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Paper 1 Multiple Choice, Short Answers and Data Response

For examination from 2020

MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 80

Specimen

This specimen paper has been updated for assessments from 2020. The specimen questions and mark schemes remain the same. The layout and wording of the front covers have been updated to reflect the new Cambridge International branding and to make instructions clearer for candidates.

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Section AMultiple Choice
Answer Key

Question	Answer	Marks
1	D	1
2	D	1
3	C	1
4	A	1
5	C	1
6	B	1
7	A	1
8	D	1
9	D	1
10	B	1
11	A	1
12	B	1
13	D	1
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21	C	1
22	B	1
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24	A	1
25	C	1
26	B	1
27	A	1
28	A	1
29	D	1
30	C	1

Section B

Question	Answer	Marks
31(a)	For an answer that explains that the mpc reflects the proportion (or similar phrase) of any extra income received that will be spent [1]. For an appropriate example, e.g. if mpc = 0.8 and income increase by £100, then an extra £80 will be spent [1].	2
31(b)	$k = 5$ [1]. From $1/(1-0.8)$ although working not required. No marks awarded if error made but note that incorrect answer is not penalised again in part (c)	1
31(c)	Final change = $k \times$ initial change. For calculating that initial change = £16bn [1]. For candidate's answer to (b) \times candidate's initial change [1]. This should be $5 \times £16bn = £80bn$. Full marks to be awarded if correct answer is provided regardless of any working shown.	2

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32(a)	For statement that MC = Price [1]	1
32(b)	For an answer that clearly explains that MC represents the 'cost to society' of producing the marginal unit, whereas Price reflects society's valuation of this unit [2]. Similarly if the answer explains that if we do not have equality in these two variables then either it is costing society more to produce than the additional benefit gained or vice versa [max 2 marks].	2
32(c)	For explanation that negative externalities will mean that MC = Price will cause an inefficient allocation of resources since what we actually want is MSC = MSB and that MC = Price only gives us this when there are no externalities since for 'decision makers' MC = MPC and Price reflects MPB – or similar (e.g. if deadweight loss is demonstrated on the diagram then this should be rewarded) [2]. Award a mark if answer states that there will be an 'over-provision' but doesn't explain why.	2

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33(a)	Goods Y and Z are complementary goods [1] because the relevant cross-price elasticities of demand are negative (or similar explanation) [1].	2
33(b)	Given own price elasticity of demand is -0.8 , this means that it is (price) inelastic demand [1] hence if the price of the good were to fall, there will be a fall in total revenue (TR) received [1]. The final mark should be awarded either for an explanation that the percentage increase in quantity demanded is less than the percentage fall in price (or similar) or for use of a diagram showing both average revenue (AR) and TR and a clear indication that a movement down the AR curve at the relevant point leads to a fall in TR. If diagram clearly shows lower TR then this should be rewarded [1].	3

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34(a)	Since average rate of tax (ART) for income of £10 000 is 10% and for income of £50 000 it is 18% (or similar such explanation) [1] hence the system is progressive [1]. (Key word is 'explain' not 'state'.)	2

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34(b)	For mention of the fact that there will be less incentive to work / less net reward from working [1]. For further explanation that the 'substitution effect' will have made work less attractive and leisure more attractive, or that the 'opportunity cost' of leisure has fallen or similar – up to [2].	3

Section C

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35(a)	<p>Using the information in the first paragraph of Extract 2, calculate the number of workers who were receiving less than the relevant NMW rate prior to its introduction, according to the Office for National Statistics.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="2">Knowledge and Application</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 marks</td> <td colspan="2">Accurate calculation of $23 \text{ m} \times 8.3\% = 1\,909\,000$ (accept 1.9 m). Give full marks if 1 909 000 is given even if no working is shown.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 mark</td> <td colspan="2">An attempt is made to find 8.3% of 23 m but an error is made and answer is incorrect – or 1.9 m is just stated with no working.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0 mark</td> <td colspan="2">No use of the relevant figures is made.</td> </tr> </table>		Knowledge and Application		2 marks	Accurate calculation of $23 \text{ m} \times 8.3\% = 1\,909\,000$ (accept 1.9 m). Give full marks if 1 909 000 is given even if no working is shown.		1 mark	An attempt is made to find 8.3% of 23 m but an error is made and answer is incorrect – or 1.9 m is just stated with no working.		0 mark	No use of the relevant figures is made.		2
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35(c)	‘Similarly it is important that the benefit system should be considered when setting NMW rates, so as to avoid creating poverty traps of the sort that were common before the NMW.’ (Extract 2 lines 13–15)	
35(c)(i)	Explain what is meant by this sentence.	2
35(c)(ii)	Using both the extract and your own knowledge explain how this issue has been addressed in recent years.	3

	Knowledge – for part (i)	Application – for part (ii)	Analysis – for part (ii)
2 marks	Good demonstration of knowledge in the explanation of what is meant by the poverty trap and why the level of the NMW is of relevance.	Both mention from extract (lines 14 to 19) and demonstration of some knowledge of recent developments over and above what is mentioned in the extract.	
1 mark	A superficial display of knowledge.	Either just correct ‘regurgitation’ from extract OR demonstration of some knowledge of recent developments but not both.	e.g. analysis of whether changes in legislation have had an effect on the issue of the poverty trap in the last year or so.
0 mark	No knowledge displayed in answer – simply statement of provided facts.	No relevant application of knowledge.	No relevant analysis.

Candidates should be using the extract as a stimulus for example but will have to show knowledge of recent developments in the UK to gain full marks. For example, at the time of writing, Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, has just been putting forward his proposals aimed at making it impossible to be better off on benefits than in work. Clearly candidates will have to have kept up with how this has developed.

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35(d)	<p>Using the evidence provided in Extract 2 lines 20–32 and economic analysis, evaluate the statement that it is right for the NMW to be based upon age and experience.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="308 376 1326 1753"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="308 376 443 427"></th> <th data-bbox="443 376 887 427">Analysis</th> <th data-bbox="887 376 1326 427">Evaluation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 427 443 651">6 marks</td> <td data-bbox="443 427 887 651"></td> <td data-bbox="887 427 1326 651">Clear evidence of evaluation and excellent awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments. At this top level there will need to be discussion of the idea of 'right for whom'.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 651 443 808">5 marks</td> <td data-bbox="443 651 887 808"></td> <td data-bbox="887 651 1326 808">Clear evidence of evaluation and excellent awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments given.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 808 443 1167">4 marks</td> <td data-bbox="443 808 887 1167">Good use of relevant statistics from the table to substantiate any arguments made, along with clear analysis of the arguments put forward in Extract 2. At this top level the candidate will also draw on points from their own knowledge over and above those provided.</td> <td data-bbox="887 808 1326 1167">Some clear evidence of evaluation, but limited discussion of the relative strengths of the arguments given.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1167 443 1323">3 marks</td> <td data-bbox="443 1167 887 1323">A reasonable attempt to consider the implications of the different levels for the NMW.</td> <td data-bbox="887 1167 1326 1323">Some evidence of evaluation or limited awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments given but not both.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1323 443 1581">2 marks</td> <td data-bbox="443 1323 887 1581">Either superficial analysis of several points or greater in-depth analysis of just a single issue. Unlikely to see any statistical justifications used or the use of the candidate's own knowledge.</td> <td data-bbox="887 1323 1326 1581">Some evidence of an attempt at evaluation but rather superficial.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1581 443 1704">1 mark</td> <td data-bbox="443 1581 887 1704">An attempt is made to analyse the effects, but there are major inaccuracies and/or omissions.</td> <td data-bbox="887 1581 1326 1704">Very limited evaluation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1704 443 1753">0 mark</td> <td data-bbox="443 1704 887 1753">No relevant analysis.</td> <td data-bbox="887 1704 1326 1753">No evaluation.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="308 1787 1305 2098">Extract 2 mentions both the need for greater supervision and training for young workers and a direct attempt to try to reduce youth unemployment. Candidates may see this as a form of 'positive discrimination' working in the favour of young workers or as greater exploitation of this group – particularly prior to 2004/2010. Better candidates should use the figures from Table 35.1 to support their arguments. It is important that the question stays focused on the idea of 'right' and better candidates will make a distinction between right as in 'correct' and right as in 'fair'. There may well be discussion of how the marginal revenue product of young workers may be lower than that of older</p>			Analysis	Evaluation	6 marks		Clear evidence of evaluation and excellent awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments. At this top level there will need to be discussion of the idea of 'right for whom'.	5 marks		Clear evidence of evaluation and excellent awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments given.	4 marks	Good use of relevant statistics from the table to substantiate any arguments made, along with clear analysis of the arguments put forward in Extract 2. At this top level the candidate will also draw on points from their own knowledge over and above those provided.	Some clear evidence of evaluation, but limited discussion of the relative strengths of the arguments given.	3 marks	A reasonable attempt to consider the implications of the different levels for the NMW.	Some evidence of evaluation or limited awareness of the relative strengths of the arguments given but not both.	2 marks	Either superficial analysis of several points or greater in-depth analysis of just a single issue. Unlikely to see any statistical justifications used or the use of the candidate's own knowledge.	Some evidence of an attempt at evaluation but rather superficial.	1 mark	An attempt is made to analyse the effects, but there are major inaccuracies and/or omissions.	Very limited evaluation.	0 mark	No relevant analysis.	No evaluation.	10
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35(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firms clearly being able to use the system as a way of reducing their labour costs.• Prohibitive 'costs' to interns leading to the best candidates never being able to be considered by firms.• A huge barrier to entry into certain industries for people of limited means.• Would even a NMW for interns be enough to allow them to live in a city e.g. London?• A way for students to impress prior to interview.• Possible exploitation of 'desperate young people' by unscrupulous agencies. <p>This question is the most open ended on the paper and should provide better candidates with a real opportunity to shine.</p>	

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