

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2013 series

0455 ECONOMICS

0455/33

Paper 3 (Analysis and Critical Evaluation),
maximum raw mark 40

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- 1 (a) 1 mark for lack of capital.
1 mark for inability to take advantage of economies of scale/high average costs. [2]
- (b) 1 mark each for each of 2 reasons identified i.e. decrease in supply and increase in demand.
1 mark each for each of 2 explanations i.e. supply decreased due to bad weather, demand increased due to increasing global demand for tyres. [4]
- (c) 1 mark for identifying a standard for deferred payment with:
1 mark for explaining that is money is being used to borrow and to repay.
1 mark for identifying a store of value with:
1 mark for explaining that people are saving money.
1 mark for identifying unit of account (measure of value)/medium of exchange with:
1 mark for referring to prices/buying or selling. [4]
- (d) 1 mark for identifying increased competition from larger Chinese plantations.
1 mark for explaining these Chinese plantations may produce rubber more cheaply.
1 mark for identifying the quantity of synthetic rubber may rise.
1 mark for explaining synthetic and natural rubber are substitutes/people may switch from buying natural rubber to buying synthetic rubber.
1 mark for identifying bad weather may continue.
1 mark for explaining lower supply will raise price which will reduce demand. [4]
- (e) Up to 3 marks for identifying factors e.g.
- wage rate
 - holidays
 - promotion chances
 - job security
 - job satisfaction
 - location.

Up to 4 marks for discussing factors e.g. more people will want to work for a large rubber firm if:

- the wage rate is high
- there are long holidays
- promotion chances are good
- there is a high level of job security
- a high level of job satisfaction
- the firm is close to where people live.

Note: up to three marks for any one point identified and discussed.

Up to three marks for a list-like approach.

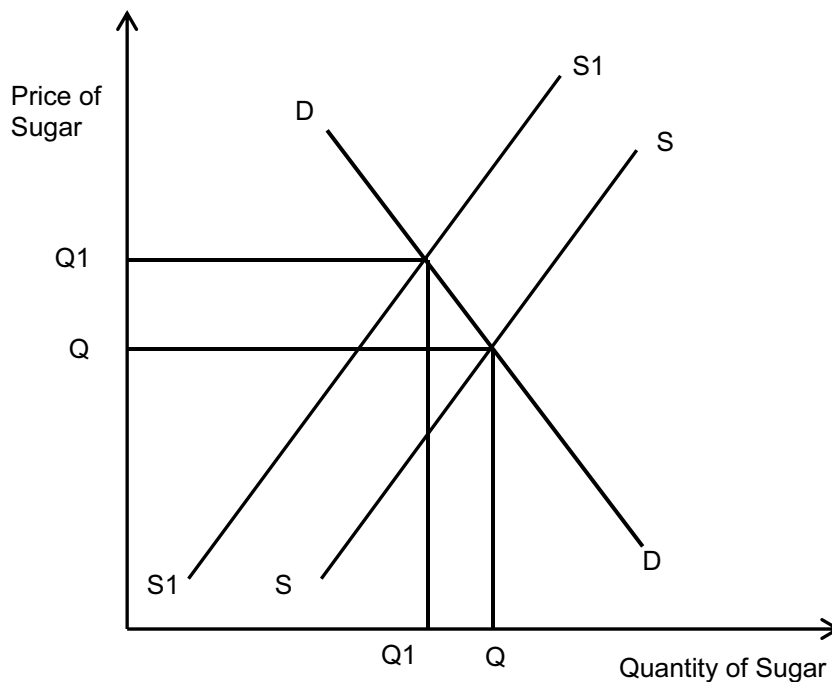
Note: a maximum mark of 6.

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- 2 (a) 2 marks for a ban on imports/exports.
1 mark for a ban. [2]
- (b) 1 mark for coping with an ageing population.
1 mark for reducing the cost of state pensions/raising tax revenue. [2]
- (c) 2 marks for progressive as it takes a higher percentage of the income of the rich.
1 mark for progressive. [2]

(d)



- 1 mark for correct labels – P, Q, D and S.
1 mark for shift of the supply curve to the left.
1 mark for original and new equilibriums.
1 mark for explaining price would rise. [4]

- (e) (i) 2 marks for 5 million.
1 mark for correct working i.e. 0.1 m/2%. [2]
- (ii) 1 mark for concluding generally no.
1 mark for recognising the economic growth rate falls from 2006 to 2008 but so does unemployment/economic growth rate rises from 2009 to 2010 and so does unemployment.
1 mark for noting that 2008 to 2009 supports the view/over the whole period the economic growth rate fell and the unemployment rate rose.
1 mark for unemployment is so low, it is less likely to be cyclical (demand-deficient) unemployment (more likely to be frictional unemployment). [2]

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(f) Up to 4 marks for why consumers may benefit e.g.

- consumer sovereignty
- low prices
- choice
- high quality
- efficient allocation of resources.

Up to 4 marks for discussing why consumers may not benefit e.g.

- higher prices due to abuse of market power
- higher prices due to removal of state subsidies
- public goods not being provided
- advertising distorting choices
- some consumers lacking purchasing power.

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