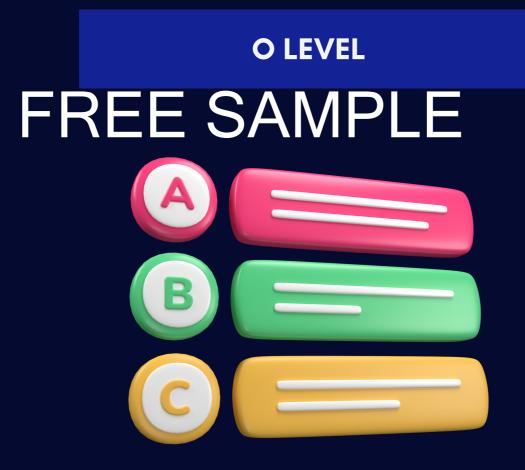
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### **TOPIC 1**

# Economic Problems: Scarcity, Choice and Opportunity Cost

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1. Heavy rain caused floods in an area of a country

What may be an opportunity cost of repairing the damage caused?

- A the allocation of government funds to the area instead of on a new airport
- B the cost of providing shelter for those made homeless
- C the decline in the tourist industry m the area
- D the loss of profits from businesses affected by the flood [J 17 Pl Q2]
- 2. In economics, natural sunlight is classified as a free good.

What is the reason for this?

- A Sunlight is a gift of nature.
- B Sunlight is a renewable resource.
- C There is no opportunity cost of using sunlight.
- D Unlimited amounts of sunlight can be consumed.

IJ18Pl QI]

- 3. What do economies aim to achieve in tackling the economic problem of scarcity?
  - A equal balance between public and private sectors
  - B equal reward for equal effort
  - C increased competition in the use of resources
  - D optimum allocation of finite resources

IN18/P1/Q2]

4. In recent years more golf courses , which use large quantities of water , have opened in China.

What may be the opportunity cost of this?

A cost of water

B loss of farmland

C sales of golf equipment

D wages of golf course staff

[J19 P1/Q3]

5. Sam wrote a list of how he would prefer to spend his Saturday after- noon.

first choice	go to a cricket match
second choice	watch the annual town parade
third choice	go to the cinema
fourth choice	visit relatives

Unfortunately a thunderstorm

caused the cricket match and the town parade to be cancelled. Sam went to the cinema.

What was the opportunity cost of going to the cinema?

A going to a cricket match

- B watching the annual town parade C visiting relatives
- D losing his Saturday free time [N19/P1/Q3]
- 6. A student decides to take up a two year apprenticeship for which she will earn \$10 000 per year. After that she expects to earn \$25 000 per year. She could take an unskilled job which pays \$16 000 per year instead of the apprenticeship.

What is the opportunity cost in the two years of completing the apprenticeship?

A \$10 000	B \$12 000
C \$25 000	D \$32 000
	[J20/Pl / Q3]

2.C A free good is one that has no opportunity cost i.e it can be consumed as much as possible without reducing its availability for others.

A Opportunity cost

repairing damage could

have an alternative use

of being spent on the

of money spent on

construction of a

new airport

1.

3. D Economic problem of scarcity is the allocation of finite or limited resources efficiently to satisfy needs and wants

#### 4. в

cost is Opportunity of next best alternative foregone In this case the opportunity cost of water used for golf courses is the loss of farmland that could have been irrigated using the same quantity of water

5. C The first and second choice was can-celled Out of the remaining Sam chose the third choice Thus the opportunity cost of going to the cinema was not visiting the relative (next best alternative foregone) 8. Microeconomics analyses choices in various situations.

Which area of economic study does it not include?

A costs and revenues of a firm B individual consumer behaviour C policies for economic growth D wages for different occupations

[J20 P1 Q4]

9. What causes economic agents to make choices?

A limited needs and wants B the existence of finite resources C the existence of free goods

D the market mechanism

N20 P1 Q1

6. B By taking the apprenticeship for two years she would earn \$20,000. Had she taken the unskilled job she would have earned \$32,000. The opportunity cost of taking the apprenticeship is the difference between the two earnings i.e. \$32,000-\$20,000 = \$12,000

8. C Policies for economic growth are analyzed under macro economics.

**9** . **B** The basic economic problem is that of limited resources and unlimited wants . This makes resources scarce and allows economic agents to make choice amongst competing uses.



# Factors of Production

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1. In which case is it possible to set the level of reward before production takes place for the first factor of pro-duction but not for the second?

	first factor	second factor
Α	capital	land
В	enterprise	labour
С	labour	capital
D	land	enterprise

[N13/P1Q3]

2. What is a factor of production?

A a semi-skilled, young worker B direct taxes received by a

government

C shares in a manufacturing company

D stocks of money held a bank

[J 14 Pl Q3]

- 3. Which statement about the factors of production is correct?
- A Capital includes man -made ma chines that do not keep their original value.
  - B Enterprise is a natural factor of production that cannot be taught.
  - C Labour is an immobile factor that does not change its skill level.

D Land is only agricultural fields that cannot be improved by human effort. IN 14 Pl Q2]

4. New oil reserves are discovered. What has increased in supply?

A capital

B enterprise

C labour

D land

[J15 P1 Q2]

5. In a rural community of Southern Africa , women were responsible for planting and weeding crops by hand , while men used to control production and receive profits.

Which	combination	of	factors	of
product	tion was in op	erat	ion?	

	men	women
Α	capital	land
В	enterprise	labour
С	labour	capital
D	land	enterprise

[N15 P1 Q1]

Each factor of production earns an income.
What correctly identifies the income

for labour and capital?

	labour	capital
А	profit	interest
В	rent	profit
С	wages	profit
D	wages	interest

[N16/P1/Q1]

7. Which is not a factor of production?

A a farm

Ba farmer

C a farmer's bank account

Da second-hand tractor

#### [J171 PlIQI]

8. Economists refer to factors of production.

Which is not a factor of production?

A the fields of a farm

- B the machinery in a factory
- C the shares of a company

D the staff in an office

N17 P1 Q1

- 9. What would be classified as the factor of production capital for an airline 2
  - A the aircraft operated by the airline B the money the airline keeps in the bank
  - C the pilots the airline uses
  - D the shares of the airline quoted on the stock market

J 18/ Pl /Q2

**1.D** Before produc - tion takes place a busi - ness must acquire land and therefore must pay rent , however the reward of enterprise is obtained after the ouput is sold

2.A Factors of pro- duction consist of the eco - nomic resources of capital , enterprise , labour and land Option A. is an example of labour

3. A Factors of pro-duction include land, labor, capital and enterprise. Op- tion A is the correct an swer Option B, C and D are incorrect as enterprise is not a natural factor , land is a mobile factor and land can be improved by human effort

**4.D** Land consists of ai the natural resources which are gifts of nature e g water , forests , fossils (coal , oil , natural gas ), min - erals , , soil, air etc

**5. B** Women were the labour and men were entrepreneurs as they or - ganized production and managed pr trits

6.D Income for labour is wages and in-come for capital is the in-terest earned

**7.C** A , B and D are all factors of production i.e. land iabour , capital Only C is not a factor of production

10. Which factor of production is not represented in the list shown?

bananas, a factory, goats, a risk taking investor

- A capital B enterprise
- C labour D land

[N18/P1/Q1]

12. A government wishes to increase agricultural output. It gives farmers the tools to irrigate the farmers' fields.

Which factors of production are provided by the farmers? A

capital and enterprise

B enterprise and labour

C labour and land

D land and capital

(J 19/Pl/QI]

13. Which statement about factors of production is correct?

A Capital is the amount of money borrowed from a bank.

- B Labour is output made by an em ployee.
- C Land includes commercially grown rice crops.
- D Profit is the reward for enter

- prise

[N19IP1IQ1]

14. What can cause the supply curve for a product to shift to the right

A an increase in demand for he

#### product

B an increase in government subsidies to producers

C an increase in indirect taxes on the product

D an increase in the costs of production

[N19IPIIQ6]

15. In 2016, 20 billion barrels of oil and 1.6 billion barrels of natural gas were discovered in Texas, US. Which factor of production has increased in the US due to this discovery?

A capital	B enterprise
C labour	D land

J20/Pl QI

16. Which combination of a factor of production and its factor income is not correct?

	factor of production	factor income
А	capital	interest
B	enterpnse	profit
c	labour	dividends
D	land	rent

[N20 P1 Q2]

**8. C** A, B and D are all factors of production ie. land, labour, capital Only C is not a factor of production

**9. A** Aircraft is an example of capital for the airlines

**10** . **C** The factor of production missing is labour

**12.C** Farmers pro - vide factors of production in the form of their own labour and land on which agricultural crop is grown

**13**. D Factors of production are resources that are used to produce goods and services such as land, labour , capital and enterpnse . They all earn income in the form of rent, wages, interest and profits

**14. B** An increase in government subsidies, a determinant of the supply curve, will shift the sup ply curve upward

**15 . D** Oil and gas are natural resources that are found in land.

**16.** C Factor income for labour is wages



# Economic Systems

Economics multiple-choice questions + Answers explained

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1. Why might a free market economy be more advantageous than a mixed economy?

A Equality of income is encouraged. B In a mixed economy, governments use taxes which are inefficient. C

- Production is determined solely by consumer wishes.
- D Social costs are taken into consideration.

(N12/Pl/Q4]

2. A country needs extra nurses . How could this be encouraged in a mixed economy but not in a market economy?

> A Extra part-time nursing courses could be arranged by private colleges.

- B Nurses could be given a higher statutory minimum wage
- C Nursing students could be asked to pay increased fees.

D Nursing training colleges could have their subsidies reduced. [J13 P1 Q4]

- 3. Which headline could apply to a mixed economy but not a free market economy ?
  - A 'Cheap imports put domestic pro - ducers out of business.'
  - B 'Local government planning decision angers residents;
  - C 'Many fish die as a company pollutes a river with waste material'
- D 'Small shops close as large supermarkets open in the area.'

[J 14 Pl Q5)

- 4. What would not be an example of the working of a market system?
  - A a high price charged because of costly research to produce the good
  - B a high price charged for a well known painting

- C a low price charged because of economies of scale
- D a low price charged for subsidised bus travel

[J15 P1 Q5]

- 5. Which pair of economic institutions is most likely found in a market economy?
  - A free accident and emergency hospitals and charities
  - B partnerships and public corporations
  - C stock exchange and monopolies
- D trade unions and local government schools

#### [J16IP1IQ5]

- 6. What is the government most likely to produce in a mixed economy?
  - A all of the services and none of the goods
  - B amounts of goods and services equal to those of the private sector
  - C no goods and services.

D some of the goods and services [N17/P1/Q4]

- 7. What is a major advantage of a market economic system over a mixed economic system?
  - A All production of goods and services is determined by consumer demand.
  - B Ownership of resources is divided between private and public sectors.
  - C Producers include any external costs they create in the price of the good.
    - D There will always be an even dis-

tribution of income and wealth. J 18 P1 Q4

8. China , the world 's second largest economy , is becoming more like a market economy.

Which policy would contribute directly to such a change?

- A abolishing state control completely
- B encouraging consumers to spend more and save less
- C reducing exports and encouraging more imports

D transferring wealth from the state sector to the private sector

[N18 P1 Q4]

**1. C** The biggest advantage of *a* free market over a mixed economy is consumer sovereignty , consumers determine the production of goods

2. B A legal mini - mum wage set by the government suggests government intervention in the labour market that makes it a mixed economy

**3. B** A mixed economy is defined as containing a mixture of markets and economic planning , in which both the private sector and state direct the economy On the other hand , a market economy is an economy in which

decisions regarding resource allocation are based on the market forces of supply and demand.

4. D In a market system there is no government intervention in the form of granting subsidies.

**5.C** It is the only option which does not have any government provision.

9. Cuba is implementing free market reforms.

What is a likely advantage of this?

A a wider variety of goods and services produced

B greater equality between the different groups in society

C increased provision of public goods

D less consumption of goods with external costs

J 19/Pl IQ4

10. Which pair of economic institutions can be found in a market economy 2

A local government and charities

- B monopolies and commercial banks
- C nationalised industries and partnerships
- D stock exchange and public corporations

[N19IP1IQ4]

11. Why might a market economy fail to achieve the best use of scarce resources?

A Consumers may lack information about which good to buy.

B Demerit goods are underconsumed.

- C Public goods are overconsumed.
- D Most resources are owned by the government.

[N20 P1 Q5]

- 12. What does not have an effect on wages in a free market economy?
  - A danger levels in the workplace
  - B government regulations
  - C the number of people willing and able to work
    - D the years of training required

N20 P1 Q9

**6**.**D** In a mixed economy both the government and the private sector provides some of the goods and services.

**7. A** In a market system allocation of re-sources is based on demand and supply

8. D Transferring wealth to the private sector would steer china towards market economy where resource allocation is determined by the forces of demand and supply. There is little government intervention.

9. A Free market system lead to more com - petition and a greater variety of goods and ser vices produced B C, D are all features of com - mand economies

**10. B** Market economy is where there is no government intervention.

**11. A** Market economy fail to achieve

the best use of resources in the presence of market failure A type of **FANDIKE** is information asymmetry where the consumers may lack information on the product that they want to buy.

**12. B** In a free mar - ket economy there is no government regulation Wages are determined by the demand and supply for labour . Option A C 0 are factors that affect demand and supply for workers.

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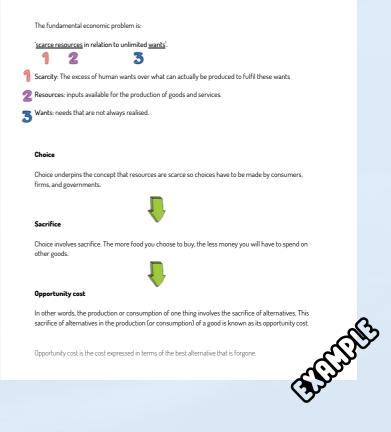
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'Both the take-up rate and number of journeys per bus pass have been falling in recent years.'

Explain two factors which could lead to an increase in the demand for bus travel in the future.

(10 marks)

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#### Answer

Tip: Generally, AQA exam questions are accomparied by an extract (although we have not include it here for simplicity). To score higher marks, refer back to the data (facts and figures) given in the extract, when writing your essay! Note that in this question you are asked to 'explain TWO factors'. In this case, it's a good idea to break your essay into two parts: Factor 1 and factor 2. (Step 1: Define 'demand' in the introduction)

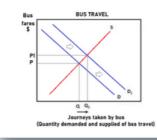
I refers to both the willingness and the ability of customers to pay a given price to buy a good or There are several factors which could lead to an increase in the demand for bus travel in the future.

(Step 2: Explain TWO factors which could increase the demand for bus travel)

Factor 1: A change in tastes or social norms will increase the demand for bus travel.

travelling by bus has the image of being unpressant, unreliable and for the 'lower class'. However, waterness is being raised about air pollution, cimate change and Co2 emissions. People in the full, encience bus travel as being more coologicality and economically efficient. Furthermore, with the lotion of smart lanes and electric buses, the eccertence of travelling by bus will improve with time. factors will encourage people to buse the bus.

nore people become aware that traveling by bus is environmentally friendly more people will opt for bus vel to reduce their carbon footprint. The demand for bus travel will increase. The effect of an increase in mand for bus travel can be shown using a diagram. The diagram below shows the demand and supply ves of bus fravel.





Initially, people are unaware of the environmemor bene and the equilibrium quantity (number of journeys taken about air pollution, more people will be encouraged to curve for busines shifts rightward from D to D1. The of increases from O to O1.

Factor 2: If the price of substitutes such as car traver instead because of its more favourable relative price. Substitutes are alternative goods and can satisfy the same want or need. Examples travel and bus travel. For example, if the price of car travel increases significantly, pr cheaper alternatives, such as bus hisked.

The cost of traveling by car can increase in the future, for instance, due to higher fuel prices. Consequ if the cost of traveling by car goes up in the future, people will avoid traveling by car, and take the bus instead. The demand for bus travel will increase. The government may also subsidise bus travel in the future, mal people to switch away from using their cars to travelling by bus.

To conclude, the demand for bus travel could increase in the future if people perceive busses as being more ecologically and economically efficient. Also, if the price of substitutes such as car tower increases, then people will aim to bus there intered because of its more #exolution traiter.

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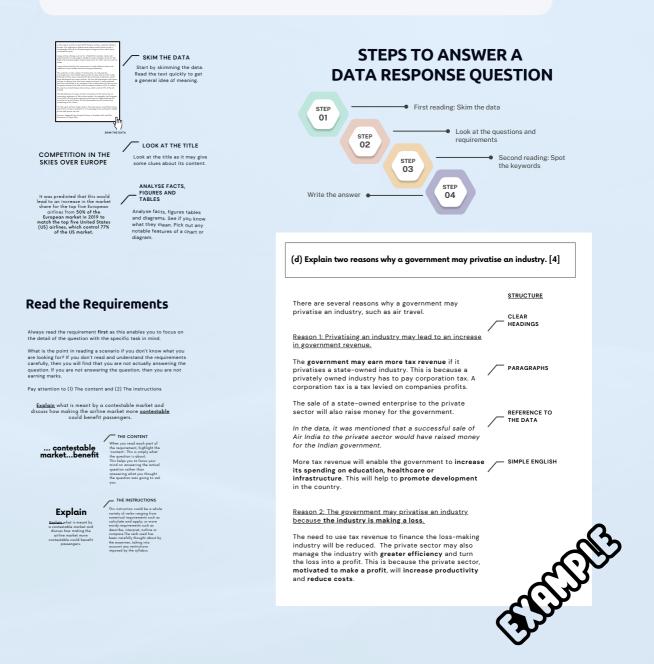
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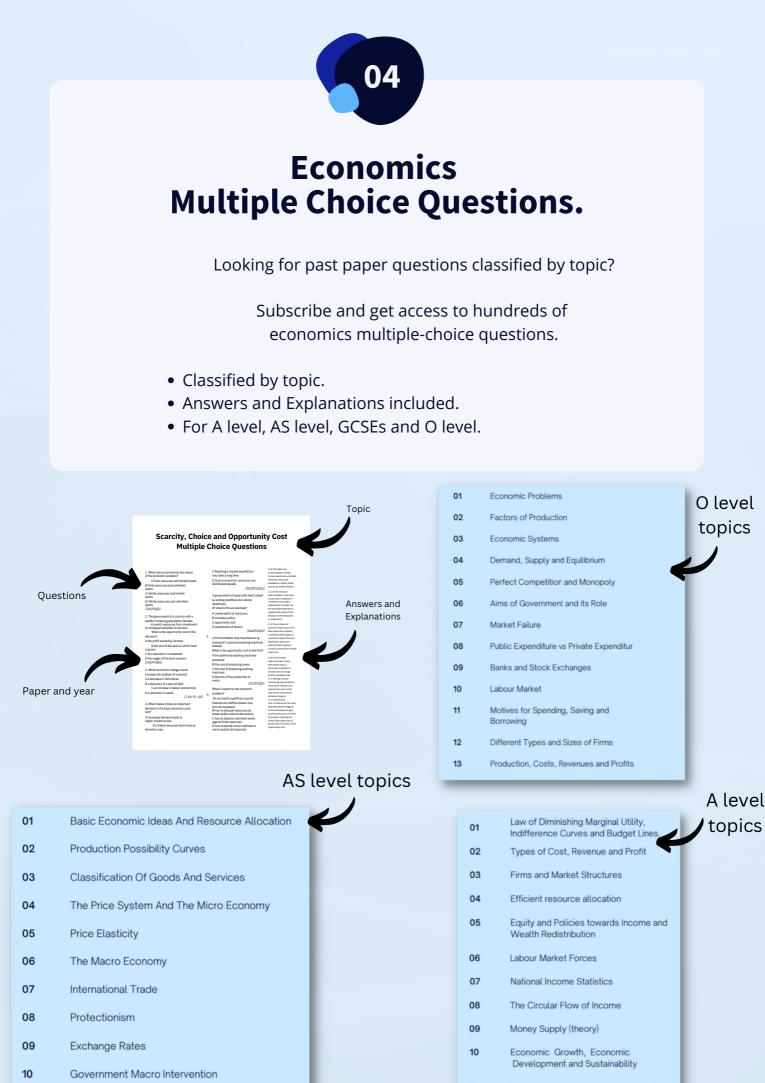
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