



ECONOMICS

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Paper 2 Essays

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2 hours 15 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

- If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
- Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
- Write in dark blue or black pen.
- You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- Do not use paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **three** questions. **One** must be chosen from Section A and **one** from Section B. The third question can be chosen from either section.

You are advised to spend 5 minutes planning each answer and no more than 40 minutes writing each essay.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A

- 1 Examine the extent to which the government should intervene to produce public goods. [25]
- 2 With reference to examples, assess the extent to which technology has changed market structure and affected the ability of firms to earn supernormal profit. [25]
- 3 Privatisation policies have been developed to such an extent that regulated private ownership is preferable to nationalisation.
With reference to examples, evaluate the extent to which this statement is true. [25]

Section B

- 4 Between 2009 and 2011 Ireland's real GDP is expected to fall by more than 10%.
Explain what is meant by this, and examine the extent to which measures of national income are an accurate reflection of living standards in more economically developed countries (MEDCs). [25]
- 5 In the March 2010 Budget the Chancellor announced a budget deficit of £167 billion.
Explain what is meant by this and evaluate the extent to which this impacts upon the ability of the Government to achieve its macroeconomic objectives. [25]
- 6 With reference to examples, examine the likely economic effects of globalisation on less economically developed countries (LEDCs). [25]

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