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Economics

Higher level

Paper 1

13 May 2026

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions to students

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- You are not permitted access to a calculator for this paper.
- Answer one question.
- Use fully labelled diagrams where appropriate.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[25 marks]**.

Answer **one** question.

1. (a) Explain the differences between oligopoly and monopolistic competition. [10]
 (b) Using real-world examples, discuss the view that profit maximization will always be the main objective of a business. [15]
 2. (a) Explain the likely problems associated with high unemployment. [10]
 (b) Using real-world examples, evaluate the effectiveness of fiscal policy in reducing unemployment. [15]
 3. (a) Explain how gender inequality **and** ineffective taxation structures may be barriers to economic growth. [10]
 (b) Using real-world examples, evaluate the effectiveness of interventionist policies in promoting economic growth **and** economic development. [15]
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