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General Marking Guidance

• All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.

• Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.

• Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.

• There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.

• All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.

• Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.

• When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.

• Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Section A: Supported multiple choice

NB: Candidates may achieve up to 3 explanation marks even if the incorrect option is selected.

NB: Candidates may achieve up to 3 marks (rejected marks) for explaining three incorrect options (provided three different reasons are offered and each option key is clearly rejected).

Question	Answer	Mark
1 1	 Answer B (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of positive statements- use facts to support/ can be proved/can be tested value free/ objective/ scientific approach (1) Definition of normative statement- based on value judgements/ cannot be tested/ subjective (1) Statement 1 is normative as it is a value judgement containing the word unfair (1) Statement 2 is positive as you can check whether the supply of agricultural commodities increases due to the subsidy (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: incorrect as statement 2 can be proved by checking the amount of subsidy (1) Option C: incorrect as statement is based on value judgement (1) Option D: statement 1 is normative as it has word unfair, statement 2 is positive based on fact (1) 	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
2	Answer C (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks)	
	 Definition of consumer surplus- difference between price willing to pay and actually paid/ area between equilibrium price and demand line (1) 	
	• Supply increases/ rightward shift (1)	
	• Price falls from P_e to P1 (1)	
	 Consumer surplus increases from FGP_e to FIP1 (1) 	
	 The increase in consumer surplus is by the area GIP1P_e (1) 	
	 Award marks for each of these identified on diagram (do not double award) 	
	Price per kg of carrots	
	s si	
	$\begin{array}{c} P_{e} \\ P1 \\ P1 \\ P1 \end{array} $	
	Н	
	O Q _e Q1 Quantity of carrots	
	Rejection marks	
	• Option A: incorrect as whilst the price does fall	
	from P_e to P1, the producer surplus rises as the	
	gap between the willingness to sell and amount	
	paid will be larger (1)	
	more supply means that there can be an	
	extension of demand causing price to fall (1)	
	• Option D: Producer surplus was P _e GH and is	
	now P1IJ which shows producer surplus has	
	risen. Price fails to P1 not rises (1)	
	NB: They may explain why either the price change or change in consumer / producer surplus is wrong and do not need to explain both.	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
3	Answer D (1 mark)	
	Evaluation (up to 2 monto)	
	Explanation (up to 3 marks)	
	Deminition of habitual benaviour- where customers continue an action even when it does	
	not maximize utility to do so (1)	
	Customers will be familiar/ comfortable with	
	their financial provider/ bank and will prefer to	
	use them even if they could save money	
	elsewhere/ trust current provider (1)	
	• Switching would save customers £70 so could	
	increase their utility as they could consume	
	other products/ failing to maximise utility as	
	lose out on ± 70 / irrational as failing to	
	maximise utility (1)	
	 might be another reason for not changing bank 	
	account such as customer 'inertia', where there	
	is too much hassle switching accounts including	
	debits and credits/ ignorance/ tied to a deal (1)	
	Rejection marks	
	Option A: Rational customers will maximize	
	their utility and switching helps them to do so	
	as they will have more funds to consume other	
	goods (1)	
	they would see the benefit of switching and	
	would be more likely to switch (1)	
	Option C: external costs are negative third	
	party effects and these are unlikely to occur	
	based on who someone choose to bank with	
	(1)	
		(4)

Question	Mark	
4	Answer B (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of diminishing marginal utility- where the additional utility from consuming additional unit starts to fall/ where the marginal utility falls as quantity rises (1) Definition of utility- the benefit or satisfaction experienced by the consumer (1) When consumers go up for their second/third portion they often become full/ satiated (1) Each visit will gain less additional utility which is why a smaller percentage each time will go for an additional visit (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Option A: Incorrect as free rider problems is associated with public goods and not private goods/ public goods have the free rider problem and are non-excludable and non-rival. You eating your breakfast will exclude others from eating it/ free rider is someone who does not pay but hotel guests do pay (1) Option C: Incorrect as excess demand for breakfast cereal would see the demand exceeding supply and it is likely to breakfasts would sell out/ No excess demand as only 10% visit 3 x or more (1) Option D: incorrect as someone greeting them for breakfast might make them feel valued but how many times they collect food will not (1) 	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
5	Answer D (1 mark)	
	Explanation (up to 3 marks)	
	• Identification of derived demand (1)	
	I he demand for labour is dependent on the	
	demand for the final product (1)	
	• So if the demand for cars rise it causes the	
	price for cars to rise (1)	
	Inis means firms make more profit and they	
	nave more incentive to increase output (1)	
	• This pushes up wages and employment (1)	
	rising on global market for care	
	Award 1 mark for showing domand rising and	
	wages rising in the labour market for car factory	
	workers	
	1 mark for showing increased employment in the	
	labour market for car factory workers	
	Average price	
	percar	
	$1 \times$	
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	D1	
	Ge Q1 Quantity of cars	
	Wage rate 5	
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	Qe Q1 Quantity of	
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 Rejection Option A extension rising definition of the extension of the ex	 marks A: rising demand would see an on of supply pushing up prices/ with emand the demand for labour would rise is causes wages to rise not fall (1) B: Incorrect as car prices would rise not emand rises. Car workers will also see ges rise as more cars ned to be made demand (1) C: the rising demand and price would is manufacture more cars and the for labour would rise which would push es (1) 	
Candidate wrong	s must explain why the key is	(4)

Question	Answer	Mark
6	Answer D (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition or formula of price elasticity of demand- the responsiveness of quantity demanded to a change in price (1) Definition or formula of price elasticity of supply- the responsiveness of quantity supplied to a change in price (1) Price inelastic- where quantity demanded or supplied is less responsive than the price change (1) Maximum 2 for definitions 	
	Candidates can define price inelastic	
	demand or price inelastic supply	
	 Value between 0 and 1 shows it will be inelastic (1) 10% rise in price will see supply rise 1.4% (1) and demand fall by 1% (1) Diagrams showing price inelastic demand/price inelastic supply and supply curves (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Option A: incorrect as supply would rise by less than 10% at 1.4% (1) Option B: incorrect as supply changes by greater percentage than demand at 1.4% versus 1% (1) Option C: incorrect as whilst demand is inelastic it is price inelastic/ the data does not relate to income but price (1) 	
		(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	 Answer B (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition/explanation of tradable permit scheme- a permitted amount each firm can pollute to (1) and scheme where firms can buy and sell permits to each other (1) If a firm cuts its emissions it can sell excess permits (1) If firms produce more than permit allows they will purchase from those with spare permits/cost of buying additional permits acts as incentive to reduce emissions (1) The Chinese Government will set a quantity of permits and allocate to firms (1) The Government will normally reduce the number of permits each year to reduce the amount of pollution and external costs over time (1) Rejection marks 	
	 Option A incorrect as subsidies are not used within a tradable permit scheme as market forces are used to eliminate external costs (1) Option C incorrect as tax is not used within a tradable permit scheme as market forces are used to eliminate external costs (1) Option D firms are able to pollute up to their allowance it is when they go over that they will have to buy permits (1) 	
		(4)

Section B: Data response

NB: KAA marks relates to those awarded for AO1, AO2 and AO3

	NB:	Evaluation	marks	relates	to	those	awarded	for	AO4
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Question Number	Answer	Mark
9(a)	Knowledge, application and analysis (up to 6 marks)	
	 Data reference car insurance fell from approximately £850 to £580 (1) Accept 830-870 and 550-600. Accept an explicit change in price. increase in the number of insurance companies offering car insurance/costs have fallen for car insurance companies because of new laws/lower administration costs (1+1) 	
	 Diagrammatic analysis which shows: a shift to the right of the supply curve (1) original equilibrium price and quantity (1) new equilibrium showing lower price and higher quantity (1) 	
	Price of insurance P P1	
	Quantity of insurance policies	
	(if they depict a shift in the demand curve, award a maximum of 2 out of the 3 marks available for the diagram)	(6)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9(b)	 Knowledge, application and analysis (Up to 4 marks): Definition of complements- where the XED is negative/ where goods are consumed jointly (1) breakdown insurance and car insurance/car and car insurance (1) Definition of substitutes- where the XED is positive/ where goods are consumed in place of another/ where goods meet the same need or want (1) Drivers substituting between one insurance company and another (1) 	(4)



Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.		
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the effect of the introduction of tax but information presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.		
2	4-6	Understanding of the effect of the effect of the introduction of tax in the context. This may be supported by a diagram. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence.		
3	7-8	present which affect the clarity and coherence. Clear understanding of the effect of the introduction of tax in the context. This may be supported by an accurately labelled diagram which is explained and applied effectively. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.		
Evaluation – indicative content				
	 Quantity unlikely to fall as illegal not to have car insurance – likely to make demand more price inelastic Effect depends on enforcement on uninsured drivers as to whether people stop purchasing Magnitude – depends on how much tax rises- 6 to 9.5% Extent of any changes will depend on the PED Measurement issue measuring the size of changes in producer/ consumer surplus and incidence Time period: short term little impact but long term may cause more change People may substitute to trains/ bikes as these substitutes are relatively cheaper/ depends on the extent to which trains/bikes are substitutes for car ownership government failure or unintended consequences 			
Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	No evaluative comments.		
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.		
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some reasoning and application to context.		
3	5-6	For well-developed evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and clear application to context.		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
9(d)			(10)
Knowledge,	applicati	on and analysis – indicative content	()
	 Defir econ anot than Clain from Clain from Cons drivii It is insur The Unin drivii Unin 26 5 The is es 	nition asymmetric information- where one omic agent has different information to her/where one party has less information another. Is against uninsured drivers increased 12 884 in 2013 to 13 483 in 2014. Sumers not aware of the risk involved in ing uninsured. illegal to drive in the UK without rance. police can take away uninsured cars. sured drivers face a £300 fine/ losing ng licence. sured drivers kill 130 people and injure 00 every year. annual cost of uninsured driving timated to be £400 million.	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of asymmetric info Material presented is often irrelevant and lorganisation. Frequent punctuation and/or errors are likely to be present and the writ generally unclear.	ormation. acks grammar ing is
2	3-4	Understanding of asymmetric information i of insurance market in UK. Material is presented with some relevance likely to be passages which lack proper org Punctuation and/or grammar errors are like present which affect the clarity and cohere	in the context but there are ganisation. ely to be nce.
3	5-6	Clear understanding of asymmetric information context of insurance market in UK. Material is presented in a relevant and logi Some punctuation and/or grammar errors found, but the writing has overall clarity ar	ation in the cal way. may be nd coherence.

Evaluation -	Evaluation – indicative content				
	 Magr signi Meas May ratio aver £200 Unin take beca Your getti insur Thus decis othe signi Gove infor Som histo 	nitude- only 2.8% of drivers/ million drivers ficant surement problem- it is only an estimate not however be a lack of information but a nal decision. Fines for being caught uninsured age £300 but the average premium costs 00 for young drivers sured drivers, having full knowledge, may the conscious decision to be uninsured use of the cost og drivers might decide to take the risk of ng caught and fined than pay the cost of rance or uninsured drivers may take the conscious sion of being uninsured with full knowledge. In r words asymmetric information may not be ficant ernment can promote and provide this mation e drivers may be uninsurable given past rry and drive uninsured			
Level	Marks	Descriptor			
0	0	No evaluative comments.			
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation.			
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning.			

Question	Answer	Mark
9(e)		(14)
Knowledge,	application and analysis – indicative content	(= -)
	 Possible measures identified in the extract. (accept other relevant responses) subsidise insurance of young people to encourage them to take out insurance. providing information on the effects of being uninsured on all drivers. maximum price would prevent insurance companies from charging excessive amount to young people insurance providers offer cheaper insurance for safe young drivers or those with a mileage monitoring device accept reference to fines and taking car away/ reducing indirect taxes `measures' in question implies the need to talk about at least 2 policies 	
	 Lowers costs for producers Increases supply Lowers price (may be drawn diagrammatically) Increases quantity insurance taken out Link to benefits- to third parties hit by drivers Increased consumers and producer surplus Consumer and producer subsidy 	
	 Disadvantages Cost to Government for subsidy Opportunity costs of public money so private individuals insured. More motorists on road and so more congestion 	
	 Information provided Advantages Consumers aware of risks More likely to take out insurance as true costs taken account of Less uninsured drivers Less costs to individuals hit by uninsured drivers 	

Disadvantages
 Opportunity cost to government to promote
information
 Assumes government holds accurate
information
 People may be risk loving and not take notice
Maximum price
Advantages
 Lowers price of insurance below market price
This causes extension of demand
Ensures all can afford insurance
 May persuade some to take out insurance
 Reduces risk of being hit by an uninsured
driver
 (May draw a diagram)
Disadvantages
Insurance firms may contract supply
Excess demand exists
May be shown diagrammatically
Is this easy to enforce
May just lower quality of cover
-, ,
Devices
Advantages
Risk of the individual can be assessed
 Incentive to drive better/safer to reduce
premium
 More affordable for young people
Disadvantages
Costly to fit
 Data provide to insurance provider may not be
available to consumer- asymmetric information
Should it target all drivers
Advantages or disadvantages may be used as either
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Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.		
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the advantages or disadvantages of policies to reduce uninsured drivers		
2	4-6	Understanding of advantages or disadvantages policies to reduce uninsured drivers with some application to context.		
3	7-8	Clear understanding of advantages or disadvantages of policies to reduce uninsured drivers with detailed explanations of them and with appropriate application to context.		
Evaluation – indicative content				
	 Magnitude- depends on size of subsidy/ where 			
	maximum price set			
	• C	Cost of subsidy to government/ promoting		
	ir	information		
	• II	ncidence of subsidy- may benefit producer		
	- 14	lote		
	• •	high drivers to torget		
	• •	ifferent ways different sustamore access		
	• D	information		
Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	No evaluative comments.		
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without		
		explanation.		
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by relevant		
3	5-6	For well developed evaluative comments supported by		
		relevant reasoning and clear application to context.		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
Question Number 10(a)	Answer Knowledge, application and analysis (up to 6 marks) • Lower costs (1) • Prices likely to fall and output likely to rise (1) • Explicit data reference to solar costs €125 • Rapid fall in costs may bring about a large change in price (1) Diagram • Original equilibrium (1) • New equilibrium (1) • Shift in supply (1) Price of electricity Price of Price of electricity Price of electricity Price of Price of Price of Price of electricity Price of Price of	Mark
	0 Q Q ₁ Quantity of electricity	(6)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10(b)	Knowledge, application and analysis (up to 4 marks)	
	 Definition of renewable resources-resources that once used and can be used again and again/ ability to regenerate / replenish itself indefinitely (1) E.g. wind turbines, solar energy, hydroelectric (1) 	
	 Definition of non-renewable resources-resources that once used cannot be used again (1) E.g. coal, oil, gas (1) 	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10(c)		(14)
Knowledge,	application and analysis – indicative content	1
	 Definition of external costs- costs incurred by third parties 	
	air quality	
	pollution	
	 climate change - people in areas affected by climate change 	
	 examples of third parties affected by external cost e.g. people with respiratory problems which add costs to health problems/visual pollution affecting local residents 	
	 The report says that onshore wind costs roughly €105 per MW/h, compared to gas, €164 and coal €233 Nuclear power, offshore wind and solar energy cost €125. 	
	Diagram	
	Costs and benefits Marginal social costs	
	P2	
	0 Q1 Qe Quantity	
	 Market failure from external costs such as over-production and under-pricing. 	

Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.		
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of external costs. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.		
2	4-6	Understanding of external costs with some application to context. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence		
3	7-8	Clear understanding of external costs. Effective application to context. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.		
Evaluation – indicative content				
	Hard	to put value on external costs		
	 Shor 	ts term/ long term- impact may worsen if		
	prolo	prolonged production		
	 Magi coal 	Magnitude- depends on the amount of gas and coal used		
	• Can	cost more to generate power through		
	rene	wables		
	• bene	fits' from generating electricity from coal and		
	gas s	such as reliability and employment		
Level	Marks	Descriptor		
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.		
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some		
3	5-6	For well developed evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and clear application to context.		

Question Number	Answer		Mark		
10(d)			(10)		
Knowledge,	application and analysis – indicative content				
Knowledge,	 application Def Ine cha cha cha ela inci con pla Den inci con pla Den inci con pla den inci con pla den abli abli ela nee ela nee exp 	n and analysis – indicative content finition/ formula of PES- %∆ in Qs/%∆ in P lastic supply- where the proportionate inge in supply is less than the proportionate inge in price stic supply- where the proportionate change supply is greater than the proportionate inge in price stic are electricity sold to Germany and mark- spare capacity so supply can be reased as price rises untries can store energy in hydroelectric ints. mark not operating at full capacity- can rease supply in response to rising prices mark investing in more production- will be e to respond lity to buy from other countries makes more stic as can buy supply from them when eded lastic 3.3 billion- costs to subsidise renewables- pensive so response might be slower 2.3 billion - costs to subsidise non- ewables- expensive so response might be wer se some time to build new wind farms- so not increase electricity straight away. bensive to store, (or storage sites are bensive to build/power lost when			
	exp cha	raing/discharging)			
	• sto	rage is limited			
	C .				
	Dia	gram snowing PES appropriately drawn			
0	0	A completely inaccurate response			
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of PFS			
2	3-4	Understanding of PES linked to fossil fuels			
2	J- 1 5 6	Clear understanding of PES linked to fossil fuels.	olc		
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Evaluation – indicative content				
	LorDif	ng run may become more elastic ferent electricity sources may have different		
	 Relies on weather – little rain, wind, sun may reduce the ability to increase supply when price rises 			
	Argumen either KA	ts for elastic and inelastic can be used as A and EV		
Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	No evaluative comments.		
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation.		
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning.		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
10(e)			(14)
Knowledge,	applicati	on and analysis – indicative content	
	Benefits • O gi ai ta • hi el • w N • D el 20 • Le to ei • Ir • H • S in • M	include nshore wind turbines are cheaper than coal, as or nuclear energy when external costs like ir quality, pollution and climate change are aken into account igh winds allowed Denmark to meet all of its lectricity needs as able to sell spare electricity to Germany, orway and Sweden- generating income enmark could be producing half of its lectricity from renewable sources well before 020 ess external costs from windfarms compared o non-renewables / diagram to illustrate fall in external costs njection in to economy- creates employment elp lower costs of production ubsidies- will lower costs/ increase supply/ crease quantity/ lower prices ay be drawn diagrammatically	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of impact of building w farms. Material presented is often irrelevant an organisation or may be confused. Frequent pu and/or grammar errors are likely to be presen writing is generally unclear.	vind nd lacks nctuation t and the
2	4-6	Understanding of impact of building wind farm Material is presented with some relevance but likely to be passages which lack proper organis Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely present which affect the clarity and coherence	s there are sation. to be
3	7-8	Clear understanding of impact of building wind It will be applied effectively to the context. Material is presented in a relevant and logical Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may found, but the writing has overall clarity and c	l farms. way. y be oherence.

Evaluation – indicative content			
	 Problem Rene gove Can exte Can exte Not p Magnin wi Meas hear Time dam Relia wind gene onsh comp 	 Problems include Renewables are criticised for being too expensive. Renewable energy took €38.3 billion of government subsidies in 2012 Can damage wildlife/ landscape- negative externality Not productive when not windy Magnitude- depends on the size of the investment in windfarms Measurement- hard to quantify costs/ benefits as heard to know how much power it will generate Time period- short run- costs of environmental damage- long term – cleaner energy production Reliability of the study suggesting that onshore wind power was cheaper than fossil fuels in generating electricity. Are all external costs of onshore wind power included? Is the study completely independent? 	
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0	0	No evaluative comments.	
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without	
		explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.	
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some	
		reasoning and application to context.	
3	5-6	For well developed evaluative comments supported by	
		relevant reasoning and clear application to context.	