

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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Paper 1 Written paper

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QUESTION PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **all** questions.

You should spend approximately 10 minutes reading the documents in the Resource Booklet before attempting to answer the questions. This is allowed for within the time set for the examination.

Answers should be written in continuous prose.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **2** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** insert.

Read the documents in the accompanying Resource Booklet and answer **all** the questions.

The Economics of Food Production

1 Study Document 1.

- (a) Summarise the impact, according to Document 1, of the rise in food prices. [4]
- (b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence used to show there was a rise in food prices. [6]

2 Study Document 1.

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the argument about biofuels in Document 1. [8]

3 Study Documents 1 and 2.

To what extent are the arguments in Document 2 more convincing than those in Document 1? [12]

[Total: 30]

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