



ECONOMICS HIGHER LEVEL PAPER 2

Wednesday 19 May 2010 (afternoon)

1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.
- Use fully labelled diagrams and references to examples where appropriate.

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Answer three questions. Each question is worth [10 marks].

- 1. With the aid of a diagram, explain why the price elasticity of supply is likely to change over time.
- **2.** Explain why an airline would want to practice price discrimination. Under what conditions would the airline be able to do so?
- 3. With the aid of a diagram, explain how the government could try to eliminate a deflationary (recessionary) gap.
- **4.** With the aid of a diagram, explain how an increase in transfer payments to the poorest households in a nation is likely to affect the Lorenz curve and the Gini coefficient of that nation.
- **5.** Explain the difference between a fixed exchange rate and a floating (flexible) exchange rate.
- **6.** Explain the difference between outward-oriented growth strategies and inward-oriented growth strategies.

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