

TASKS FOR SELFSTUDY

Topic 1



INTRODUCTION TO DEFENSE AND SECURITY ECONOMICS

1. Try to explain terms defense economy and defense economics. Are these terms synonyms or do they have different meaning?
2. What are the main branches of national defense economics? Describe them and define the object their study.
3. Describe a phase of military-economic thinking development and choose some representatives of military-economic thinking and talk over their share on military-economic thinking development.
4. How can we understand a defense from economic point of view? What type of good is defense? What type of need is accommodated (satisfied) by defense? What can we see as the main problem of economic securing of defense?
5. Think about defense importance for a society, state, business, citizens and so on. How can the defense be beneficial to our national economy? What are the costs of defense ensuring?
6. Try to explain, when and why does defense became economic problem? Show some examples, which support your statement and opinion.
7. How “big” is defense sector in your country (Employment, Budget, Defense of military expenditures /absolutely or relatively as a share of GDP/ and suchlike).