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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 (rejection marks) for explaining three incorrect options (provided three different reasons are offered and each option key is clearly rejected).

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Question Number	Answer	Mark
	 Answer D (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of fiscal/budget deficit: government spending exceeds tax receipts/government revenue (1) Government spending is an injection into the circular flow of income OR taxation is a withdrawal from the circular flow of income (1) There is £69 billion more injected into the economy through Government expenditure than has been withdrawn through taxation (1) Net withdrawal occurs when government spending is less than tax revenue/net injection occurs when government spending exceeds tax revenue (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: incorrect as a current account deficit implies value of imports is greater than the value of exports/current account is not related to government spending or taxation (1) Option B: incorrect as fiscal/budget surplus is a net withdrawal (1) Option C: incorrect as a current account surplus implies value of exports is greater than the value of imports/current account is not related to government spending or taxation (1) 	
		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	 Answer C (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Real GDP growth is the rate of economic growth taking into account inflation (1) Although growth was higher in final quarter of 2016 growth continued in first quarter of 2017 OR Real output was growing but at a slower 	
	rate in quarter 1 of 2017 (1) Reference to actual data from the graph showing increase/decrease in real GDP growth (1) Rejection marks Do not double award	
	 Option A: incorrect as the data shows GDP growth and not inflation/average price level (1) Option B: incorrect as there was negative growth in two non-consecutive quarters in 2012 OR in 2016 there was only one quarter of negative growth (1) Option D: incorrect as the data does not contain any population data (1) 	
		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	 Answer A (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Net exports are a component of AD OR AD = C + I + G + (X-M) OR net exports are (X-M) (1) Therefore decrease in net exports (X-M) reducing AD/shifting AD curve left (1) This reduces price level from P₁ to P₂ and reduce real output from Y₁ to Y₂ (1) Award up to 2 marks for correctly annotated diagram showing inward shift in AD (1), lower equilibrium real output and lower average price level (1) 	
	SRAS ₁ SRAS ₁ AD ₂ AD ₂ Real output	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option B: incorrect as AD likely to shift left due to falling net exports, reducing real output and average price level (1) Option C: incorrect as AD likely to shift left due to falling net exports, reducing average price level (1) Option D: incorrect AD likely to shift left due to falling net exports, reducing real output (1) 	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5	 Answer C (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of CPI: CPI is a weighted price index/a weighted measure of the change in the average price of a basket of goods OR Definition of inflation: sustained increase in the average price level (1) Increase in CPI indicates increase in average price level (1) CPI index increase in every year from 2009-2015 (1) Correct calculation of inflation rate in any year e.g. 1.3 percentage points in 2011 (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: incorrect as index higher in 2009 than in 2008 therefore there was inflation (1) Option B: incorrect as rate of inflation in 2011 was (101.3-100.0)/100 = 1.3% whereas in 2010 it was (100.0-97.7)/97.7 = 2.354% accept inflation in 2010 stated as 2.3% as 100-97.7 (1) Option D: incorrect as rate of inflation higher in successive years with example from 2012 - 0.7% to 2013 - 2.2% 2014 - 2.1% to 2015 - 2.3% 2009 - 2.197% to 2010 - 2.354% Condone 2009 - 2.1% to 2010 - 2.3% (1) 	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	 Answer C (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Nominal GDP growth defined: change in the money value of output/rate of economic growth that does not take into account inflation (1) Calculation 2016: 10.6%-7.1% = 3.5% inflation 	
	(2) OR Inflation rate can be calculated from nominal growth minus real growth (1) Rejection marks Do not double award	
	 Option A: incorrect as would indicate positive real growth of 28.3% (1) Option B: incorrect as the real growth rate would have been 14.1% (1) Option D: incorrect as the two growth rates are not added together to calculate the inflation rate (1) 	
		(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	Answer B (1 mark)	
	 As government spending (G) is a component of AD then lower spending will decrease AD/shift AD curve left (1) Spending on education also affects the quality of labour as a factor of production/lower spending on education may decrease skills of workforce and reduce labour productivity (1) Lower labour productivity may decrease potential output and shift LRAS left (1) 	
	Up to 2 marks for diagram showing inward/left shift in AD and inward/left shift of LRAS falling real output (1) fully correct and annotated diagram (1)	
	Average price level LRAS 2 LRAS 1 AD 2 AD 1 Real output	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: incorrect as AD curve likely to shift left as G is a component of AD(1) Option C: incorrect as LRAS curve likely to shift left as labour productivity likely to decrease(1) Option D: incorrect as both the AD curve (falling G) and LRAS curve (lower labour 	
	productivity) likely to shift left (1)	(4)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	Answer D (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Economics growth is an increase in the output of a country, in either real or nominal GDP, or an increase in productive capacity (1) 	
	Constraint on economic growth is any factor reducing AD or LRAS that reduces the rate of economic growth (1) OR	
	Real investment is the value of investment taking into account inflation (1)	
	Fall in real investment is likely to reduce productive potential of economy reducing LRAS (1)	
	 Investment is a component of AD thus real output likely to be reduced (1) 	
	Up to 2 marks for diagram showing inward shift in AD and/or LRAS, new equilibrium with lower real output	
	Average price level LRAS LRAS LRAS AD Real output	
	Rejection marks Do not double award	
	 Option A: incorrect as a strong and stable government is more likely to increase consumer/business confidence, increasing consumption/investment, increasing growth (1) Option B: incorrect as an increase in productivity likely to shift AS/LRAS outwards, increasing economic growth(1) Option C: incorrect as a surplus on the 	(4)

current account is likely to increase AD and increase economic growth (1)	
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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

Question	Answer Ma			
Number 9 (a)	Knowledge and application (up to 4 marks)			
	 Up to 2 marks for knowledge: Current account – A record of all money flows to and from a country arising from exports and imports of goods and services, as well as transfers of income and other net transfers (1) NB also accept definition of current account as comprising trading goods, trading services and 			
	 Visible trade balance – The sum of visible (trade in goods) export revenue minus the sum of trade import expenditure. (1) A positive value is a trade surplus; a negative value is a trade deficit (1) Invisible balance – The net sum of invisible trade, consisting of services, flows of incomes and net transfers (1) Services – The trade in services forms part of the invisible balance. Foreign tourists spending money in the country counts as invisible exports; the purchasing of foreign holidays counts as an invisible import (1) Flow of Incomes – Repatriated profits, dividends from foreign shares and interest payments on foreign bank accounts count as invisible exports (1) Net Transfers – Remittances, foreign aid and grants are counted in the invisible balance (1) Up to 2 marks for application: 1 mark for each valid reference to data in Figure 1 e.g. 			
	 Current account deficit (as % of GDP) between 2009 (10.5%) and 2012 (2.0%) (1) Current account surplus (as % of GDP) in 2013 (1.5%), 2016 (1.0%) and 2017 (6.0%)(1) Current account is in balance 2014 and 2015 (1) 	(4)		



Question			Mark
Number			(4.4)
9 (b)		tian and analysis indicative content	(14)
Knowledge		tion and analysis – indicative content	Ī
	• Ir ca	investment is an injection and included in alculation of GDP increasing invisible exports may increase AD, eteris paribus, increasing real output and verage price level increasing investment may increase productive otential/capacity of tourist industry, increase RAS alling unemployment (Figure 2) dimination of current account deficit from 013 and surplus forecast for 2017 (Figure 1) ising tax revenues (Extract 1) increasing investment (Extract 1) leading to igher AD (ultiplier effect of rising exports on AD andidates should produce diagram(s) showing utward shift in AD, although some may also now outward shift in LRAS following rising exestment in construction (Extract 1) and ducation (Extract 2)	
	Average price level	AD AD AD Y1 Y2 Real output Impacts of increasing exports can be used for	
		Impacts of increasing exports can be used for I negative impacts for evaluation or vice versa	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	<u> </u>
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of possible impacts of identification of one or more points. Definition/understanding or data references. A presented is often irrelevant and lacks organise Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors to be present and the writing is generally unclease.	Material sation. are likely

2	4-6	Identification and some explanation of impacts identified along with some development of analysis or some identification of possible effects and data references. 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 and analysis of the economic impact and data references Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing is clear and coherent overall.

Evaluation	n – indica	ative content	
LValuation	Negative tourism	re impact of increasing investment in include: mpact on inflation of rising AD (inflation still less than 2% in Figure 2) Geasonality of tourism Fourism 17% of exports (Extract 1) Impact on trade balance will depend upon level of imports (X-M) Gize of multiplier will depend upon MPM Greater demand for currency may increase oressure to appreciate, although actual value may not alter as a result, as Portugal uses the Euro Time lag between investment made and improved exports Investment may damage exports in short- oun as building and construction work puts off tourists Potential negative impact on the environment Reliance upon overseas markets for demand	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	No evaluative comments.	
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation.	t
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by som and relevant examples.	e reasoning
3	5-6	For evaluative comments supported by releven reasoning and relevant examples.	vant

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9 (c)	 Knowledge (up to 3 marks from): Definition of unemployment rate such as: the percentage of the population of working age (1) actively seeking work but unable to find suitable employment/any other suitable definition (1) More temporary contracts for younger workers (1) Younger workers likely to be less skilled (1) High costs of making older workers redundant (1) Easier and less costly for firms to fire younger workers (1) More expensive to train younger workers (1) 	
	 Application (up to 3 marks): Youth unemployment is 24.6% (1) Average unemployment is 9.4% (1) Youth unemployment in Extract 1 is defined as 15-24 years old (1) Award marks for reference to data in Figure 2 and use in answer e.g. average unemployment in 2013 was 16% and youth unemployment could have been 50% or higher If only one reason identified then award up to 3 marks (1 knowledge and 2 application) 	
		(6)

Question Number			Mark
9 (d)			(10)
	e, applica	tion and analysis - indicative content	- /
	Data ref	Ferences may include: Igure 2: Unemployment decreasing from 16% Igure 3: Unemployment decreasing from 16% Igure 3: Unemployment decreasing from 16% Igure 4: Higher investment and exports extract 1: Higher investment and exports extract 1: Improved budget balance (higher extract 1: Improved budget balance (higher extract 1: Improved budget balance (higher extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract 1: Budget deficit target of 1.5% of IDP achievable extract might include: Interest account surplus since 2014 and extract might include: Interest might include: Interest might include: Interest may be accommodified extraction of the provided extraction	
		impact may be presented as KAA but the impact may be accepted as evaluation or sa	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of effects or data refe	rences.
2	3-4 Understanding of effects or some awareness of effects and data references.		
3	5-6	Clear understanding of effects and linking to c	lata.

Evaluation – indicative content				
Evaluation	Require impact sided): To to Control of Con	es evidence of awareness of possible negative of falling unemployment (answer is not one- emporary and seasonal employment in ourism this impact may be short-term increased consumption and investment may reate environmental degradation imployment may be low skilled and low pay which may create rising inequality itill high levels of youth unemployment, which may mean rising inequality alling unemployment may increase inflationary pressures ossible impact on current account due to increase in imported goods as a result of igher disposable incomes		
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			Mark
Number			(14)
9(e)	annlica	tion and analysis indicative content	(14)
Knowledge	• Me e re B re e Point to • G d (III • III b ri e Point e Poin	lacroeconomic objectives include: increased conomic growth, control of inflation, a eduction in unemployment, equilibrium of the alance of Payments, balanced budgets, edistribution of income, protection of the nvironment support avoidance of conflicts might include: frowth in tourism suggests rapidly rising emand and tax revenues from the sector Extract 1) improving budget balance (Extract 1) increasing economic growth since 2014 (Figure 2) and relatively low inflation (Figure 2) which growth forecast for 2017 (Extract 1) and sing inflation but still low at 2% (Figure 2) mprovement in the current account of the alance of payments (Figure 1) as a result of sing exports (Extract 1) ligher incomes due to lower unemployment Figure 2) may redistribute income as average accomes rise and there is investment in ducation (Extract 1) ourist industry can be regulated to limit nvironmental impact avestment in the construction industry has nultiplier effects	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3 Shows some awareness of possible conflicts or identification of one or more conflicts. Understanding of conflicts or data references. 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	Identification and some explanation of conflict identified along with some development of and some identification of possible conflicts and dareferences. Material is presented with some relevance but likely to be passages which lack proper organi Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely	alysis or ata there are sation.

		present which affect the clarity and coherence.
3	7-8	Clear understanding and analysis of the conflicts and data references.
		Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be
		found, but the writing is clear and coherent overall.

Evaluation – indicative content				
	Conflicts In In In In In In In In In I	s may include: ncreasing demand may further increase inflation, increase costs and reduce international competitiveness impact will depend upon how sustained the rowth in tourism is – impact will be greater if ing-term impact of rising incomes will depend upon the ize of the multiplier and the extent to which ine goods and services required can be implied domestically increased construction may negatively impact inpon environment inontinued economic growth may negatively iffect the current account balance		
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 some reasoning and relevant examples.		
3	5-6	For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and relevant examples.		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10 (a)	 Knowledge and application (up to 4 marks) Up to 2 marks for knowledge: Monetary policy is a macroeconomic policy instrument used by governments/central banks to help achieve macroeconomic objectives (1) Explanation of how higher interest rates are likely to/have affected the rate of inflation (1) Monetary policy includes: interest rates asset purchases to increase money supply reserve ratios (1) Up to 2 marks for application: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Angola is responsible for monetary policy (1) MPC monitors a range of macroeconomic indicators (1) The MPC decided to keep the base interest rate at 16% throughout 2017 (1) Increased to 12% in Feb 2016 and to 16% in July in response to very high inflation (1) High interest rate has begun to reduce inflation (1) 	
		(4)

Question			Mark
Number			
10 (b)			(14)
Knowledge	 	tion and analysis – indicative content	Г
	• Ir po	nvestment is an injection and is included in alculation of GDP increasing investment may increase AD, ceteris aribus, increasing real output and average rice level alling unemployment (Extract 1) 50 employed/regional unemployment 70% to 0% eduction of current account deficit from 2015 o 2017 (Figure 2) e.g. exports of concrete ars and processed fish educe slow-down in growth 2015-2016 Figure 1) iversify economy/reduce dependence upon oil extract 1)	
	Ir inC orsl	ultiplier effect of rising investment on AD acrease productive potential of economy as exestment in infrastructure (Extract 1) andidates should produce diagram(s) showing utward shift in AD, although some may also now outward shift in LRAS following rising exestment	
	Average price level	Average price level AD AD AD P1 Real output API API AD Y1 Y2 Real output	
		impact may be presented as KAA but the impact may be accepted as evaluation or sa	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
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2	4-6	Identification and some explanation of impacts identified along with some development of analysis or some identification of possible effects and data references. 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 and analysis of the economic impact and data references Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing is clear and coherent overall.

Evaluation – indicative content					
	Negativ Here Here Here Here Here Here Here Her	e impact of higher investment may include: ligher inflation (already high at 35% in 2016) mpact on inflation will depend upon effect pon LRAS/potential output mpact will depend upon size of the multiplier nvestment may create environmental damage and decrease living standards for some mported capital equipment may further veaken currency (forecast of AKZ 166 to the US dollar in 2017) which may be inflationary ue to reliance on imports mpact on economy may be limited because many of the changes identified are regional			
Level	Marks	Descriptor			
0	0	No evaluative comments.	`		
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without e	xplanation.		
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by some reasoning and relevant examples.			
3	5-6	For evaluative comments supported by relevar and relevant examples.	nt reasoning		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10 (c)	 Knowledge (up to 3 marks): Current account defined as: record of all money flows to and from a country arising from exports and imports (1) of goods and services, transfers of income and other net transfers (1) Increased value of exports and/or lower value of imports likely to reduce current account deficit (1) Fall in value of currency makes exports more price competitive and imports less price competitive (1) Commodity price of oil. Angola's chief export product, has large impact on current account (1) Application (up to 3 marks): Current account deficit as a % of GDP reducing from 10% in 2015 (1) to 4% forecast in 2017 (1) 	
	 Rate of inflation 35% in 2016 and 28% in 2017 (1) Steel production is above domestic requirements (1) reducing imports and increasing exports (1) Fish processing reduces imported food (1) and increases exports (1) Energy and water now supplied domestically (1) reducing imports (1) Value of Angola's currency has depreciated to AKZ 166 to US\$1 (1) If only one cause identified then award up to 3 marks (1 knowledge and 2 application) 	(6)

Question Number			Mark			
10(d)			(10)			
	Knowledge, application and analysis – indicative content					
	• L. b • II • A 1 Negative • ir si • re • ic • fu • th b ir • L d	arge fluctuations in the rate of inflation etween 2009 and 2017 (Figure 1) inflation 7% in 2014 and 35% in 2016 (Figure 1) inverage rate of inflation 2009-2017 is around 5% (Figure 1) in inpact of high inflation may include: impact on income distribution and living tandards of those on low and fixed incomes educed international competitiveness as costs see ower investment due to greater uncertainty further loss of value of currency (Figure 2) and his may increase inflation as import prices rise ligh interest rates (16%) reduce consumer orrowing/spending and firms' borrowing for investment, reducing growth and employment arge fluctuation in rate of inflation make it ifficult for firms to plan and reduce business onfidence, investment and growth				
Level 0	Marks 0	Descriptor A completely inaccurate response.				
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of disadvantages or d	ata			
_	1-2	references.	ata			
2	3-4	Understanding of disadvantages or some awar	reness of			
		disadvantages and data references.				
3	5-6	Clear understanding of disadvanatges and link data.	king to			

Evaluation – indicative content				
Zvardacioni	Positive impact and ways in which constraints of fluctuating/high inflation may be overcome include: • Positive relationship between inflation and employment • Investment in education/training and human capital to increase LRAS/productive potential • Investment in new energy and water infrastructure to improve productivity • Increase exports to strengthen currency and reduce import prices • High inflation reduces real value of debts and thus may encourage borrowing and spending • Inflation forecast to fall in 2017 and if this fall is sustained then negative impact may be reduced			
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			Mark		
Number					
10(e)	1.		(14)		
Knowledge	Knowledge, application and analysis - indicative content				
	 Macroeconomic objectives which may conflict with higher interest rates might include: Control of base interest rate is part of monetary policy. MPC make decisions on base interest rate in order to influence the rate of inflation Rate increased to 12% in February 2016 and 16% in July 2016. Rate of inflation approximately 35% in 2016 and 28% in 2017 Effective interest rate is to reduce consumption and to reduce investment. Therefore, AD reduces. This reduces inflationary pressure Lower inflation boosts international competitiveness, thus improving current account 				
	Positive objectiv for eval	In also reduce inequality impacts can be used for KAA and complementary yes or ways in which conflicts might be overcome uation or vice versa			
Level	Marks	Descriptor			
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.			
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of possible impact or identification of one or more effects. Understanding costs or data references Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammerrors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.	ar		
2	4-6	4-6 Identification and some explanation of impact identified along with some development of analysis or some identification of possible impacts and data references. 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 and analysis of the impact and data references. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing is clear and coherent overall.				

Evaluation – indicative content

Evaluation might include negative impacts of higher interest rate

- Lower AD leads to higher unemployment's and lower profits for firms
- In the long-term the LRAS may shift left
- Lower standard of living for Angolans as lower incomes
- May create greater income inequality
- Lower consumption may mean fewer imports or lower MPM
- Less effect on environment
- Government budget may be in deficit

Impact upon environment may depend more upon the level of regulation/environmental laws and capacity to enforce these laws

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 some reasoning
		and relevant examples.
3	5-6	For evaluative comments supported by relevant
		reasoning and relevant examples.

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