

1. Describe three different strategies for studying the effect of Social Security on personal savings behavior.
2. What are the main weakness of the studies by Feldstein (1974) and King & Dicks-Mireaux (1982)?
3. Describe the identification strategy of Attanasio & Rohwedder (2004).
4. Describe how a SS scheme is likely to affect the labor supply of older workers.
5. What are the differences between the Benefit accrual, Peak value and Option value measures?
6. Describe the identification strategy of Krueger and Pischke (1994) and their main results.
7. Describe and criticize the identification strategy of Parson (1980).
8. What is the main contribution of Gruber (2000) vis-à-vis the previous literature?
9. What does Autor and Duggan (2004) mean by “demand” and “supply” factors for DI, and how are these found to affect LFP?
10. Describe how Johansson and Palme (2005) handle the possible endogeneity problem of replacement levels in SI.
11. Describe the identification strategy of Hesselius, Johansson and Larsson (2005). What do they find?
12. Describe how a UI program may affect the duration of unemployment spells. Describe different policy parameters in this context.
13. Describe the identification strategies of Carling et al. (1996) and Carling et al. (2001), respectively. How may they be criticized?
14. What are the main results of Gruber (1997)?
15. How would we expect IRA to affect savings behavior? What do empirical studies find? Why do the results differ?
16. Describe the possible economic effects of worker’s compensation programs.
17. Describe the empirical strategy and the results of Gruber (1994).