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Mark Scheme

Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	B	**(1)**

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(b)	**Knowledge 2, Analysis 1, Application 1** **Knowledge/understanding:** 2 marks for identifying how UK inflation is measured by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI); • Inflation rate measures change in average prices in an economy over a year (1) • A representative basket of goods and services used by average households is recorded (1) • A survey of average prices is recorded (1) • Reference to a base year (1) • Reference to Family/Household/Consumer Expenditure Survey (1) **Analysis:** Items are weighted according to proportion of spending on each product (1) **Application:** 1 mark for reference to the chart, e.g. Food and Fuel is dragging inflation downwards For example: A household expenditure survey (1) is completed to decide what goes in to the basket of goods (1). This is used to attach weights to products based on proportion of spending (1). In January 2015 CPI inflation was 0%. (1) **NB: Candidates must refer to weights for the analysis mark.**	**(4)**

Q2.

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(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge:** 1 mark for identification of a possible reason and 1 mark for its relevance to a fall in the value of the currency. Possible reasons: • Fall in demand for peso (1) with reason (1) • Increase in supply of peso (1) with reason (1) • Current account balance: ○ Fall in the value of X (1) because export prices have fallen (1) ○ Rise in the value of M (1) because of economic growth (1) • Decrease in interest rates (1) in Chile relative to other countries (1) • Fall in FDI (1) with reason e.g. reduced foreign investment in Chilean mining (1) • Change in hot money flows (1) with reason e.g. speculative selling of peso (1) • Rise in value of other countries' exchange rates (1) with a change in relative rates (1) • Relatively high inflation in Chile (1) compared to other countries with which it trades (1)	

	Application: 2 marks for data references e.g. • Copper prices have fallen, Fig. 1 (1) e.g. to $5000 (1) • The Chilean peso has decreased in value (1) • Calculation based on data (award a range of answers because the data is given for the whole year) e.g. 0.2 to 0.14 = 30% fall (or similar) (1 + 1) • Inflation 5% in Chile (1)/above 2-4% target (1)/ e.g. because of higher unit labour costs (implied by high truck drivers' wages, Extract B) (1) • Fall in FDI as mining dries up, therefore reduced demand for peso • Application of an exchange rate diagram e.g. with peso on vertical axis with shift (1) **Analysis:** • 1 mark for explanation of the process linking to the cause to the identified change e.g. fall in copper prices means that the value of exports fall because demand is price inelastic (1) or imports rise in value because of economic growth sucking in imports (1) diagram showing shifts in demand or supply of pesos linked to correct explanation (1) **NB only award 1 mark in total for use of a diagram**	**(5)**

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(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **NB an answer might provide positive externalities as KAA and negative externalities as evaluation** **NB do not award effects on copper mining firms, unless an indirect effect.** **NB an answer which does not relate both to firms and communities is limited to 5/6 KAA marks.** **NB do not award externalities themselves, e.g. pollution, the environment. Award the *impact*.** **Knowledge and Analysis** Knowledge/ implicit understanding of externalities **(1)** e.g. knowledge that externalities are an effect on third parties, or outside (or not accounted for by) the market mechanism, or the difference between private and social costs or benefits Firms (in businesses other than mining) Points showing the impact on **firms** might include: • farms lacking water because mining companies are using it **(1+1)** • high demand for energy means that other firms will face high energy costs **(1+1)** • high exchange rate can cause problems for other exporting firms **(1+1)**	

Communities
Points showing the impact on **communities** might include:

- problems of water access for households **(1+1)**,
- large-scale transport causes noise, air pollution **(1+1)**,
- people have to move away to find work (social dislocation) **(1+1)**
- impact on employment and incomes as mining declines **(1+1)**
- impact on firms that supply the mining sector **(1+1)**

Some impacts could be seen as firms and communities, e.g. impact on wider economy of higher wages as firms have to compete with unionised highly paid copper miners for employment.

Application:

- **Externality diagram** illustrating negative or positive impact using marginal analysis (up to 2 marks: 1 mark for correct MSC and MPC drawn, 1 mark for correct equilibrium shown/deadweight loss)
- Water has to be pumped 200km (Extract B paragraph 4) which uses fossil fuels/is noisy/ugly/affects tourist areas
- Mines are deeper and use more fuel (carbon emissions have impact on climate and therefore on welfare of many)
- Desalination plants might affect other firms or consumers (this might be negative or positive)

Evaluation (2 marks for any relevant point, two points 1 +1):

- Positive externalities, e.g.
  - impact of local multiplier on economy, improved infrastructure affects other industries
  - Improved wages and working conditions for workers (in businesses other than mining)
  - The copper mining has already helped to fund improvements in welfare, such as the financial system and pensions
  - Benefits of higher value of currency, e.g. terms of trade improvement
- Difficult to know how large the externalities are or who is bearing the cost
- The benefits might outweigh the costs, e.g. reduction in poverty, improved fiscal powers, strength of financial markets, improved local infrastructure
- Other standard evaluation points, e.g. Extract B a drought has made the problem more severe, time to acquire environmental impact assessments (Extract B paragraph 5) might not be a reliable indicator

(8)

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** • Link between falling copper prices and falling incomes and government revenue e.g. dramatic loss of government revenue from peak of $11.5 billion • Exposure to risk e.g. high proportion of GDP and exports dependent on copper so this could cause risk of falling incomes • Price volatility e.g. might cause reduced FDI/investment • Impact of declining terms of trade might be used • Successful exports of copper might force up the exchange rate, other 'Dutch disease' issues e.g. impact on non-copper sector • Falling demand for copper might cause peso to fall in value, causing declining terms of trade/cost push inflation • May use diagram to illustrate effects of low PES, PED • Award use of concepts or theories such as Prebisch-Singer, with link to terms of trade and changing world incomes. • Firms may close down e.g. Extract A lines 8-9: award a microeconomics diagram showing shutdown point **NB Do not award any parts of answers which are related to externalities** **A KAA point referring to changes in tax revenues can only be awarded Level 3 if a specific link is made to the source of the tax revenue e.g. – corporation tax or profits of a state-owned enterprise** **For a Level 3 answer there must be reference to dependency rather than just falls in copper prices, and the wider economy rather than just copper mining firms**	**(8)**

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(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Advantages of copper dependency for Chile's economy: ○ Copper dependency is an advantage when copper prices are high e.g. they have been high for a prolonged period, with many advantages ○ Use of data to support this, e.g. $11.5 bn a year tax revenue, or percentage changes in prices Figure 1 ○ Low national debt, falling levels of poverty, inward direct investment • Other industries thriving e.g. salmon industry • Chile's economy 'best run in the region' and has financial strength to overcome copper price changes, relative to other countries who are dependent on primary products e.g. Venezuela • The fall in the exchange rate corrects the problem of over dependency • Copper prices are far less volatile than 2007-2011	**(4)**

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Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to the context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

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(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** 16 marks for KAA, for effects of policies: Microeconomic effects may include: • fiscal, e.g. 'mildly expansionary policies' such as cutting income tax will increase real wages • monetary e.g. cutting interest rates can reduce the costs of borrowing for individuals and firms. • supply side policies, e.g. privatisation, free trade can make markets more competitive • growth and development strategies e.g. education, debt relief etc. can further alleviate poverty • price controls Macroeconomic effects may include: • Cutting interest rate might cause the peso to further decrease in value, which would cause inflation / increase the value of exports leading to current account improving • Privatisation or other supply side policies can increase international competitiveness **NB for a Level 4 response there must be reference to both economic growth (e.g. rising incomes) and economic development (e.g. longer life expectancy through improved living standards) and a focus on effects for Level 3 and above.** 9 marks for evaluation – might include: • Expansionary fiscal policies might involve an improvement in the redistribution of income • Objectives might conflict, e.g. cutting interest rates can cause inflation or widen inequality, or increased government spending to produce growth might cause inflation (e.g. Phillips Curve) • Policies might conflict, e.g. increasing length of time to gain a permit to reduce externalities can cause a negative supply side impact e.g. by raising production costs for firms.	**(25)**

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(e)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** **This mark scheme is based on an increase in I, but answer can be given from the point of view of a decrease** Up to 16 marks for effects: Microeconomic effects may include: • Effects on workers – higher incomes, more jobs • Effect on firms, e.g. increase in productivity, or for firms that produce capital goods, a change in demand • Increase in demand as consumer and business confidence improves • Improved quality of life as a result of research into and development of products Macroeconomic effects may include: • Shift (increase) in AD, with multiplier effects, increasing real GDP • Shift (increase) in AS increasing capacity e.g. through investment in education (Extract A paragraph 5) (LRAS shift only, may be implicit) • Inflation, if linked to expansionary macroeconomics policies • Balance of payments – e.g. effects of inward FDI: short term improvement on financial account, long term impact on current account Award Keynesian and Classical approaches with equal weight. The opposing viewpoints may be used as evaluation. **NB a Level 4 answer refer to *changes in* investment rather than levels. This may be implicit e.g. through a fall in AD** **NB do not award for impact other than on Chile. Do not award for causes rather than effects.**	

	Up to 9 marks for evaluation points include: • Investment in capital might decrease employment • Investment in human capital e.g. education in Extract A, is hard to measure in terms of effectiveness • Data points to both increases and decreases in investment. Other forms of injection into the circular flow might be more sustainable, e.g. G • Depends if the investment is internal or FDI as to the effects on the balance of payments • Depends on whether there is a demand deficiency (Keynesian viewpoint) or failings in the supply side	**(25)**

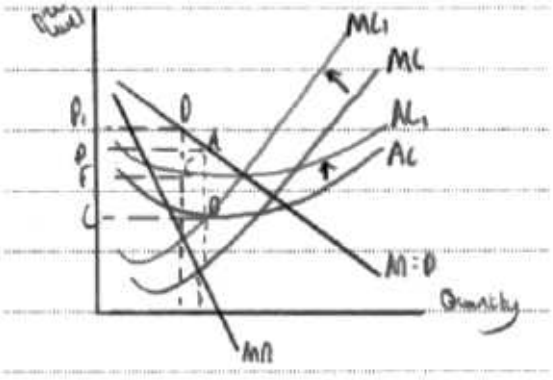
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Q3.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge and analysis:** • Definition of an output gap: e.g. the difference between actual output (or growth) and potential/trend output (or growth), an economy which is operating at less than full potential • Use of AD/AS diagram to show either demand deficiency (static diagram where AD crosses AS below full potential) or a short term movement along SRAS (AD shift left). • Shift of AS leftwards on a diagram that shows full employment (note that this can cause a fall in output gap) • Other diagrammatic analysis can be used to support explanation e.g. PPF / trade cycle but 2 marks are reserved for AD/AS **Application** • Use of Extract D and/or Figure 6, e.g. ○ evidence of immobility of labour and under-employment, ○ there is a negative output gap in the UK Fig 6 ○ 'weak demand conditions' ○ fall in labour productivity • The gap is negative e.g. the sense there is less being produced that could be produced, and is therefore inefficient. • Use of diagram to show the gap on horizontal axis between equilibrium output and potential output. E.g. 1 mark for equilibrium output compared to full employment output **NB award a maximum of 4/5 if there is no use of Extract D or other data provided.** **NB Reserve 2 marks for the AD/AS diagram. Award either as 1 K/AN and 1 AP or as 2 AP.** **NB either a vertical LRAS (Classical) or Keynesian LRAS is acceptable, and the equilibrium may be shown with AD and either LRAS or SRAS.**	**(5)**

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(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2 Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/implicit understanding of** • fiscal deficit is when government revenue is less than government spending difference between government revenue and taxation **or G>T (1)** • national debt as % of GDP **(1)** e.g. the sum of deficits over time divided by GDP **Analysis** • a fiscal deficit feeds into a national debt **(2)** • these can move in different directions because GDP is rising more quickly than debt **(2)** • debt can increase deficit *through higher interest payments* **(2)** **Application:** Reading the data from Figures 4 and 5 1 mark for correct application of figures, and 1 mark for relationship e.g. to show national debt as a percentage of GDP is projected to fall after 2015 (1) while the fiscal deficit set to persist until 2019 (1)	
	NB do not award statement 'debt is falling' **Evaluation** (2 marks for any relevant point, two points 1 +1): • The fall in national debt as a percentage of GDP is dependent not on austerity measures but on expectation of rising GDP • Growth might be quicker without the austerity measures indicated by Figure 6 • Other things are not equal, e.g. interest rates might rise, depends on whether the returns for QE or privatisations are in the figures, effects of Brexit • The relationship is usually direct but after 2015 it is inverse • Other factors might explain the trends (i.e. non causal relationship) e.g. change in GDP or time lag.	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** • Increase in wages implies increased variable costs for firms (average cost or total cost) so profit falls • Diagram showing upwards movement of AC and MC (allow AC-only shift if clearly related to fixed costs of labour) • Allow TC/TR diagram OR • For normal goods there is likely to be an increase in demand (average revenue or total revenue) • Diagram showing rightward/outward shift in AR and MR as demand increases Diagrams 	

	NB an answer which does not include an accurate diagram is limited to Level 2. Diagram must show impact on firms. **NB for a Level 3 answer diagram must show change in profit and can involve a change in FC or VC, and should explicitly link type of cost to type of wage change**	**(8)**

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(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Depends on the proportion of costs made up by (low skilled) labour • Depends on the elasticity of demand for labour, e.g. the substitutability of capital for labour • Effect on profitability will depend on the ability of firms to pass on increased costs • Answers might consider the counterbalancing effects of changes in both revenues and costs • Increased wages have in the past led to increased value of output • In the long run firms might employ younger (under 25) workers, and other possible changes implied in Extract C • Demand might fall if the firm is selling inferior goods when incomes rise. • Real vs. nominal changes in wages • Depends on whether other costs remain the same, or if demand rises as result of increased incomes • Contrast between fixed and variable cost diagrams • Discussion of the supply of labour/opportunity cost of labour as wages rise	**(4)**

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(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** **This mark scheme is based on a decrease in competitiveness, but answer can be given from the point of view of an *increase*** Microeconomic influences may include: • Productivity – physical and human e.g. use of Figure 6 to show worsening of UK international competitiveness • Unit labour costs – in terms of relative wages • Market structure, e.g. low level of competition between firms • Effectiveness of competition policy • Non-price factors e.g. quality • Labour market factors e.g. strength of trade unions, national minimum wage, labour market regulation, • Taxes and subsidies on firms can be seen as micro or macro • Regulation e.g. green taxes and other environmental policies Macroeconomic influences may include: • Physical and human capital • Level of inflation • Level of indirect taxation, including tax on labour, corporation tax • Real exchange rates • Infrastructure • Supply side policies, including protectionism if explicitly linked to competitiveness • Comparative advantage • Membership of trading blocs • Levels of protectionism/tariff barriers	
	Possible evaluation points include: • Degree to which the factor influences competitiveness e.g. ULCs more significant in countries where production has a strong manufacturing base • There may be a discussion of the degree to which wages influence competitiveness • Use of other countries in data e.g. to observe conflicting evidence • Difficulties in measuring productivity or competitiveness, productivity puzzle • Diagram might be used to show different labour market supply and demand and elasticities • Data might be used to make observations, e.g. that Germany is very competitive but has higher wages. • Relative significance of price vs non-price factors • Problems of being competitive in non-tradables, e.g. many services are hard to trade **NB do not award effects unless linked to further changes in competitiveness**	**(25)**

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	Possible evaluation points include: • impact will depend on which areas of government spending are cut, or which type of taxes are raised • depends on multiplier effects within different sub-groups, and depends on the type of tax raised • does the deficit need to be cut at all? Figure 6 shows falling national debt relative to GDP even with a fiscal deficit • questioning the timing of the cut in a deficit – should fiscal austerity be delayed, or is it important to avoid the credit risk of ongoing deficit? • Increase in tax has a smaller effect on crowding out then cutting G. More time delays, might not work, no first round impact on the circular flow of income. • Government failure • Consideration of the size of the public sector **NB for a level 4 there must be reference to:** • **G and T** • **macro and micro effects**	**(25)**

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Q4.

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(a)	**Application 2** Terms of trade = $\frac{\text{Index of export prices}}{\text{Index of import prices}} \times 100$ (1) = $\frac{148.5}{134.1} \times 100 = 110.7$ (1)	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 1, Analysis 1** **Knowledge/understanding:** Identification of one possible cause e.g. • a depreciation of the Brazilian currency OR • a decrease in Brazil's inflation rate relative to other countries' inflation rates OR • a decrease in Brazil's export prices (1) **Analysis:** • A depreciation of the Brazilian currency would cause Brazilian exports to become relatively cheaper and imports relatively more expensive (1) OR • A decrease in Brazil's inflation rate relative to other countries' would cause Brazilian exports to become relatively cheaper (1) OR • A decrease in Brazil's export prices could have been caused by an increase in productivity in Brazil relative to other countries.	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(c)	C	(1)

Q5.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 1, Application 2, Analysis 2** **Knowledge/Understanding:** Identifying data 0.95 & 0.75 (1) **Application:** • Correct percentage change formula (1) • Correct data inputted into formula (1) **Analysis:** Calculation of the percentage change in the exchange rate: 0.75-0.95 / 0.95 X 100 = -21% (2) **N.B. award full marks for correct answer between -21% and -21.1%** **NB If no reference to minus/fall/decrease then maximum 4 marks**	**(5)**

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(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/understanding:** 2 marks for identification of two factors (1+1), e.g. • falling oil prices • falling commodity prices • changing relative exchange rates • government fiscal tightening • low consumer or business confidence • increase in savings **Analysis:** 2 marks for linked explanation of how these explain the fall in Eurozone inflation (1+1), e.g. • Falling oil prices in the world economy reduce key costs of production such as transportation, reducing prices of many products in the economy **Application:** 2 marks (1+1) for reference to the data/candidates' own knowledge, e.g. • From figure 2, Eurozone inflation 0.1% in 2015 (1) • ECB predicts Eurozone inflation to rise 'by just 1 per cent in 2016' (extract A) (1) • Figure 2 shows disinflation occurring (1) • Inflation fell from just over 3% in 2011 (1) to less than 0.25% in 2015 (1) **Evaluation:** 2 marks for evaluation (1+1 / 2) • Inflation likely to rise in the future, with ECB expecting 1.6% in 2017 • Oil prices are very volatile and could easily rise rapidly due to world events such as instability in the Middle East • Rising GDP in the Eurozone may mean more demand-pull inflation in the future • Depends on extent of fiscal tightening by government • Oil prices a significant cost of production for businesses	**(8)**

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(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2,** Likely impacts on the current accounts include: • Reduced demand for Eurozone exports as they appear more expensive when converted into other currencies. • Increased demand for Eurozone imports as they appear cheaper when converted into other currencies.	**(6)**

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(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Euro may not have appreciated against all currencies. • Euro may have appreciated against currencies of countries who do not receive many Eurozone exports. • Magnitude discussion • May change in the long term • Marshall-Lerner condition • J-curve effects • Non-price factors may be more important	**(4)**

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	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/ reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4,** ECB QE programme is effective: • Explanation of process of QE • should encourage banks to increase lending and thus hopefully increase consumption/investment • Inflation/GDP may well have been much lower without QE • Confidence of markets would have been much lower without QE • QE programme to be extended for a further 6 months • Lower interest rates encourages consumption/investment, thus increasing AD and therefore inflation • Low government bond yields for Eurozone countries • Depreciation of the Euro affecting X-M NB One side of this argument should count as KAA and the opposing argument as Evaluation	**(8)**

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	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–2	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	3–5	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d) continued	**Evaluation 4** ECB QE programme isn't effective: • Inflation likely to remain below target into at least 2017 • Low inflation is largely down to factors outside the central bank's control (e.g. oil prices) • Lack of confidence among firms and consumers meaning they are not responding as the ECB would like to the QE programme • Banks are still reluctant to lend money to firms and consumers • Time lags • Extension of QE programme suggests that it hasn't worked • Other policies may be more effective NB One side of this argument should count as KAA and the opposing argument as Evaluation	**(4)**

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	0	No evaluative comments.
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Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 3, Application 3, Analysis 3** **Potential policies may include:** • Fiscal policies, e.g. reduced corporation tax to increase investment and therefore increase AD • Supply-side policies, e.g. increased investment in education to create a more highly-skilled and therefore more productive workforce N.B. Candidates may discuss more than one of each type of policy N.B. Candidates must discuss both fiscal and supply-side policies for level 3	**(9)**

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Level 1	1–3	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	4–6	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	7–9	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e) continued	**Evaluation 6** Evaluation of the policies, e.g. • Governments in many Eurozone countries are having to focus on reducing national debt and can't afford policies such as tax cuts • Supply-side policies take a long time to have an impact on the economy	**(6)**

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Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is unbalanced. Evaluative comments with supporting evidence/reference to context and a partially-developed chain of reasoning.
Level 3	5–6	Evaluative comments supported by relevant chain of reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Q6.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 1, Application 2, Analysis 2** **Knowledge/understanding:** 1 mark for: • GDP per capita = GDP ÷ population/GDP per person (1). **Application:** 2 marks for: • GDP per capita for Burundi = 2.47 bn/16.14 mn = $153 (1) • GDP per capita for Kenya = 37.23 bn/62.78 mn = $593 (1) **Analysis:** 2 marks for: • Ratio of Burundi's GDP per capita: Kenya's GDP per capita = 153:593 (1) = 1:3.9 (1) [Accept 1:3.8 to 1:4]	**(5)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/understanding:** 2 marks for identification of two factors (1+1) **Analysis:** 2 marks for linked explanation of how these factors constrain growth (1+1), e.g. • land-locked (1) therefore high transport costs so limited opportunities for international trade (1) • low tax revenue (1) meaning government has insufficient funds for investment in education (1) • primary product dependency (1) price volatility leading to uncertain levels of income/investment (1) • civil war (1) destruction of infrastructure which discourages investment (1). **Application:** 2 marks for reference to the data (1+1), e.g. • coffee and tea make up almost 70% of Burundi's export earnings • high level of tax exemptions – 3% of GDP. **Evaluation:** 2 marks for two evaluative comments, e.g. • civil war as a temporary factor (1) • government might get money through aid (1) OR 2 marks for identification and linked development, e.g. • growth of emerging economies (1) has led to increase in primary product prices (1) • FDI by China (1) has led to improved infrastructure (1).	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** GDP is the best way to compare living standards: • it is an internationally comparable measure • it is a fairly simple measure, meaning a low opportunity cost to the governments of these developing countries • it requires less data than some more sophisticated measures, reducing the chance of data inaccuracy • there is GDP data for all five countries, whereas there is no IHDI data for Burundi • can be refined into per capita / PPP measures to make more representative • the rank orders of the five countries are the same using GDP as using GDP per capita and HDI	**(8)**

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Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • it does not include much of what is important in determining standard of living, e.g. education, healthcare • it does not show how income is distributed among the population • it does not take account of any unpaid/illegal/'cash in hand' work, particularly a problem in developing countries like these, with a large subsistence agriculture sector • GDP doesn't take into account different costs of living (without a PPP adjustment) – compare Rwanda and Uganda	**(4)**

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Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2** Possible benefits include: • increased regional trade has led to faster economic growth • firms can take advantage of increased economies of scale • trade creation • free movement of labour may fill labour shortages in individual countries • increased investment, either domestic or foreign • negotiating together may give the countries more power at, e.g., WTO talks.	**(6)**

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Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d) continued	**Evaluation 4** Possible costs include: • trade diversion • loss of revenue from import tariffs from fellow members. General evaluative points: • Kenya is the largest economy in the EAC, so has the smallest additional economies of scale to gain • 'Kenya's exports to the other EAC members were about US$1.2 billion in 2010' (Extract 2), so benefits appear to be significant • Kenya probably gains less benefit from the smaller countries being co-members of the EAC, e.g. Burundi.	**(4)**

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Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 3, Application 3, Analysis 3** Candidates may analyse the costs in their answer, and the benefits as evaluation (or vice versa), or may analyse the costs and benefits in their answer, and consider the significance of their arguments as evaluation. Possible costs include: • loss of control over monetary policy (given current differences in economic development, perhaps unlikely that one common policy would be optimal for all) • loss of control over exchange rate policy • resulting inability to respond differently to asymmetric shocks • changeover costs/menu costs • consumer confusion • may be inflationary if all producers round up their new prices/loss of consumer surplus. Possible benefits include: • reduction in transaction costs • elimination of exchange rate risk (leading to more trade and investment) • reduction in region-wide price differentials / may reduce inflation/increase consumer surplus • a larger and more diverse economic area may be less vulnerable to exogenous shocks and speculative currency attacks.	**(9)**

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Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e) continued	**Evaluation 6** (Costs and benefits are outlined under Knowledge, Application and Analysis.) General evaluative points: • the countries have benefited to different extents: Kenya and Rwanda seem to have done well, while Burundi has not seen as much of a benefit • the euro area is a significant trade partner more so than the other EAC countries (in 2008) • increasing economic openness should reduce the potential for asymmetric shocks as time progresses • low levels of intra-EAC trade mean that the benefits from reduced transaction costs will be very small.	**(6)**

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Q7.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**The only correct answer is D** ***A*** *is not correct because that would involve interest rates/QE* ***B*** *is not correct because that would involve changing the value of the pound* ***C*** *is not correct because that would involve interest rates/QE*	**(1)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Application 2** **Application**: 2 marks for e.g. 500 000 X 0.17 (1) = 85 000 **NB Award full marks for correct answer**	**(2)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 1, Analysis 1** **Knowledge/understanding (1):** Identification of one reason, e.g. • Increase in firms choosing to base themselves in the UK • Increased investment by UK firms leading to increased profits • Reduced tax evasion/avoidance **Analysis**: 1 mark for linked development, e.g. • With more firms locating in the UK there will be more firms paying UK corporation tax • A labelled Laffer curve	**(2)**

Q8.

Question Number		Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge and analysis:** 1 mark for identification of price inelastic demand and 1 mark for definition of price inelastic demand (a change in price leads to a less than proportionate change in quantity demanded). A further mark for explanation of either of the following: • Price and total revenue moving in the same direction – indication that demand is price inelastic • Demand price inelastic because there are no good substitutes. **Application:** 2 references from Extract 3: (2 marks) • 'Some analysts say that trend (higher prices) should still help lift revenue, even if Brazil produces less' (1) • 'Last year, coffee export revenue fell 19% even though the volume sold rose 10.2% from a year earlier'. (1)	**(5)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge and analysis:** 1 mark for coffee beans as a cost of production; 1 for affect on supply curve. A further 2 marks for further development/explanation • Supply and demand diagram illustrating a leftward shift in the supply curve and rise in the price of a cup of coffee Or verbal explanation **Application:** up to 2 marks for 2 references to Figure 4: e.g. • Coffee represents 3.6% of the cost of a cup of coffee. (1) • Other costs e.g. rent, packaging, wages and profit represent £ 2.12 out of £2.20 of the price of a cup of coffee. (1) **Evaluation:** (2 marks for any valid point): • Coffee beans only a small proportion of price of a cup of coffee • Competition might mean that coffee shops/chains absorb increased costs by reducing profit margins • Consideration of interdependence under oligopoly.	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** • Understanding of contestability - low barriers to exit (sunk costs) and entry • Examples of exit barriers and entry barriers in the context of coffee bean farmers and coffee shops • Coffee beans - large number of coffee farmers suggesting low barriers to exit and entry. High threat of potential competition suggesting that the market is contestable • Coffee shop market - dominated by three large chains suggesting low contestability • Sunk costs for coffee shops include - heavy advertising; strong global brand names. These limit the threat of potential competition so making the market less contestable.	**(8)**

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Level 2	3 - 5	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	6 - 8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Coffee bean producers - contestability limited because coffee beans can only be grown in certain climates; long growing period • Coffee shops - fairly contestable because; many small independent coffee shops; low start-up costs; few sunk costs: shops and equipment can be leased or rented; skills required relatively low.	**(4)**

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2	3-4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** Microeconomic effects: • fluctuating revenues for farmers • uncertainty - difficult for producers to plan investment and output • implications for how the farmer uses his land. Macroeconomic effects: • fluctuating export revenues • fluctuations in the country's balance of payments on current account • could be reflected in fluctuations in the country's GDP • implications for the country's economic development • resources might not be allocated efficiently.	

	Possible evaluation points include: • uncertainty can be reduced by forward purchases of • coffee beans at set prices • much depends on whether there is a long run upward or • downward trend in prices of coffee prices • impact on individual coffee producing countries will depend on the significance of coffee to the country' economy • degree of price fluctuation depends on price elasticities of demand and supply • price fluctuations might act as an incentive for countries to diversify and/or develop manufacturing and tertiary industries • possibility of government intervention to stabilise farmers' incomes e.g. through the introduction of a buffer stock scheme.	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
Level	Marks	Descriptor
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Level 2	5 - 8	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response or superficial, two stage chains of reasoning only.
Level 3	9 - 12	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to apply economic concepts and relate them directly to the broad elements of the question with evidence integrated into the answer. Analysis is clear and coherent, although it may lack balance. Chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 4	13 - 16	Demonstrates precise knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using appropriate examples. Analysis is relevant and focused with evidence fully and reliably integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Evaluation		
Level	Marks	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1 - 3	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	4 - 6	Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is unbalanced, leading to unsubstantiated judgements. Evaluative comments with supporting evidence/reference to context and a partially developed chain of reasoning.
Level 3	7 - 9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** Microeconomic effects: • understanding of the impact of depreciation of the *real:* • Brazilian exports will be cheaper abroad, leading to higher demand while imports into Brazil will be more expensive resulting in a decrease in demand • primary producers: export revenues may fall since demand for many primary products is price inelastic • increase in costs for firms reliant on imported raw materials • increase in competitiveness for Brazilian exporters of manufactured goods. Macroeconomic effects: Brazil's currency depreciated by 20% in 2013 • this should increase the competitiveness of its goods and services and lead to an improvement in the current account of the balance of payments • this could lead to an increase in employment • cost push inflation • there is an increase in the real burden of foreign debt.	

	Possible evaluation points include: • 20% depreciation is significant but much depends on whether this is sustained in the medium term • impact on individual Brazilian producers depends on their reliance on imports and/or exports • inflation is a problem so any competitive advantage may be lost quickly. (Depreciation raises the cost of imported raw materials and goods) • impact on current account will depend on whether the Marshall-Lerner condition is fulfilled • Also: short run and long run effect on the current account may be analysed using the J curve effect.	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
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Level 1	1 - 3	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
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Level 3	7 - 9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Q9.

Question Number		Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge and Analysis** • Definition of exchange rate: price of one currency in terms of another (1) • Possible reasons: – Reduction in QE by USA **(K):** likely to cause a rise in interest rates in developed economies and less demand for the currencies of emerging economies **(A)** – Slow-down in the Turkish economy **(K):** likely to cause a fall in confidence and a decrease in foreign direct investment and less demand for the currencies of emerging economies **(A)** **Application**: Reference from Figure 1: (2) 14% fall in value of the Turkish lira over the whole period	**(5)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** • understanding of *inflation:* general increase in the average price level Costs of inflation include: • arbitrary redistribution of income from lenders to borrowers • loss of international competitiveness of Argentine goods • uncertainty causing a fall in investment • industrial unrest: reference to impact of strike by the police • menu costs and shoe leather costs • danger of hyperinflation if the current inflation is not brought under control.	**(8)**

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Level 2	3–5	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(b) continued	**Evaluation 4** • current inflation rate may be a short-term phenomenon only • impact of competitiveness depends on inflation rates of countries that Argentina trades with • Argentine government is taking measures e.g. price controls to reduce the rate of inflation • impact on living standards depends on what is happening to wages	**(4)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/ reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number		Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge and Analysis** • Restrictions on beef exports caused a fall in demand and in the price of beef (**K**). In turn, this made it less profitable to produce beef. (**A**) (2) • Soya production becoming more profitable because of growing demand from China (**K**). Therefore, farmers reallocating resources from beef production to soya production. (**A**) (2) **Application** • 10 million fall in the stock of cattle (over 10 years) to 48 million in 2011. • Exports accounted for 20% of beef production in 2007, but have fallen to just 7% in 2013 (2) **Evaluation** 2 marks for any valid point: • Some farmers may find it difficult to switch production from beef to soya because of the costs involved and/or unsuitability of the land • Farmers might think that government restrictions on beef exports may be short-term so they will not switch from beef to soya.	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8 Evaluation 9** Microeconomic effects: • supply and demand diagram illustrating the impact of maximum prices: contraction in supply and extension of domestic demand • shortages of products subject to price controls • need for rationing • greater price stability for producers • implications for resource allocation: producers will switch resources to the production of products not covered by price controls. Macroeconomic effects: • falling export revenues from beef sales • negative impact on Argentina's balance of trade • could cause fall in the rate of economic growth • negative implications for Argentina's economic development • fall in the rate of inflation • price controls might act as an incentive for producers to diversify and/or develop manufacturing and tertiary industries. Possible evaluation points include: • impact of price controls depends on how rigorously they are enforced • producers may not reallocate resources to products not subject to price controls if they believe that they will only exist for a short time • impact on the balance of trade may be minimal, e.g. because of the increase in exports of soya • impact on the rate of inflation may be limited to the short-term: once price controls are removed the rate of inflation might increase significantly	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
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Level 2	5–8	Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them to economic problems in context. Displays knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories to make limited analysis or narrow analysis
Level 3	9–12	Analysis is clear and coherent with evidence well integrated, although may focus on some of the broad elements of the question more than others. Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them directly to the broad elements in the question.
Level 4	13–16	Analysis is relevant, clear and coherent with evidence fully and reliably integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems covering both microeconomic and macroeconomic effects. A clear understanding of economic principles, concepts, theories and arguments.

Evaluation		
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	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–3	Identification of evaluative comments without explanation.
Level 2	4–6	Evaluative comments with limited explanations. Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is generic or unbalanced leading to limited judgements.
Level 3	7–9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and can be critical of the evidence provided.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** Microeconomic effects: • primary producers: export revenues may fall since demand for many primary products is price inelastic • increase in costs for firms reliant on imported raw materials • increase in competitiveness for Argentine exporters of manufactured goods. Macroeconomic effects: • increase in the competitiveness of Argentine's goods and services may lead to an improvement in the current account of the balance of payments • increase in the rate of economic growth • leading to an increase in employment • cost push inflation resulting from increased costs of imported goods • increase in the real burden of foreign debt. Possible evaluation points include: • impact on individual Argentine producers depends on their reliance on imports and/or exports • demand for some products, e.g. soya may not be adversely affected because demand is increasing rapidly in China • inflation is very high so any competitive advantage may be lost quickly. Impact on current account will depend on whether the Marshall-Lerner condition is fulfilled • short-run and long-run effect on the current account may be analysed using the J curve effect • the current account will only improve if the Marshall-Lerner condition is fulfilled, i.e. if the sum of the price elasticity of demands for imports and exports is greater than 1	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
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Level 2	4–6	Evaluative comments with limited explanations. Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is generic or unbalanced leading to limited judgements.
Level 3	7–9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and can be critical of the evidence provided.

Q10.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 1, Application 2, Analysis 2** **Knowledge/understanding:** • CPI is a weighted average (1) **Application:** • Contribution from food items = 2.5 x 0.318 (1) = 0.795 • Contribution from non-food items = 1.2 x 0.682 (1) = 0.818 **Analysis:** • 0.795 + 0.818 (1) = 1.6% (1) NB Accept 1.6% to 2%.	**(5)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/understanding:** 2 marks for identification of 2 factors (1+1) **Analysis:** 2 marks for linked explanation of how these two factors contribute to disinflation (1+1), e.g. • Fall in global commodity prices (e.g. oil) (K1) reduce firms' production costs (An1) • Fall in demand for Chinese exports due to weak growth in other economies (K1) reduces demand-pull inflationary pressures (An1) • Fall in domestic demand for Chinese goods and services due to falling consumer confidence (K1) reduces demand-pull inflationary pressure (An1) • Over-capacity in China (K1) means that aggregate demand can increase without increasing inflationary pressures (An1) **Application:** 2 marks for reference to the data (1+1), e.g. • Reference to Figure 2 to show disinflation • 'The drop in global energy costs is feeding through to weaker inflation everywhere' • 'long history of excessive development across industries' **Evaluation:** 2 marks for identification and linked development of one evaluative comment, e.g. • Use of Figure 1 to question the extent of the disinflation • Extract describes the overcapacity as 'severe' and says that $6.8 trillion has been squandered since 2009 on 'ineffective investment' • Some overseas economies are recovering, e.g. USA, UK, implying demand for exports may not continue to be weak.	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2** Understanding of investment. Possible effects include: • Investment is a component of aggregate demand, so aggregate demand should increase, leading to an increase in real GDP • Positive multiplier effect • Investment increases the economy's productive capacity, leading to an outward shift of the PPF / LRAS curve, so increasing real GDP • Analysis may include an AD/AS diagram showing an increase in AD and/or AS.	**(6)**

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	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1 - 2	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	3 - 4	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response or the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	5 - 6	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are applied appropriately to the broad elements of the question.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c) Continued	**Evaluation 4** Possible evaluative comments include: • Comment as to the extent /significance of the investment • Much of the investment has been 'ineffective', implying it may create short term growth only • Much of the investment has been financed by borrowing; this may endanger future economic growth • Reduced importance of some of the other components of aggregate demand meant that investment was a particularly important driver of economic growth.	**(4)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
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Level 2	3 - 4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** Candidates may analyse the benefits in their answer, and the costs as evaluation (or vice versa), or may analyse the benefits in their answer, and consider the significance of their arguments as evaluation. Understanding of a devaluation of the currency Possible benefits include: • It should increase demand-pull and cost-push inflationary pressures, reducing the possibility of a deflationary spiral (and the costs of this) • Devaluing the currency would increase the international price competitiveness of Chinese goods and services, improving the trade balance and boosting aggregate demand • This would increase employment and improve the government budget balance • It would help to use up the spare capacity in the economy • Interest rate has already been cut - if that isn't effective this may be necessary • A competitive devaluation may be necessary if a currency war breaks out NB No credit for references to effects on investment.	**(8)**

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	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1 - 2	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	3 - 5	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	6 - 8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
(d) Continued	**Evaluation 4** Possible costs include: • Experts say that deflation is unlikely in China - growth is still at 7% per annum • A devaluation of the renminbi would raise the price of imports for consumers (lower consumer surplus) • A devaluation of the renminbi would raise the cost of imported raw materials and components for Chinese firms who are already dealing with falling domestic and overseas demand • May spark a currency war/lead to retaliation • If the Marshall-Lerner condition is not satisfied in the long run, then the trade balance may not improve • The trade balance may worsen in the short run due to a 'J-curve' effect • Rising wages may limit the effects of a devaluation General evaluative points: • Effects depend on the size of the devaluation • Effects depend on how long the devaluation is maintained for • Effects depend on the actions of other countries • May lead to action from the WTO • Prioritisation of factors.	**(4)**

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	0	No evaluative comments.
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Level 2	3 - 4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 3, Application 3, Analysis 3** Understanding of tariffs. Possible effects include: • Fewer exports of telecommunications equipment sold into the EU • Slow-down in the telecommunications sector in China • Slower increases in Chinese aggregate demand and growth • Increased prices of telecommunications equipment in the EU • Reduction in consumer surplus • Increase in EU producer surplus • Tariff revenue for EU governments • Net decrease in welfare in the EU • May include diagrammatic analysis of tariff • Effects on EU and Chinese trade balances • Growth in EU telecommunications sector, leading to increased employment and positive multiplier effects.	**(9)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1 - 3	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	4 - 6	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	7 - 9	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e) continued	**Evaluation 6** Possible evaluative comments include: • Comment on magnitude of tariffs - 'harsh' implies they will be large or have a significant effect • Telecommunications is only one industry within both China and the EU, so any aggregate effects may be small • Effects depend on the price elasticity of demand and supply in the EU for telecommunications equipment • Tariff revenue is a very small proportion of overall tax revenue for EU governments, implying any effects on fiscal balances are likely to be insignificant • Tariffs may be ruled illegal by the WTO • China may retaliate to the tariffs.	**(6)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1 - 2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3 - 4	Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is unbalanced. Evaluative comments with supporting evidence/reference to context and a partially-developed chain of reasoning.
Level 3	5 - 6	Evaluative comments supported by relevant chain of reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Q11.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**The only correct answer is B** ***A*** *is not correct because the pound has fallen in value* ***C*** *is not correct because the pound-dollar is a floating exchange rate system* ***D*** *is not correct because the pound-dollar is a floating exchange rate system*	**(1)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 1, Analysis 1** Knowledge 2 marks e.g. • UK current account would improve/reduction in deficit (1) • Increase in exports (1) • Decrease in imports (1) Application 1 mark e.g. • Accurate reference to data between 1st January 2018 to 1st January 2019 Analysis 1 mark for linked development e.g. • UK exports become more competitive • UK exports appear cheaper to US consumers Own answer rule Allow alternative responses referring to Marshall-Lerner Condition and/or J-Curve	**(4)**

Q12.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge:** 2 marks for identification of how intervention might work e.g. • Raising/lowering interest rates (1) which affects exchange rates/hot money flows (1) • Buying/selling foreign currencies (1) which affects their exchange rate (1) • Buying/selling domestic currencies (1) which affects their exchange rate (1) • Quantitative easing/changing the money supply might be used (1) • Sets a ceiling and floor (1) **Application:** 2 marks for data references e.g. • Use of Figure 1 to show interest rate changes: e.g. central bank rose rates to 6.25 percentage points in 2018 (1) which caused the lira to appreciate 11% (1) lira has lost a third of its value against the dollar in 2018 (1) • Use of text to give example of Turkish government buying and selling: e.g. the country is highly indebted on foreign currency (1) • This might be shown by an exchange rate diagram (1)	

	Analysis: 1 mark for explanation e.g. • Process by which the intervention affects exchange rate/interest rate e.g. the government buys US dollars to decrease the price of Turkish lira (1) by increasing the supply of lira on the forex market (1) or raises interest rate in increase the price of Turkish lira (1) **NB a diagram can be seen as application or analysis, if used in a valid context.**	**(5)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/ implicit understanding:** 2 marks (1+1) for each reason and explanation e.g. a lower exchange rate can: • Reduces financial risks • To bring stability/security in the economy • Harms borrowers who have borrowed in foreign currency • Causes inflation as import costs rise • Worsens the terms of trade • Worsens living standards • Short term J-curve effects on current account of the Balance of Payments **Application:** (2 marks: 1+1 or 2) • Turkish inflation 25% • Lira has lost a third of its value of US dollar 2018 (1) • Turkey is highly indebted in foreign currency (1) • Government takes measures against excessive appreciation or depreciation of the Turkish lira to reduce financial stability risks (1) • The financial market faces difficulties in trying to restore *foreign investors'* confidence (1)	

	Analysis: 2 marks (1+1) for linked development of each point e.g. • A weaker currency can lead to cost push inflation as import prices rise • A weaker currency worsens the terms of trade as export prices fall relative to import prices • There will be less investment if there is a loss of foreign investors' confidence/AD shift **Evaluation** (2 marks: two points 1+1 or 2). Points might include: • Inflation is very high (25%) so this should be main reason not to allow a fall in the exchange rate • Inflation is showing signs of reversing so a fall in the exchange rate may be less problematic • Problems caused by inflation might be outweighed by the other benefits such as export-led growth/improved competitiveness • Benefits of weak exchange rate, e.g. exports cheap, • Other benefits of weak currency e.g. stimulus of economy, increased competitiveness, higher employment and FDI	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** **Knowledge/implicit understanding:** Policies identified might include: • Indirect tax/charges • Ban or other regulation • Free bags/nets or other state provision • Fines • Behavioural economics policy **Application:** • Tax or charge on each item. Might be illustrated through a specific tax diagram or similar. • Ban in some parts of Turkey for specific types (carcinogenic black bags). Might be supported by a limit on supply diagram. • Fines for consumers and retailers in some parts of Turkey • Free bags/nets or other state provision in e.g. 20 000 in Corlu near Istanbul • 950 tonnes of plastic waste **Analysis:** • Explanation of process linking the intervention to the reduction in use of bags. • This might be shown through a diagram(s).	**(8)**

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Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Charges work in other countries, e.g. UK • Emerging economies/countries might have more problems facing the cost of interventions e.g. inequality issue, poverty • The problem is much wider than plastic/single use bags, and the interventions will only affect a few on-street purchases • Likely to succeed because it taps into the social conscience of consumers and even a small charge may have a dramatic impact as in the UK • The tax/charge makes up a small proportion of income so many have minimal impact. PED is very inelastic/close to zero • Unintended consequences: e.g. multiple-use/ bags for life often contain more plastic and unless used many times can be more environmentally damaging • First paragraph suggests they are everywhere so given habitual behaviour people may continue to use them despite charges/ tax • opportunity cost of giving away 20 000 bags in a month – is this socially efficient?	**(4)**

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	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to the context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** 16 marks for KAA, for effects of increased interest rates. Microeconomic effects may include: • Fixed costs to firms will rise. May cause shut down/loss of competitiveness • Fall in consumer demand as consumption expenditure falls - likely reduction in AR for normal goods • Other costs to consumers/firms/a government e.g. increased burden of debt and loan repayments/servicing costs • Fall in investment by firms - reducing dynamic efficiency in the economy as less funds for R&D • Impact on Turkish housing market Macroeconomic effects may include: • Link between higher interest rates and lower investment and lower consumption- reducing AD: inward shift of AD (or slowing outward shift) with multiplier effects with macroeconomic impacts e.g. unemployment • Rise in the value of the lira – worsening of current account of the Balance of Payments – possibly with effects on other countries • Redistribution of income e.g. from borrowers to savers/lenders, from asset holders to renters • Cost of financing public deficit/debt (may refer to opportunity cost) may mean less government spending elsewhere, e.g. limited ability to spend on education **NB for a Level 4 response there must be micro and macro effect (s). Income distribution, investment changes and competitiveness, for example, can be used as either micro or macroeconomics.**	

	9 marks for evaluation – points might include: • Interest rate might not be the most significant cost for firms • Contractionary monetary policies already very tight. Depends on the interest rates in other markets • Inflation has peaked and there are signs that it will fall so the rise in interest rates is not necessary • Trade-off between objectives or prioritisation e.g. lower inflation at the cost of higher unemployment might be shown with critical use of a Phillips Curve • Depends on interest rates in other markets- do we mean lending rates in other countries. • Turkey's private sector is resilient - they may refer to this explaining that shut down is less likely • Impact on housing market will depend on whether people own homes and are mortgaged or whether they rent, or whether mortgage is fixed or variable rate • Magnitude the interest rate change - Figure 1 suggests large increases and therefore significant impact/large changes are unable to have much further effect	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–4	Displays ability to apply knowledge in context but will focus on small range of elements. Demonstrates understanding by identifying relevant information. Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models.
Level 2	5–8	Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them to economic problems in context. Displays knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories to make limited analysis or narrow analysis.
Level 3	9–12	Analysis is clear and coherent with evidence well integrated, although may focus on some of the broad elements of the question more than others. Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them directly to the broad elements in the question.
Level 4	13–16	Analysis is relevant, clear and coherent with evidence fully and reliably integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems covering both microeconomic and macroeconomic effects. A clear understanding of economic principles, concepts, theories and arguments.

Evaluation		
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Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** 16 marks for KAA, for effects of increased infrastructure spending Microeconomic effects may include: • Wages higher • Improved infrastructure affects firms e.g. businesses' fixed or variable costs fall as transport costs fall • Investment seen to boost business confidence, lead to further investment and spending within firms • External benefits/external costs associated with the project - especially given the size, number of runways and amount of traffic outlined in Extract C. • External economies of scale • Accept answers based on impact on costs and/or revenues if the building occurs in the private sector, with appropriate diagram Macroeconomic effects may include: • Redistribution of incomes • Outward shift of AD/injection (I or G) into circular flow (or further outward shift in AD) with multiplier effects, with macroeconomic impacts e.g. employment and incomes rising • AS shift right with a movement in capacity of the productive economy shown (Keynesian or Classical AS) • Fiscal loosening – effects of increased budget deficit if funded without increase in tax • Effects of a rise in tax, if linked to government decision to raise tax to fund the projects	

	NB for a Level 4 response there must be micro and macro effect (s). Some factors could be seen as micro or macroeconomics, such as a rise in tax, increased FDI, redistribution and confidence. Up to 9 marks for evaluation. Points might include: • Opportunity cost of spending on infrastructure e.g. schools, or higher taxes, • Crowding out – financial or resource • Might be a white elephant project • Depends on relations with EU/other countries as to whether the airport will reach full capacity • Depends on the size of the multiplier effect • Depends on the state of the financial sector • True costs not accounted for - externalities ignored • Large projects require a lot of coordination and getting behind schedule putting lives at risk. • Difficulty in placing value on external benefits and costs associated with the project	**(25)**

Knowledge, application and analysis		
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Q13.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 1** **Knowledge and analysis** Up to 3 marks for: • the meaning of externalities, e.g. effect on third party, outside the transaction, difference between social cost and private cost (1). Points might include: • use of plastic which is hard to recycle/other single use plastic arguments (1) • HFSS food can cause obesity and have third party effects (1) • more congestion/air pollution from food deliveries (1) • (positive) externality due to rise in productivity generated by cash rich, time poor professionals might allow people do impact third parties positively (1) **Application:** 2 marks for data (1+1 or 2): • 1.4 billion containers (1) or other plastic items to allow food to travel safely e.g. heat retention (1) • over-consumption / order more food (1) e.g. impact on other NHS users (1) • HFSS food (1) • falling profit margins (1) or increased competition in food delivery might mean wages fall so fewer wider macro benefits (1) • don't even have to get up/lack of exercise of consumers ordering from their sofa (1) **NB 2 marks may be awarded for a diagram** e.g. a negative externalities in production of food that has to be delivered	(5)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/implicit understanding:** (1+1) marks e.g. • demand is price inelastic means that the percentage change in price causes a smaller percentage change in quantity demanded • demand is income elastic means that percentage change in income causes a greater percentage change in demand **Application:** (1+1 or 2) e.g. • food delivery firms' charge of £5 is a very small percentage of consumer income so they might be seen as essential or basic goods (Ext B line 5) • three dominant firms Just Eat, Uber Eats and Deliveroo (Ext B line2) • The food delivery industry has boomed in recent years (Ext B line 2) • cash rich, time poor (Ext B line 7) • income growth prior to 2020 meant delivery has boomed • HFSS addiction/habit forming • Convenient mobile app, so PED inelastic • 5 times more expensive than cooking at home **Analysis:** (1+1) development of each type of elasticity, e.g. • if demand is price inelastic then **revenue** will rise for the firm when it raises price • habit forming behaviour so PED inelastic • few close substitutes so PED inelastic • small part of overall consumer spending so PED inelastic • food delivery services are a very small percentage of consumer income so they might be seen as essential or basic goods • if food delivery is a luxury the demand likely to be income elastic, e.g. then the firms will benefit in times of economic growth, but lose demand in a recession • if food delivery is a treat in an economic downturn then it is an inferior good **NB up to 2 marks may be awarded for diagram(s) (1+1)**	
	Evaluation: (2 marks for any relevant point, or two points 1 +1) • the 30% of prices paid by restaurants is not seen by the consumer • depends on geographical areas e.g. rural vs urban areas. • the worldwide health crisis might have caused distortions in the data • third-party food delivery firms are inferior goods if demand rises when incomes fall • other factors affect demand apart from income, e.g., availability of substitutes (eating in restaurants is impossible in global health crisis) • discussion of normal vs inferior question e.g. compared to eating in a restaurant or cooking at home • income elastic vs. inelastic e.g. demand for third-party food delivery is price elastic for some income groups when incomes fall as it takes up a larger percentage of income	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** Points might include: • integration includes horizontal/vertical/ conglomerate joining of firms • leads to economies of scale • increased market share • removal of competition • increased monopoly power • international rivals can avoid taxes • prices higher for consumers • reduced choice for restaurants and consumers • monopsony power over restaurants • technical advantages of vertical integration • vertical power over firms can leave other firms with high barriers to entry • Just Eat has bought out rivals e.g. merger between Just Eat and Takeaway.com • Amazon has partially bought Deliveroo (16% so far) which may have saved it, and/or improved it on the tech side **NB effects might include more than one types of economies of scale, or other combined analysis. Award diagrammatic analysis e.g. economies of scale LRAC**	**(8)**

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Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • mergers might be necessary to ensure the survival of firms (e.g. Deliveroo case) • further mergers might be limited by the CMA • supernormal profits might lead to lower prices, better technology and/or a more consumer-led market • prices may fall due to fall in average costs due to e.g. economies of scale • diseconomies of scale	**(4)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
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Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to the context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** Microeconomic effects of depreciation may include: • higher cost of imports of food and therefore higher cost of production for hospitality sector • lower profits for firms in hospitality • higher prices of food for consumers • consumers have lower standards of living if they are on fixed incomes/ • falling real incomes so demand for restaurant meals and food delivery services might shift left • workers have higher incomes if working in exporting firms in other industries, so might use more delivery services • restaurants might begin to use more locally produced food Macroeconomic effects of depreciation may include: • capital in-flows, e.g. benefits to multinational firms such as Just Eat for investment in the US using other currencies/ AD and/or LRAS shift out • cost push inflation/SRAS shifts in • more injections and fewer withdrawals leading to rise in AD and multiplier effect • increased employment • incentive to use transfer pricing • UK tourism might be boosted by depreciation which would improve local restaurants **NB for a Level 4 response there must be micro and macro effects and use of data with reference to restaurants or other food delivery services. Higher costs, changes in competitiveness, environmental changes could be seen as micro or macro, for example, can be used as either micro or macroeconomics.** **NB Effects in KAA could be used as evaluation and vice-versa.**	**(25)**

	9 marks for evaluation – points might include: • depends on the nature of the restaurant. Some try to use locally sourced ingredients • the pound has recovered significantly since 2016 • food costs are a small cost relative to other costs, e.g. rent and delivery • some restaurants are specialised in UK food so cost effect very low • other factors are more important, e.g. the heavy fiscal spending in response to the global health crisis • other factors determining capital inflows • relative depreciation or trade weighting of other currencies • offsetting costs with altering portion sizes or changing menu options • impact on tourism small relative to the increase in the production of food • regional differences with the UK e.g. whether there is a local food supply option • Marshall Lerner • J-curve	

Knowledge, application and analysis		
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Level 2	5–8	Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them to economic problems in context. Displays knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories to make limited analysis or narrow analysis.
Level 3	9–12	Analysis is clear and coherent with evidence well integrated, although may focus on some of the broad elements of the question more than others. Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them directly to the broad elements in the question.
Level 4	13–16	Analysis is relevant, clear and coherent with evidence fully and reliably integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems covering both microeconomic and macroeconomic effects. A clear understanding of economic principles, concepts, theories and arguments.

Evaluation		
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Level 3	7–9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to the context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 4, Application 4, Analysis 8, Evaluation 9** 16 marks for KAA, for effects of increased minimum wage Microeconomic effects may include: • rise in wages will benefit very low paid workers. Might be shown on increasing NMW diagram • effect on cost to firms e.g. reduced profit margins. Might be shown on a cost and revenue diagram. • excess supply of hospitality workers • effect on prices consumer surplus falls, output falls, price increases • impact on quantity of labour demanded/contraction of labour demand • impact on productivity • inefficient resource allocation due to distortion of price mechanism Macroeconomic effects may include: • income equality improvements – may use Gini/Lorenz • prices rise – inflationary effects • reduction in relative poverty • AD: increase in consumption as incomes increase/fall in investment as profits fall • SRAS: cost-push • LRAS: if investment falls, then LRAS shifts in • reduced employment • higher income tax revenue • lower unemployment related benefits **NB for a Level 4 response there must be micro and macro effect (s) and use of data with reference to restaurants or other food delivery services. Employment or welfare issues could be seen as micro or macro, for example, can be used as either micro or macroeconomics.** **NB Effects in KAA could be used as evaluation and vice-versa.**	**(25)**

	9 marks for evaluation – points might include: • effect on firms depends on how much wage costs are as a proportion of overall costs • impact on real output depends on level of spare capacity/elasticity of LRAS/magnitude of multiplier • effect on workforce of employment regulation depends on elasticity for demand for labour, and degree with which it can be replaced with capital • depends on PED of food delivery firm market as a whole • consumers might also have increases in wages so profits might not fall • some firms will face decreased demand and go out of business. Loss of jobs and other economic activity • depends on the PED and PES in factor market and product market as a whole • LRAS might rise as economically inactive workers enter labour force to look for jobs • higher tax revenue may not occur if unemployment increases or investment decreases • higher unemployment related benefits if unemployment increase • productivity/motivation arguments	

Knowledge, application and analysis		
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–4	Displays ability to apply knowledge in context but will focus on small range of elements. Demonstrates understanding by identifying relevant information. Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models.
Level 2	5–8	Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them to economic problems in context. Displays knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories to make limited analysis or narrow analysis.
Level 3	9–12	Analysis is clear and coherent with evidence well integrated, although may focus on some of the broad elements of the question more than others. Shows ability to apply economic ideas and relate them directly to the broad elements in the question.
Level 4	13–16	Analysis is relevant, clear and coherent with evidence fully and reliably integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems covering both microeconomic and macroeconomic effects. A clear understanding of economic principles, concepts, theories and arguments.

Evaluation		
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–3	Identification of evaluative comments without explanation.
Level 2	4–6	Evaluative comments with limited explanations. Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is generic or unbalanced leading to limited judgements.
Level 3	7–9	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to the context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and is critical of the evidence provided and/or the assumptions underlying the analysis enabling informed judgements to be made.

Q14.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 1, Application 2, Analysis 2** Calculate 2011 total: 10.29m X $123 = $1265.67 million (2) Calculate 2012 total: 10.55m X $83 = $875.65 million (2) Change = $1265.67 million – $875.65 million = -$390.02 million / 390.02 million Award full 5 marks for correct answer Award 4/5 marks for $390.02 **N.B. When interpreting graph:** For 2011 allow range of values: 10.25m - 10.35m For 2012 allow range of values: 10.5m – 10.6m	**(5)**

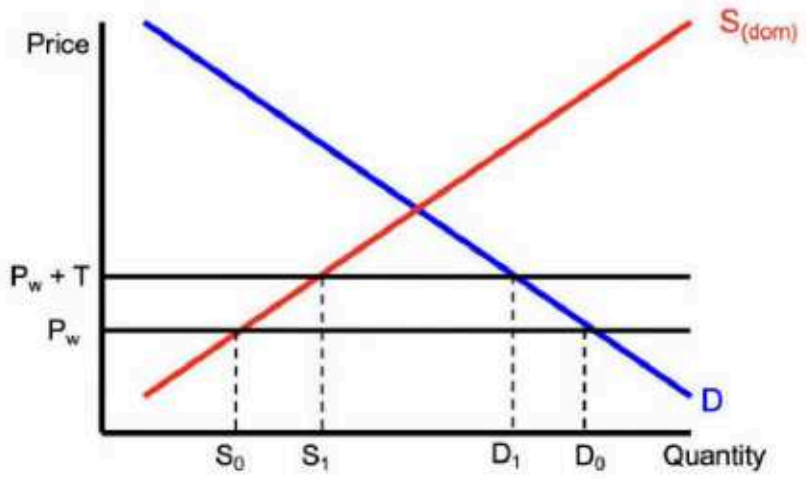
Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2, Evaluation 2** **Knowledge/Understanding:** Likely benefits identified (1+1), e.g. • Increase in size of workforce (1) • Increase in consumption (1) • Increase in government tax revenue (1) • Increase in economic output of the country (1) **Analysis:** Linked development of each factor (1+1), e.g. • Increase in AS as country now has a larger workforce so can produce more (1) • More consumers creates more demand for Rwandan firms, increasing AD and economic growth (1) • More government spending on education/infrastructure to further improve AS (1)	
	Application: 2 marks (1+1) for reference to the data/candidates' own knowledge, e.g. • Population grew from 10.8m in 2013 (1) to 11.4m in 2015 (1) • Population grew by 5.6% from 2013 to 2015 (2) • Rwanda's GDP grew by almost 9% in 2015 (1) • Absolute poverty declined by 20 percentage points from 2001 to 2014 (1) **Evaluation:** 2 marks for two evaluative comments OR 2 marks for identification and linked development of one comment Evaluative comments (1+1), e.g. • Larger population may increase unemployment if number of jobs do not also increase (1) • Government expenditure on providing education, health, etc. may increase (1), cancelling out benefits from extra tax revenue (1) Impact on AD/AS may be shown diagrammatically	**(8)**

Question Number	Indicative Content	Mark
(c)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 2,** • Aid has fallen from around $103 per capita to around $91 • Less funding for supply-side policies such as improvements to education, which may impact Rwanda's 'near-universal primary school enrolment' and healthcare- perhaps slowing the fall in child mortality, which has dropped by two-thirds • Less injections into Rwanda's circular flow of income/less aggregate demand in Rwanda • Fall in standard of living in Rwanda • Less investment/capital accumulation (Harrod-Domar model) • Reduction in support to lift people out of absolute poverty- perhaps absolute poverty won't fall further than the 39% it was in 2017 • Less funding for schemes to reduce inequality • Increase in Rwanda's budget deficit/national debt as government attempt to make up for shortfall in aid funding	**(6)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–2	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no link between causes and consequences.
Level 2	3–4	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response or the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	5–6	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are applied appropriately to the broad elements of the question.

Question Number	Indicative Content	Mark
(c) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Private investment may have increased over time • Government may now be more capable of funding education/healthcare schemes • Significance of fall in aid funding • Aid money increased the following year • Absolute poverty decline 59% to 39% 2001 to 2014 (or other references to extract B) suggesting there is less need for aid	**(4)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative Content	Mark
(d)	**Knowledge 2, Application 2, Analysis 4** Likely impacts might include e.g.: • Increase in price of imported textiles • Lower standard of living • Loss of consumer surplus- e.g. higher prices of clothing for consumers • Increased producer surplus • Rwandan firms (e.g. factory in Kigali from extract A) able to sell at higher prices, therefore increased profits • tariff revenue can be used to subsidise clothing retailers/ provide consumers with healthcare and education • Risk of retaliation from other countries such as USA **NB To access Level 3 there must be an accurate diagram, for example:**  	(8)

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–2	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	3–5	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	6–8	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative Content	Mark
(d) continued	**Evaluation 4** • Depends on elasticity of demand for imports • Significance of increase in tariff • Increase in employment in domestic textile industry would benefit consumers • Domestic producers may still be unable to compete with significantly cheaper used clothing imports	**(4)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/ reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e)	**Knowledge 3, Application 3, Analysis 3** Policies the Rwandan government could use include: • Subsidising textile manufacturers to purchase new machinery to increase efficiency • Improve infrastructure, e.g. roads & ports, to make it easier/cheaper for Rwandan firms to export their clothing • Increased education spending to improve efficiency of workforce • Investment in cheaper renewable electricity for factories to reduce their costs • Deregulation to increase efficiency • Reduce corporation tax to encourage firms to invest more • Incentives to encourage FDI into Rwandan manufacturing industry **NB: Do not award discussion of import tariffs**	**(9)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	A completely inaccurate response.
Level 1	1–3	Displays isolated or imprecise knowledge and understanding of terms, concepts, theories and models. Use of generic or irrelevant information or examples. Descriptive approach which has no chains of reasoning or links between causes and consequences.
Level 2	4–6	Displays elements of knowledge and understanding of economic principles, concepts and theories. Applies economic ideas and relates them to economic problems in context, although does not focus on the broad elements of the question. A narrow response; chains of reasoning are developed but the answer may lack balance.
Level 3	7–9	Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and models. Ability to link knowledge and understanding in context using relevant and focused examples which are fully integrated. Economic ideas are carefully selected and applied appropriately to economic issues and problems. The answer demonstrates logical and coherent chains of reasoning.

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
(e) continued	**Evaluation 6** • Opportunity cost of government spending- money could have bigger impact on Rwandan economy if invested in other industries or used to improve public services • Rwanda should focus on industries where it has a comparative advantage, not textiles • Time lag for policies to have any significant impact • Risk of corruption, e.g. funding for construction projects may not be spent where it was intended • Highly educated workforce may emigrate to more developed countries that offer higher wages	**(6)**

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No evaluative comments.
Level 1	1–2	Identification of generic evaluative comments without supporting evidence/reference to context. No evidence of a logical chain of reasoning.
Level 2	3–4	Evidence of evaluation of alternative approaches which is unbalanced. Evaluative comments with supporting evidence/reference to context and a partially-developed chain of reasoning.
Level 3	5–6	Evaluative comments supported by relevant chain of reasoning and appropriate reference to context. Evaluation recognises different viewpoints and/or is critical of the evidence.

Q15.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	**Knowledge 1, Analysis 1** **Knowledge/understanding (1):** Identification of relevant reason, e.g. • Faster economic growth in Estonia • Lower unemployment in Estonia • Lower labour productivity in Estonia • Increase in the national minimum wage • Power of trade unions • Shortage of labour **Analysis**: 1 mark for linked development, e.g. • Workers able to negotiate higher pay due to low unemployment	**(2)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(b)	**Knowledge 1, Analysis 1** **Knowledge/understanding (1):** Identification of reduced competitiveness for Estonia **Analysis**: 1 mark for linked development, e.g. With rapidly rising labour costs Estonia's exports may become more expensive than those of other countries such as France	**(2)**

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(c)	**The only correct answer is C** ***A, B and D*** *are not correct because they give incorrect answers to the calculation:* *Base year 2010=100. Austria's figure for 2017 is 113. 113-100=13*	**(1)**