



Worksheet 9: Understanding the question

Answer the question(s) following each sample examination-style question.

1 Define 'capital'.

- Do you need a short or a detailed answer?

- What is capital an example of?

- Is an example of capital necessary here?

2 Identify two types of external growth for a business.

- Do you have to explain/give examples of each type of growth?

- Would you be answering the question if you wrote about internal growth instead?

- What is another word for external growth?/How do firms grow externally?

3 Explain two causes of inflation.

- Is it enough to list the two causes?

- Are you going to be awarded for examples?

- Can inflation be caused by both demand-side and supply-side reasons?

- Do you have to write about individual/firm/market/total demand/supply?

- Your answer must link the causes to inflation. What is inflation expressed in?



4 A 20 per cent increase in the price of Product A leads to a 5 per cent decrease in its quantity demanded. Calculate the PED for Product A.

- Do you have to write the formula for PED before you substitute with the numbers?

- Is there a unit of measurement for your final result?

- What is the sign of the result?

5 Using Table X, analyse the relationship between average incomes and mobile phone ownership.

- Would you expect a positive or negative relationship?

- Do you have to give a reason for the expected direction of the relationship?

- How many/Which examples to confirm the expected relationship from Table X can you give?

- Do you have to look for outliers/exceptions?

- Do you have to explain a possible reason for the exception?

- Is your answer credited if you only quoted examples/figures from the table?

6 Analyse the effects of economic growth to an economy.

- What linking devices do you have to use here?

- Can you write about both positive and negative effects?

- Is this a question about the consequences or the causes of economic growth?

- Is this a microeconomics or a macroeconomics question?

- You can consider the effects on which economic agents?



- 7 Analyse the possible disadvantages of economic growth to an economy.
- Would you be answering the question if you wrote about the advantages of economic growth?

- 8 Discuss the advantages of economic growth to an economy.

- Is this a short or a detailed answer?

- Although it mentions advantages, do you have to write about disadvantages as well?

- Is this a one-sided or a two-sided answer?

- What are suitable phrases to start each half of the answer?

- Is it enough to develop one idea only in each half of the answer?

- Is this a descriptive or an analytical question?
