

Economics

Practice Questions

HSC



Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

The questions contained in this booklet match the style of questions that are typically asked in exams. This booklet is not however, a practice exam. Elevate's research with top students identified that top students do more practice questions than anyone else. They begin the process of testing their knowledge early in the year.

Therefore, we have provided exam-format questions that are sorted by topic so that you can answer them as you learn the information, rather than waiting until the very end of the year to complete exams.

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Preliminary Topic 5 - Financial Markets

1. Evaluate the effect of a sales tax on consumers, retailers and governments.
2. Discuss the policy objectives of the Reserve Bank of Australia.
3. Describe TWO reasons why the RBA has continued to reduce interest rates over the last few years, and explain how these changes are likely to affect the components of aggregate expenditure.

Preliminary Topic 4 - Labour Markets

1. Identify TWO other methods of measuring labour markets other than the unemployment rate.
2. Outline THREE economic and social costs of unemployment.
3. Explain the impact of labour market policy on TWO types of unemployment.
4. Analyse the effect of an increase in the minimum wage on the labour market. Assume that the minimum wage is either on par with or above the equilibrium wage.
5. Explain THREE types of unemployment and explain how the government can adjust fiscal policy to address these types of unemployment.
6. Discuss the implications of full employment in the economy.

HSC Topic 1 - The Global Economy

1. Define foreign direct investment.
2. Examine how strong economic growth among Australia's major trading partners, e.g. China and Japan, can affect the components of aggregate expenditure and the business cycle in Australia.
3. Explain the effects of globalisation on the GDP of a nation other than Australia.
4. Evaluate the impact of trading blocs and other forms of trade agreements on promoting globalisation.

HSC Topic 2 - Australia's Place in the Global Economy

1. Discuss the impact of a high rate of domestic inflation relative to international rates of inflation. Outline the mechanisms available to respond to high rates of inflation.
2. In April 2013, the Australian dollar was worth US \$1.05. It depreciated to a low of US \$0.89 in August 2013.
 - a) Explain and demonstrate how the value of the Australian dollar is determined and describe FOUR possible causes of the depreciation of the Australian dollar between April 2013 and August 2013. Use a diagram to illustrate your answer.
 - b) Explain the likely effects of this depreciation of the Australian dollar on Australia's balance of payments.
3. Analyse the effects of protectionist policies on the Australian economy.
4. Explain and evaluate THREE arguments for and THREE arguments against trade liberalisation for the Australian economy.

HSC Topic 3 - Economic Issues

1. Evaluate Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of economic welfare.
2. Outline FOUR causes of inflation.
3. Identify the components of Aggregate Demand and explain their relationship.
4. Suggest two methods by which a government can improve Aggregate Supply.
5. Explain how changes in Australia's economic growth would affect each of the Australian Government's economic policy objectives.
6. Discuss how can government fiscal policy and regulations be used to manage the natural environment?