



ECONOMICS STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

Monday 5 May 2014 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- You are not permitted access to any calculator for this paper.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer one question.
- Use fully labelled diagrams and references to examples where appropriate.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [50 marks].

SECTION A

Answer one question from this section.

Microeconomics

Explain three factors that could lead to an increase in demand for cigarettes. 1. (a) [10 marks] (b) Discuss three policies a government might use to reduce the consumption of a demerit good such as cigarettes. [15 marks] 2. Distinguish between the concepts of income elasticity of demand (YED) and (a) cross price elasticity of demand (XED). [10 marks] To what extent might the concepts of YED and XED be of significance for (b) business organizations? [15 marks]

SECTION B

Answer one question from this section.

Macroeconomics

3. (a) Explain the income, output and expenditure methods used to measure real gross domestic product (GDP). [10 marks] Discuss the usefulness of real GDP per capita as a method of measuring (b) the living standards of a country's population. [15 marks] 4. Using an appropriate diagram, explain why a country might experience a (a) deflationary gap. [10 marks] (b) "Fiscal policy is the most effective way of bringing an economy out of recession." To what extent is this statement valid? [15 marks]