**Knowledge and conceptual understanding:**

1. According to Karl Marx’s Theory of Capital Accumulation, graph and describe the relationship between the following:

I. Increase in the investment in capital and

a)    Unemployment

b)   Real GDP

c)    Aggregate Demand

d)   Technology

e)    Poverty

II. Decrease in the investment in capital and

a)    Unemployment

b)   Real GDP

c)    Aggregate Demand

d)   Technology

e)    Poverty

**Thinking and other skills goal**

1. According to Karl Marx’s Theory of Capital Accumulation, graph and describe the relationship between Investment in capital and Unemployment for the years 2000-2001 and 2008-2009 for the United States.

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| Year | US Gross Domestic Business Investment (Billions)  US Dept. of Commerce | US Unemployment  (Thousands)  Bureau of Labor Statistics |
| 2000 | 1,530.6 | 5,692 |
| 2001 | 1,393.8 | 6,801 |
| 2008 | 1,844.4 | 8,924 |
| 2009 | 1,410.0 | 14,265 |

1. Do the relationships between Investment in capital and Unemployment for the years 2000 and 2008 support or refute Karl Marx’s Theory of Capital Accumulation as he predicted in the mid-1800s?  Explain why.

**Attitudes, values, dispositions and habits of mind**

1. Would you be more or less confident in Karl Marx’s Theory of Capital Accumulation without having evaluated data from 2000 and 2008?

**Rubric:**

1. 10 points

Correct: 1

Correct graph but incorrect description or correct description but incorrect graph: .50

Incorrect: 0

1. 4 Points- 2 points for 2000-2001 and 2 points for 2008-2009

2000-2001

Correct: 2

Correct graph but incorrect description or correct description but incorrect graph: 1

Incorrect: 0

2008-2009

Correct: 2

Correct graph but incorrect description or correct description but incorrect graph: 1

Incorrect: 0

3. 3 Points

Clearly indicates whether data supports or refutes.  Explains using the theoretical relationship between capital and unemployment (question 1) and the real world relationship between capital and unemployment (question 2): 3 Points

Clearly indicates whether data supports or refutes.  Does not explain using both theoretical and real world examples: 1 Point

Does not indicate whether data supports or refutes: 0

4. 3 Points

Clearly indicates if more or less supportive of theory and explains why: 3 Points

Clearly indicates if more or less supportive of theory but does not explain why: 1 Point

Does not indicate more or less supportive: 0

**20 Points Total**