest in a corporation, represented by stock.
24. **Risk Premium:** The extra return expected for taking on risk, over and above the risk-free rate.
25. **Interest Rate Parity:** The theory that the difference in interest rates between two countries is equal to the difference between the forward and spot exchange rates.

K. Health Economics Terms

1. **Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA):** A method used to evaluate the total costs and benefits associated with a healthcare intervention.
2. **Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA):** A technique that compares the relative costs and outcomes (effects) of different courses of action.
3. **Cost-Utility Analysis (CUA):** A form of cost-effectiveness analysis that incorporates quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) as a measure of effectiveness.
4. **Health Production Function:** A model that illustrates how various inputs (e.g., healthcare, lifestyle, environment) produce health outcomes.
5. **Quality-Adjusted Life Year (QALY):** A measure of the value of health outcomes, combining length and quality of life.

20. **Health Technology Assessment (HTA):** A process that systematically evaluates the properties, effects, and impacts of health technology.
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L. Industrial Organization Terms

1. **Market Structure:** The organizational and other characteristics of a market, such as the level of competition (e.g., monopoly, oligopoly, monopolistic competition, perfect competition).
2. **Monopoly Power:** The ability of a firm to set prices above competitive levels due to the lack of competition.
3. **Oligopoly:** A market structure with a few large firms dominating the market, often leading to collusive behavior.
4. **Barriers to Entry:** Factors that prevent or hinder new firms from entering a market.
5. **Natural Monopoly:** A market situation where a single firm can supply the entire market at a lower cost than multiple firms could.
6. **Price Discrimination:** The practice of charging different prices to different customers for the same product, based on their willingness to pay.
7. **Cartel:** A group of firms that collude to control prices and limit competition, often in violation of antitrust laws.
8. **Antitrust Laws:** Regulations designed to promote competition and prevent monopolies.
9. **Horizontal Integration:** The acquisition of a business operating at the same level of the value chain in similar or different industries.
10. **Vertical Integration:** The combination of companies that operate at different stages of the production process.
11. **Contestable Market:** A market where entry and exit are easy, making it competitive despite the small number of firms.
12. **Merger:** The combination of two or more firms to form a single entity.
13. **Acquisition:** The purchase of one company by another.