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GCSE ECONOMICS

Paper 1 How Markets Work

Monday 13 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

You will need no other materials.
You may use a calculator.

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Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. You will be assessed on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

For questions with four responses, only **one** answer per question is allowed.

For each question, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD 

WRONG METHODS    

If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown. 

If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown. 

0 1 The central purpose of economic activity is to produce goods and services that

[1 mark]

- A** create tax revenue. 
- B** maximise profit. 
- C** minimise externalities. 
- D** satisfy needs and wants. 

0 2 An individual obtains a bank loan to start a business.

Which factor of production has changed?

[1 mark]

- A** Capital 
- B** Enterprise 
- C** Labour 
- D** Land 

0 3

Opportunity cost is defined as

[1 mark]

A the amount spent on the best option.

☐

B the benefit given up from the next best alternative.

☐

C the price paid for the next best alternative.

☐

D the satisfaction from choosing the best option.

☐

0 4

Which of the following is most likely to be a benefit of specialisation?

[1 mark]

A Increased job satisfaction for workers

☐

B Increased threat of competition for firms

☐

C Reduced average costs of production for firms

☐

D Reduced choice for consumers

☐

Turn over for the next question

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5

Table 1 shows the value of output in selected industries of an economy in year X.

Table 1

Industry	Value of output (£ bn)
Mining	25.5
Fishing	18.0
Manufacturing	64.7
Education	101.2
Other services	83.1

Using **Table 1**, identify the correct statement. In year X

[1 mark]

- A the secondary sector was the most valuable economic sector.

☐
- B the tertiary sector was the most valuable economic sector.

☐
- C the value of output in the primary sector was £25.5 bn.

☐
- D the value of output in the secondary sector was £82.7 bn.

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06

Table 2 shows the weekly pay of dental surgeons and bus drivers.

Table 2

Occupation	Weekly pay (£)
Dental surgeons	800
Bus drivers	640

Calculate the ratio of dental surgeons' weekly pay to bus drivers' weekly pay from Table 2. [1 mark]

- A 0.40:1

☐
- B 0.80:1

☐
- C 1.25:1

☐
- D 1.44:1

☐

07

Identify which of the following is **not** an example of the actions of producers conflicting with moral and ethical interests.

[1 mark]

- A A firm dumps waste in a river.

☐
- B A firm only recruits graduates from one university.

☐
- C A firm raises wages to protect the living standards of its workers.

☐
- D A firm takes advantage of international law to minimise tax paid.

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Turn over for the next question

08

Goods X and Y are complements. The supply of good X decreases.

What will happen in the market for good Y?

[1 mark]

- A Demand decreases

☐
- B Demand increases

☐
- C Supply decreases

☐
- D Supply increases

☐

09

Which of the following firms is most likely to be a monopoly?

[1 mark]

Firm	Ease of entry	Number of firms in industry	Product differentiation
A	High	High	Low
B	High	High	High
C	Low	Low	Low
D	Low	Low	High

- A Firm A

☐
- B Firm B

☐
- C Firm C

☐
- D Firm D

☐

1 0

The price elasticity of demand for pizza is -1.25 . The price of pizza increases by 10%.

What is the change in quantity demanded as a result?

[1 mark]

A -12.5%

☐

B -8.0%

☐

C $+8.0\%$

☐

D $+12.5\%$

☐

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State **two** deductions from a worker's gross pay.

[2 marks]

1 _____

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Explain **one** impact of a competitive market on consumer choice.

[2 marks]

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Explain why online retailing is an example of a market.

[2 marks]

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The following data relate to a business that has made 1500 pancakes.

- Average cost per pancake: £1.90
- Selling price per pancake: £4.00

Calculate the total profit earned by the business from selling 1500 pancakes.

[2 marks]

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Explain **one** way the pancake business could increase its profit.

[2 marks]

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1 6

State **two** features of an oligopoly.

[2 marks]

Feature 1 _____

Feature 2 _____

1 7

Explain **one** possible reason why the earnings of a particular occupation may be low.

[2 marks]

1 8

Explain **one** possible reason why the demand for foreign holidays is likely to be price elastic.

[2 marks]

Turn over for the next question

19

Table 3 shows data relating to the workforce of Billy’s Barbers, which is one of several barbershops on a busy street.

Table 3

Number of workers	6
Number of haircuts per day	93

19.1

Using **Table 3**, calculate the daily productivity of the workforce of Billy’s Barbers.

Give your answer to the nearest whole number.

[2 marks]

Haircuts per day = _____

19.2

Explain **one** benefit of increased productivity to a business such as Billy’s Barbers.

[2 marks]

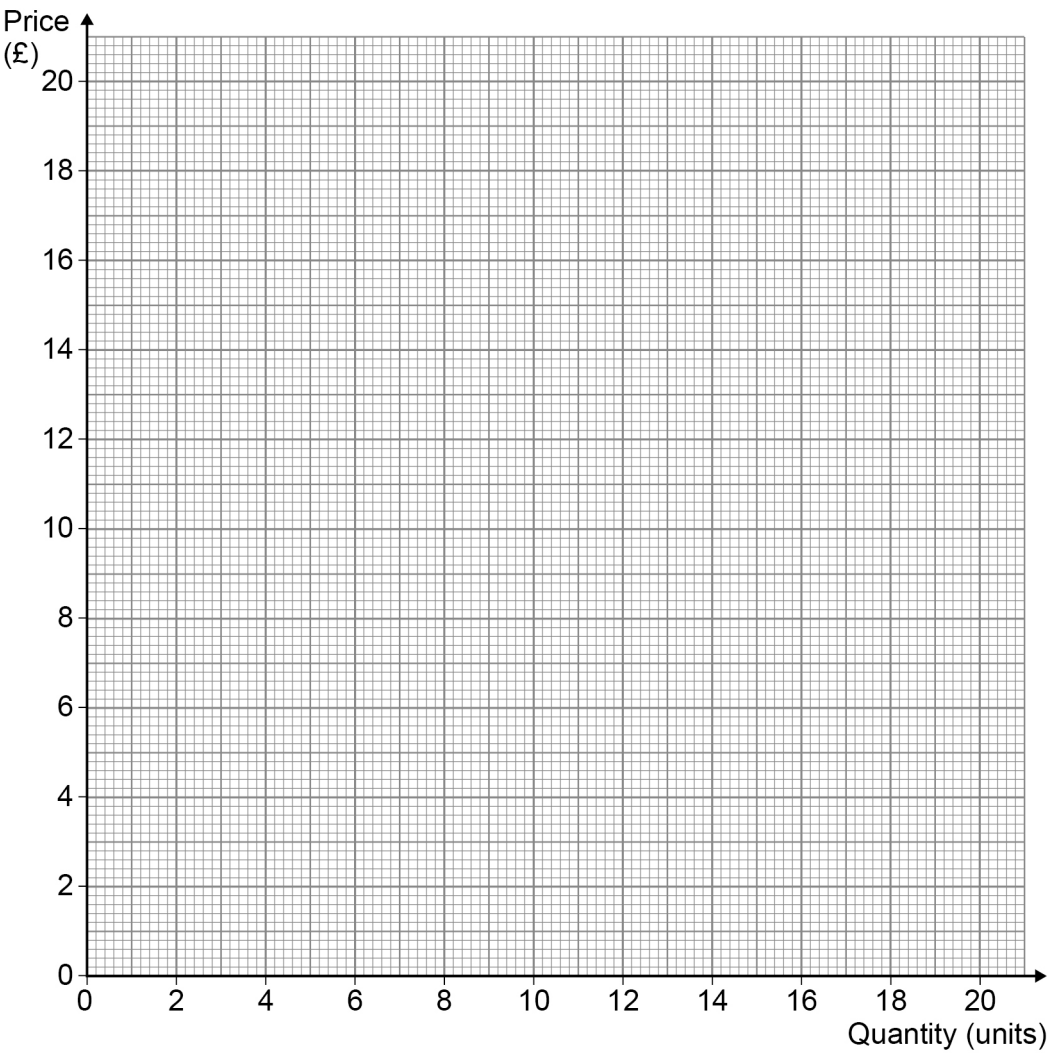
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Draw and label demand and supply curves on the graph below from the following table of information. Clearly identify the equilibrium price and quantity.

[3 marks]

Price (£)	Quantity demanded (units)	Quantity supplied (units)
5	14	8
10	12	12
15	10	16
20	8	20



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Section B

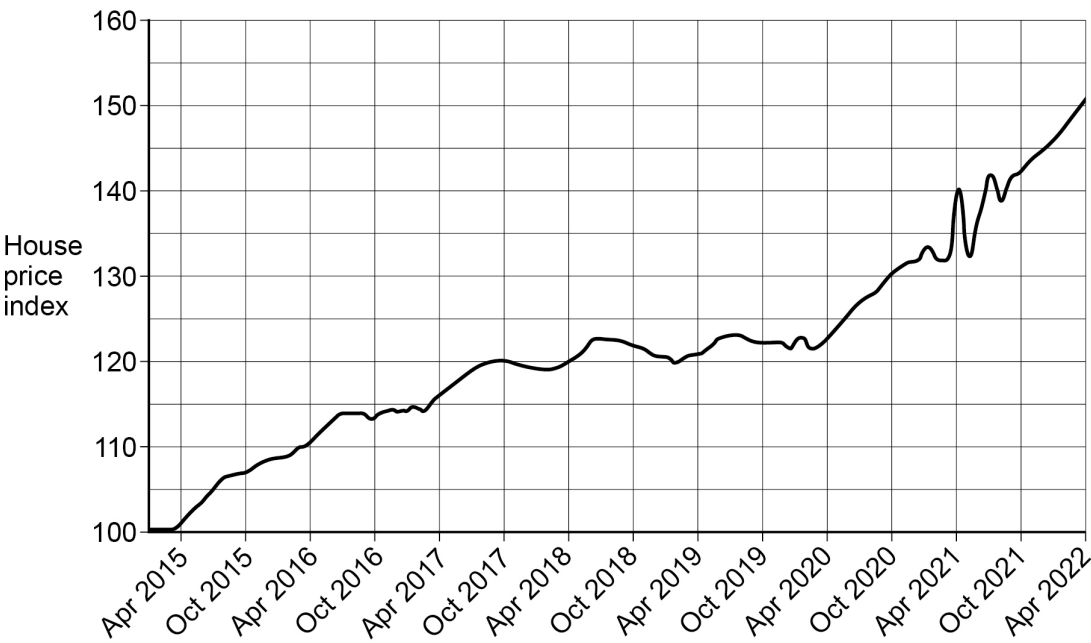
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Item A – The UK housing market

The UK housing market suffers from excess demand. Demand for housing tends to be greater than the supply of housing, leading to a housing shortage. Around 160 000 new homes are currently being built each year. However, it is estimated that more than 220 000 new homes are required each year to prevent a shortage. This has led to significant house price increases over time. Furthermore, the price elasticity of supply of new houses in the UK is estimated at 0.4. This compares with 1.1 in France and 2.1 in the USA. The average house price in the UK has grown at a faster rate than average incomes in recent years. **Figure 3** shows the UK average house price index from 2015 to 2022.

Economists say that the UK housing market is an example of market failure. Persistent housing shortages in the UK can lead to several problems. These include increased poverty and unemployment, as the mobility of labour is reduced.

Figure 3 – UK average house price index 2015 to 2022 (2015 = 100)



Item B – Possible methods to help homebuyers in the UK

A good-quality home provides shelter, warmth and safety, and may be considered a basic human need. The market for housing may also create positive externalities. However, people on low incomes or hoping to buy their first house tend to have particular difficulty in having enough money to purchase a house.

The government has considered a range of methods to make it easier for people to buy their own homes. These include subsidising the building of more houses so that supply can move closer to demand. This may also include the removal of laws and other rules which make it difficult to build or extend houses, eg in rural areas. Other methods include the Help to Buy scheme, which reduces the size of the loan needed to buy a first home. The government could also prevent wealthy individuals buying second homes, particularly in areas where there are major housing shortages, such as in popular coastal towns.

Critics of these methods point out that they may create additional problems. For example, building more houses may create negative externalities. Also, making it cheaper for first-time buyers to buy a house does not solve the problem of a housing shortage. Furthermore, subsidising housebuilding may lead to an opportunity cost for the government.

2 2

Define the term ‘demand’.

[2 marks]

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Using **Figure 3**, on page 17, calculate the percentage change in the UK average house price index between **April 2017** and **April 2022**.

Give your answer to the nearest whole %.

[3 marks]

Answer = _____ %

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Analyse the possible **positive** externalities that may result from building more houses.

[6 marks]

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Explain **two** possible disadvantages of housing shortages in the UK.

[6 marks]

Disadvantage 1 _____

Disadvantage 2 _____

[15 marks]

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