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EXAMINATION GUIDELINES



GRADE 12

2021

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Economics outlines the nature and purpose of the subject Economics. This guides the philosophy underlying the teaching and assessment of the subject in Grade 12.

The purpose of these Examination Guidelines is to:

- Provide clarity on the depth and scope of the content to be taught and assessed in the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination in Economics.
- Assist teachers to adequately prepare learners for the examinations.

This document deals with the final Grade 12 external examinations. It does not deal in any depth with the School-Based Assessment (SBA).

These Examination Guidelines should be read in conjunction with:

- The National Curriculum Statement (NCS) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Economics
- The National Protocol of Assessment: An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding the National Protocol for Assessment (Grades R–12)
- The national policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R–12

NOTE: All topics where 'discuss in detail/examine in detail/compare and contrast in detail' appear, should be regarded as essay topics for the next three-year cycle.

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2. **ASSESSMENT IN GRADE 12**

2.1 Format of the question papers

CLASSIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR THE GRADE 12 ECONOMICS QUESTION PAPERS

ECONOMICS GR.12					
PAPER 1	PAPER 2				
150 MARKS – 2 HOURS	150 MARKS – 2 HOURS				
MACROECONOMICS SUBTOPICS:	MICROECONOMICS SUBTOPICS:				
Circular flow	Perfect markets				
Business cycles	Imperfect markets				
Public sector	Market failures				
Foreign exchange markets					
MAIN TOPIC:	MAIN TOPIC:				
ECONOMIC PURSUITS	CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC ISSUES				
SUBTOPICS:	SUBTOPICS:				
 *Protectionism and free trade 	Inflation				
Growth and development	Tourism				
Industrial development policies	 Environmental sustainability 				
 Economic and social performance indicators 					
* Please note that Protectionism and free trade has been moved from Macroeconomics to Economic Pursuits.					

2.2 **Details of question papers**

- Each paper carries 150 MARKS.
- The duration of each paper is 2 HOURS.
- Each paper comprises SIX QUESTIONS divided into three sections.
 - Of the six questions only FOUR must be answered as follows:

 - SECTION A: QUESTION 1 is COMPULSORY. SECTION B: Consists of THREE questions: QUESTIONS 2–4 of which the candidate _ must choose only TWO
 - SECTION C: Consists of TWO questions: QUESTIONS 5-6 of which the candidate must choose only ONE
- The above papers must NOT be written on the same day.
- The detailed requirements of each section (per question paper) are indicated on the next • page.

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SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

QUESTION 1

1.1	MULTIPLE-CHOICE ITEMS (lower order) WITH 4 POSSIBLE options <u>per main topic</u> = 8 items (2 marks per item)	(8 x 2) (16)
1.2	MATCHING ITEMS (COLUMN A AND B) (lower order) FOUR items <u>per main topic</u> = 8 items (1 mark per item)	(8 x 1) (8)
1.3	GIVE THE TERM (lower order) THREE items <u>per main topic</u> = 6 items (1 mark per item) Abbreviations, acronyms and examples are not acceptable.	(6 x 1) (6)

Although the questions are regarded as lower order, they may be classified as EASY (e.g. open economy), MODERATE (e.g. real flow) or DIFFICULT (e.g. autonomous consumption).

SECTION B (ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION) TOTAL: 80

QUESTIONS 2 – 4 (THREE QUESTIONS)

ONE question per MAIN TOPIC and ONE combination question between the 2 MAIN TOPICS.

2.1 Short items

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2.1.1	Lower order (2	2 ITEMS) Name TWO.	(2 x 1) (2)

- 2.1.2 Middle order (1 ITEM), e.g. How, why and what (an application type of question). (1 x 2) (2)
- 2.2–2.3 TWO data response questions (middle order), e.g. Study the following graph/cartoon/ table/extract/real data and answer the questions that follow. (10 x 2) (20)
 - Items in the data response questions must be 'scaffolded' from easy to difficult: 2 marks easy, 4 marks moderate and 4 marks difficult
 - The answers to the first 2 questions (1 mark each) may appear in the data, but will be one of application
 - Data response questions give a context on what aspects to be assessed, and answers would not necessary appear in the data
- ONE single question (middle order), e.g. explain, discuss, distinguish or differentiate between, draw a correctly labelled graph / draw a correctly labelled graph and explain / use the given graph and explain.
- 2.5 ONE single question (higher order), e.g. how, why or evaluate. (8) Higher order questions are grounded in lower-order content and might be linked to prior knowledge of subject matter content. These types of questions test critical thinking, where candidates should be able to apply their knowledge, through logical reasoning and also have an awareness of their current economic climate. All content can be assessed as higher order questions. Answers will not necessarily be found in textbooks.

With regard to *what*, *how* and *why questions*, learners must be guided by the mark allocation when answering the question. E.g. *Why ... (2 marks)* will require ONE discussion point and *Why ... (8 marks)* will require THREE to FOUR discussion points depending on examples given. Responses must give effect to the contextual demands of the question!

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TOTAL: 30

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SECTION C (ANSWER ONE QUESTION IN THIS SECTION

TOTAL: 40

QUESTIONS 5-6 (TWO ESSAY QUESTIONS) ONE question per MAIN TOPIC

STRUCTURE OF ESSAY	MARK ALLOCATION
Introduction	
The introduction is a lower-order response.	Max. 2
 A good starting point would be to define the main concept related to the question topic. 	
• Do not include any part of the question in your introduction.	
• Do not repeat any part of the introduction in the body.	
• Avoid saying in the introduction what you are going to discuss in the body.	
Body Main part: Discuss in detail/In-depth discussion/Examine/Critically discuss/ Analyse/Compare/Evaluate/Distinguish/Differentiate/Explain	Max. 26
Additional part: Give own opinion/Critically discuss/Evaluate/Critically evaluate/ Draw a graph and explain/Use the graph given and explain/Complete the given graph/Calculate/Deduce/Compare/Explain/Distinguish/Interpret/Briefly debate/ How/Suggest	Max. 10
Conclusion	
Any higher-order conclusion should include:	Max. 2
 A brief summary of what has been discussed without repeating facts already mentioned 	
 Any opinion or value judgement on the facts discussed 	
 Additional support information to strengthen the discussion/analysis 	
 A contradictory viewpoint with motivation, if required 	
Recommendations	
TOTAL	40

2.3 Cognitive-level grid

MAIN TOPICS		SECTION A			SECTION B				SECTION C			
		Multiple choice	Matching Items A and B	Give the term	Short items re		Data response	Single Questions		Essay Questions		
		Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower	Middle	Middle	Middle	Higher	Lower	Higher	
	Macroe	conomics	4x2 = 8	4x1 = 4	3x1 = 3	2x1 = 2	1x2 = 2	2x10 = 20	8	8	10	30
PAPER	Econor Pursuits		4x2 = 8	4x1 = 4	3x1 = 3	2x1 = 2	1x2 = 2	2x10 = 20	8	8	10	30
1	Macro a Pursuits					2x1 = 2	1x2 = 2	2x10 = 20	8	8		
	TOTAL		16	8	6	4	4	40	16	16	10	30
Microeco		conomics	4x2 = 8	4x1 = 4	3x1 = 3	2x1 = 2	1x2 = 2	2x10 = 20	8	8	10	30
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2	Micro a Conterr					2x1 = 2	1x2 = 2	2x10 = 20	8	8		
	TOTAL		16	8	6	4	4	40	16	16	10	30
PAPER 1			COGNITIVE LEVELS						MARKS		%	
PAPE	R I			Lower Orde	r (Levels	1 & 2)			44		29	,3
PAPE	R 2			Middle Orde					60		40,0	
				Higher Order(Levels 5 & 6)					46		30	,7

NOTE:

Cognitive-level deviations not to exceed 2,67%.

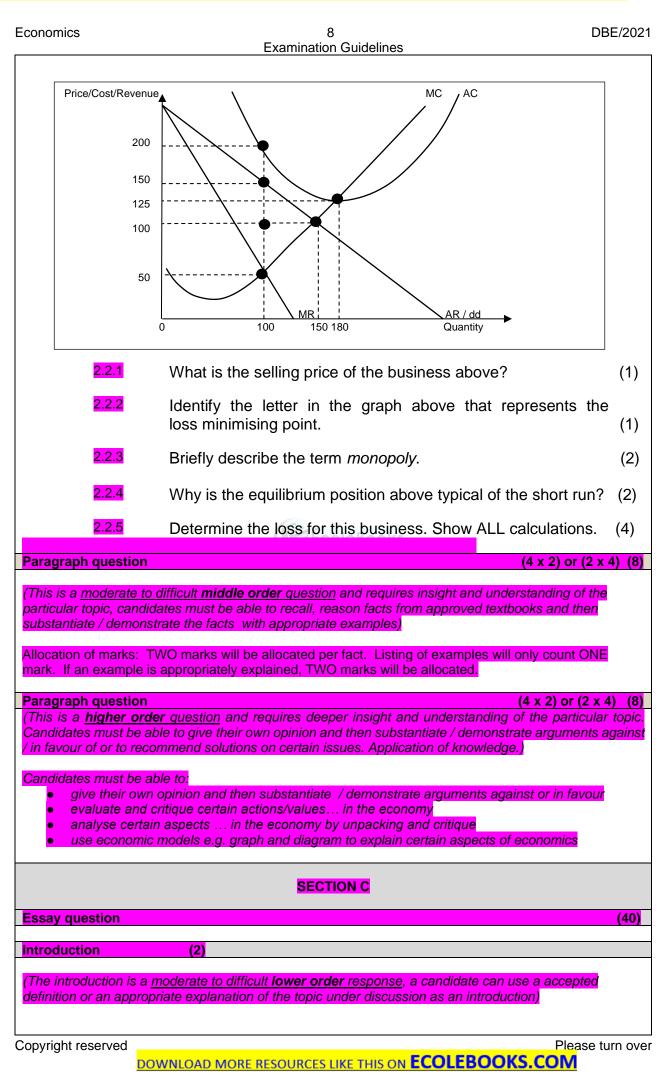
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2.4 A guideline to marking

Mark allocation depends on the cognitive level of the question, as follows:

SECTION A
Multiple choice items: 2 marks per item (8 x 2) 16
 E.g. Oligopolies that collude in a formal manner are called A. cartels. √√ (Items from this section are easy lower order questions, and requires only recall the candidate must only identify a particular economic concept from a description given)
Matching column A and B items : 1 mark per item (8 x 1) (8)
E.g. Inflation Sustained increase in the general price level √ (Items_from this section are <u>easy lower order questions</u> , and requires only_recall_the candidate must only identify a particular economic concept from a description_given)
Give one word/concept for definition : 1 mark per item (6 x 1) (6)
 E.g. The system of processing waste material into new products. Recycling √ (Items from this section are moderate lower order questions and requires recall. The candidate must be able to recall a particular economic concept from a given definition) NOTE: In these items the answers are not provided.
SECTION B
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Allocation of marks: TWO marks will be given if a candidate can provide a correct definition or an appropriate explanation of the topic under discussion.	conomics	9 Examination Guidelines	DBE/202
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2.5 Command verb detail

The following list of command verbs **amongst others** gives an indication of the scope and depth of examinable content:

	LINK TO EXAMINATION PAPERS
Discuss in detail / In-depth discussion / Examine / Critically discuss / Analyse / Compare / Evaluate / Distinguish / Differentiate / Explain / Assess / Debate / Draw a graph and explain / Use the graph given and explain / Complete the graph	Main part in essay question Higher order 20 marks (levels 5 and 6) Lower order 10 marks (levels 1 and 2)
Give own opinion / Critically discuss / Evaluate / Critically evaluate / Construct a graph / Calculate / Deduce / Compare / Distinguish / Interpret / Justify / Debate / Propose	Additional part in essay question Higher order 10 marks (levels 5 and 6)
Give own opinion / Critically discuss / Evaluate / Critically evaluate / Draw a graph and explain / Use the graph given and explain / Complete the graph / Calculate / Deduce / Compare / Show /Distinguish / Interpret / Briefly discuss / Explain / Justify / Briefly debate	 Single Questions One 8 marks middle order question (levels 3 and 4) One 8 marks higher order question (levels 5 and 6) ÉcoleBooks
Use the: graph / table / diagram / cartoon extract / data / information / text and / Calculate / Deduce / Compare / Distinguish / Interpret / Briefly discuss / Briefly explain / Define /Give a broad outline / Briefly debate/ What? / How? / Why? / Show / Give own opinion	
Choose the correct answer (multiple choice items) / Match Columns A and B / Give one concept for / List / What? / How? / Why? / Show	 Short and Objective items Low order items 1 and 2 Items vary from easy to difficult 1 or 2 marks each

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THE FO	LLOWING ILUSTRATE THE TYPE OF LEARNER RESPONSES IN THE DIFFERENT COGNITIVE
	LEVELS LEVEL 6: CREATING
	Can the learner create new opinions or points of view?
	 Propose alternative solutions.
	• Develop new unique structures, systems, models, approaches, ideas and creative thinking.
	 Develop plans or procedures, design solutions, integrate methods, resources, ideas, or
	new approaches, and write protocols or contingencies.
∠	 Develop, plan, create, organise, revise, formulate, propose, establish, integrate and re- arrange.
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OREDER	LEVEL 5: EVALUATION
HIGH (Can the learner justify a stand or decision?
Ĭ	 Evaluate scenarios; make judgments with evidence and state conclusions appropriately.
	 Assess effectiveness of whole concepts, in relation to values, outputs, efficacy, viability;
	critical thinking, strategic comparison and review; judgement relating to external criteria
	Review strategic options or plans in terms of efficacy, return on investment or cost-
	effectiveness, practicability; assess sustainability; perform a SWOT analysis in relation to alternatives; produce a financial justification for a proposition or venture, calculate the
	effects of a plan or strategy; perform a detailed and cost benefit analysis with
	recommendations and justifications
	LEVEL 4: ANALYSES
	Can the learner distinguish between the different period
	 Can the learner distinguish between the different parts? Collect process and analyse information from various sources to evaluate problems and
	issues.
Ш	 Interpret elements and principles COIeBooks
ORDER	 Identify constituent parts and functions of a process or concept
	 Break down ideas into simpler parts
Ľ,	LEVEL 3: APPLY KNOWLEDGE
MIDDLE	Can learners use/apply knowledge in a new way?
Σ	 Use or Apply knowledge (e.g. terms, concepts, theories and methods) and skills (e.g.
	communication, critical thinking) to discuss problems and issues.
	 Put theory into practice, generate solutions for economic issues
	 Apply knowledge to actual situations
	LEVEL 2: COMPREHENSION / UNDERSTANDING
	Can the learners explain ideas or concepts?
	Understand meaning, re-state data in one's own words, explain or interpret meaning from a
<mark>Ш</mark>	given scenario or statement, suggest treatment, reaction or solution to given problem, create examples or metaphors
	 Demonstrate an understanding of the fact
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<u>E</u>	LEVEL 1: KNOWLEDGE / REMEMBERING
LOWER ORDER	
	Can the learner recall, remember or recognize the information, ideas and principles
	in the approximate form in which they were learnt?
	 Demonstrate knowledge (remembering) of the specified content (e.g. key words or concepts or terminologies).

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NOTE:

Take cognisance of the following:

"Research the world over tells us: that in many instances the only reason why learners can perform with a degree of competency on their final exams, is that the questions on the exams are nearly carbon copies of questions they have seen before; the learners are not being asked to think".

Features of higher order questions:

 Require learners to engage with unrehearsed or unfamiliar contexts.
 Ask for deep thinking
 Grounded in lower order skills and linked to prior knowledge of subject matter content.

2.6 Higher-order questions

- Features of higher-order questions:
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 - <u>Grounded in lower-order content and linked to prior knowledge of subject matter</u> <u>content.</u>

• Types of higher-order-thinking questions: (What? How? Why?)

<u>Analysis</u>: These questions ask learners to dissect key information and analyse essential concepts, themes and processes.

For example:

- \circ How is x related to y?
- What are the major reasons for?
- What is the impact of b on c?
- What is the problem faced by ...?
- What is the main idea? Theme?
- What are some of the problems of ...?
- How is ... similar to/different from ...?
- Why did ... changes occur?

Evaluation: These questions require learners to formulate and justify judgements and criticisms based upon clearly-articulated evaluative criteria.

For example:

- Provide a better solution for ...?
- What are the consequences of ...?
- What are the pros and cons of ...?
- What are the alternatives for ...?
- How effective are ...?

<u>Creativity/Synthesis</u>: These questions require learners to formulate a holistic summary of key ideas; provide an integrated, cohesive, sustained response, make inferences; reformulate, reconstruct or create scenarios. Own voice is critical. For example:

- Based on these facts, what predictions would you make?
- Propose a solution to this problem.
- How can the errors be fixed?
- What alternative will you suggest ...?

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- * POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN MARKING HIGHER COGNITIVE QUESTIONS USING A MARKING GUIDELINE
- It is important to note that a marking guideline essentially gives the marker direction about what answers are acceptable. The learner does NOT have to present answers exactly as in the marking guideline (except objective-type questions). In terms of other questions (SECTION A, SECTION B, list, define, etc.) the essence of what the learners say must be covered by the marking guideline.
- When marking a particular question, e.g. 8 marks, it is important that the learner presents his/her answer in such a way that it answers the question.
- If a learner gives an example only, then 1 mark may be awarded. An explanation of the example can earn further marks.
- In an 8-mark question the maximum marks a learner can earn for examples and explanations should be 4 marks. The marker must check at all times whether the explanation given, answers the question. In higher-order short questions, a maximum of 2 marks (25%) will be allocated for merely listing of facts and examples.
- We need to guard against accepting information under a particular heading because it appears in the text. Sometimes the information does not relate to the question asked.
- It must be remembered that textbooks give more/less information about a topic than is required by the examination guidelines. In terms of the examination guidelines more than one question can be asked on a particular topic. The learner must be able to select/extract the relevant information and relate to it in the question.
- Sometimes textbooks have information under a heading that seems abstract when compared to the exam requirement. The important aspect to bear in mind is that not all information in the text may be relevant to the question.

Guidelines to facilitate marking (inputs by Umalusi)

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3. CONTENT

MAIN TOPIC:		
MACROECONOMICS		
TOPIC 1: CIRCULAR-FLOW MODEL	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES	
Present the circular-flow model	(Focus: Relevant concepts, interaction between participants, markets,	
as a macroeconomic model:	flows, injections, leakages and equilibrium in the economy)	
1.1 The open-economy circular-flow model	 Briefly describe the concepts related to the circular flow. Draw and interpret an open four-sector circular-flow diagram. Discuss the 4 participants and inter relationships between them: Household, business, state and foreign sector Real flows and money flows Show the relationship of the financial sector in the circular flow 	
- Equations	 Justify the equality: L= J and indicate its component elements: Injections (J = I + G + X) Leakages (L = S + T + M) Brief explanation of an economy in equilibrium: Y = C + I + G + (X - M) Relate aggregate spending (consumption) to income. Explain concepts autonomous consumption and marginal propensity to consume (mpc) 	
- Markets	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> the markets within the FOUR-SECTOR model: Factor markets: (labour, resource, capital) Product markets: (consumer and capital goods, durable, semi-durable and non-durable) Financial (monetary and capital) Foreign exchange market Link the operation of financial and foreign exchange markets to the participants of the circular flow 	
1.2 National account aggregates	 (Focus: Relevant concepts, deducing, interpretation, analyses of aggregates and conversions) Briefly describe the concepts GDP and GNP Discuss the THREE methods to determine GDP using data tables: Production GDP(P) Income GDP(I) Expenditure GDP(E) Analyse, interpret and derive aggregates from data tables 	
National account conversions	 Analyse the national account conversions: Factor cost, basic prices, market prices Taxes and subsidies on production Taxes and subsidies on products GDP to GNP Explain the purpose of the System of National Accounts (SNA) as outlined by the United Nations (UN) 	

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1.3 The multiplier	(Focus: Relevant concepts, calculations, interpretation or graphical explanation)
	Briefly describe the concept multiplier
	• Explanation of the multiplier process . (Relate to circular flow and examples).
	 Calculate the value of the multiplier using the basic formulae (2-sector model):
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	$mps \Delta Y$
	$-\Delta E$
	 Application of basic formula (2-sector model)
	 Brief reference to the impact of a 3-sector and 4-sector economy on the value of the multiplier
	• Explain the multiplier with the use of a well-labelled graph.



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TOPIC 2: BUSINESS CYCLES	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
Analysis and explanation of business cycles, and how they are used in forecasting.	(Focus: Relevant concepts, composition, explanation, government policies, new economic paradigm and features underpinning forecasting in respect of South African conditions)
2.1 The composition and features of business cycles	 Briefly describe the concepts Briefly explain the nature of business cycles Demonstrate/Illustrate a typical business cycle Use a diagram and briefly discuss the different phases in a business cycle Broadly outline the real business cycle.
2.2 Explanations/Causes	 Discuss the exogenous (monetarist) explanation Discuss the endogenous (Keynesian) explanation Compare both explanations Give a broad outline of the types of business cycles (Kitchin, Jugler, Kuznets and Kondratieff)
2.3 Government policy	 Explain the composition of the following policies: Fiscal policy Taxes and government expenditure Briefly relate to the budget Monetary policy Interest rates (repo rate) Open market transactions Cash reserve requirement Moral suasion
2.4 The new economic paradigm (smoothing of cycles)	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> 'The new economic paradigm' / Explain the 'smoothing of cycles' Explain demand-side policies. Explain clearly how monetary and fiscal policies (expansionary and contractionary) can be used in smoothing out business cycles Relate to inflation (peak) and unemployment (trough) by using the <u>Phillips curve</u> Explain supply-side policies and how aggregate supply can be stimulated through: Reduction in costs Improving efficiency in inputs Improving efficiency in markets Explain the effect of demand-side and supply-side policies using a graph (aggregate demand and aggregate supply).
2.5 Features underpinning forecasting business cycles	 Briefly describe the relevant concepts <u>Discuss in detail</u> the features underpinning forecasting: Indicators Leading Coincidence Lagging Composite Length of a cycle Amplitude The trend line Extrapolation Moving averages Use a diagram and discuss the cycle length, amplitude and the trend line as features underpinning forecasting.

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TOPIC 3:	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING
PUBLIC SECTOR	AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
<u>Evaluate</u> the role of the public sector in the economy with special reference to its socio- economic responsibility in the South African context	(Focus: Composition and necessity of public sector, problems of public sector provisioning, objectives, fiscal policy and reasons for public sector failure)
3.1 The composition and necessity of the public sector	 Briefly describe the composition of the public sector Explain the necessity of the public sector: To supply public goods To conserve resources To manage the economy
3.2 Problems of public sector provisioning	 Discuss how each of the following factors contributes to poor public sector provisioning: Accountability Efficiency Assessing needs Pricing policy Parastatals Privatisation/Nationalisation
3.3 Objectives of the public sector	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> the main objectives of the public sector in the economy Economic growth Full employment Exchange rate stability / Balance of Payments equilibrium Price stability Economic equity
3.4 Budgets	 Broadly outline the various budgets Emphasise <u>public debt</u> as a % of GDP Analyse current main budget data relating to: Taxes Sources of income Expenditure allocation Personal income tax tables (tax calculation) Differentiate between Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) Explain how socio-economic rights are embedded in the budgets of the South African government
3.5 Fiscal policy (including Laffer curve)	 Briefly discuss the following: The main variables (tax and government expenditure) Features of fiscal policy: goal-bound, demand-based, cyclical Discuss the effects of fiscal policy. Income distribution Consumption Price level Incentives/Disincentives in relation to the Laffer curve (Draw and interpret the Laffer curve) Discretion

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3.6 Public sector failure	 Briefly explain the features of public sector Ineffectiveness inefficiency <u>Discuss in detail the reason(s) for public typical problems experienced through public typical public typica</u>	i <mark>c sector failure</mark> and link them to
	 Management failure Apathy Lack of motivation Bureaucracy Politicians Structural weaknesses Special interest groups 	io coolor proviolorning.
	 Briefly explain the following effects of put Allocation of resources Economic instability Distribution of income Social instability 	olic sector failure:
	Infuse where appropriate: national macroecol with regard to socio-economic rights, educat social security, convention of the rights of the compensation for human rights abuses.	ion, health and the environment,



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TOPIC 4: FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES		
Examination of the foreign exchange market, the establishment of exchange rates, and show how the Balance of Payments Account is affected is affected	(Focus: Reasons for and effects of international trade, balance of payments, foreign exchange, foreign exchange markets and the correction of disequilibria in the foreign exchange market)		
4.1 The main reasons for international trade	 Discuss in detail the reasons for international trade Demand reasons: Size of population Income levels Change in the wealth of the population Preferences and taste The difference in consumption patterns Absolute and Comparative advantage Supply reasons: Natural resources Climatic conditions Labour resources Specialisation Capital Briefly discuss the following effects of international trade: Specialisation Mass production Efficiency Globalisation 		
4.2 The Balance of Payments	 Briefly describe the concepts Explain the value / purpose of the BoP *Discuss the composition of the <u>current BoP</u> (which changed recently) in terms of the different accounts. Each item within the accounts should be explained. 1. CURRENT ACCOUNT Goods exports Net gold exports Services receipts Income receipts less Merchandise imports less Payment for services less Income payments Current transfers (net receipts) Balance on Current Account Memo item: trade balance CAPITAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT NET LENDING TO (+) OR BORROWING FROM (-) REST OF THE WORLD FINANCIAL ACCOUNT Net direct investment Net portfolio investment Net portfolio investments Reserve assets (SDR allowances) Balance on Financial Account Memo item: balance on Financial Account excluding reserve assets. Unrecorded transactions 		

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4.3 Corrections of Balance of Payments surplus and deficit (disequilibria)	 Discuss the different measures to correct the BoP surplus and deficit (disequilibria): Interest rates Import controls Borrowing and lending Change in demand Export promotion Import substitution Change in exchange rates
4.4 Foreign exchange markets	 Describe the concepts (types of exchange rates, appreciation, depreciation, devaluation, revaluation, foreign exchange control) Supply and demand of foreign exchange Factors affecting demand Factors affecting supply Exchange rate equilibrium (draw and interpret graphs) Changes to equilibrium (draw and interpret graphs) Briefly explain interventions in the market
4.5 The establishment of foreign exchange rates	 Briefly explain the following exchange rate systems: Free floating (linked to South Africa) Managed floating Fixed Describe the terms of trade under the following headings: Description Formula The effect on the economy
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Examine the dynamics of perfect markets with the aid of cost and revenue curves	 NOTE: 1. Review cost and revenue tables and curves done in Grade 11. 2. Distinguish between short and long term/run. 	
5.1 Perfect competition	 Briefly describe the concept Examine the characteristics of a perfect market. 	
5.2 Individual business and industry	 Distinguish between individual businesses and the industry. Use graphs to explain the derivation of the demand curve for the individual business. Construct a revenue table to show that D= P=AR=MR Use graphs to explain profit maximisation using: Total cost and total revenue curves Marginal cost and marginal revenue curves Derive the supply curve from cost curves 	
	The examination of individual business and industry should be accompanied by an analysis of tables and graphs.	
5.3 Market structure	 Briefly describe the concept Briefly recap comparisons between the main market structures done in Grade 11 (number of business, nature of business, examples, entry into market, prices). Refer to 6.5 for detail comparison, after completion of all four market structures. 	
 5.4 Output, profits, losses and supply 5.4.1 Individual business 	 <u>Examine in detail</u> the various equilibrium positions with the aid of graphs. Explain economic profit, economic loss, normal profit with the aid of graphs (short run) Explain normal profit with the aid of a graph (long run) Explain shutdown point using costs and revenue (FC, VC, TC, TR) and explain graphically (AR and AVC) 	
5.4.2 The industry	Show the relationship between the industry equilibrium positions and the individual firm's equilibrium positions with graphs, i.e. how entry and exit into the market influence equilibrium position from the short run to the long run.	
5.5 Competition policies	 Describe the aims/objectives of the competition policy Briefly describe the Competition Act, 1998 (Act 89 of 1998), as amended Explain the role of the Competition Commission, Competition Tribunal and Competition Appeal Court Explain South Africa's anti-monopolistic policy Evaluate the successes/failures of the competition policy. (relate to current examples) 	

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TOPIC 6:	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING		
IMPERFECT MARKET Examine the dynamics of imperfect markets with the aid of cost and revenue curves	AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES		
6.1 The dynamics of imperfect markets with the aid of cost and revenue curves	 Explain the following in an imperfect market: Income/Revenue Revenue schedule (a review) Average and marginal revenue curves Costs Cost schedule (a review) Average and marginal cost curves 		
6.2 Monopolies	 Discuss the monopoly in detail Briefly describe the concept Emphasise and highlight good practical examples of businesses in this market Examine the characteristics in detail Distinguish between natural and artificial monopolies Explain the downward slope of the demand curve (AR) Explain the marginal revenue curve (Show the relationship between the demand curve (AR) and the MR curve graphically) Explain, with the aid of graphs, economic profit and economic loss Explain the long-run equilibrium position with the aid of a graph Compare the monopoly with a perfect competitor (refer to 6.3 under perfect markets) 		
6.3 Oligopolies	 <u>Examine the oligopoly in detail</u> Briefly describe the concept Emphasise and highlight good practical examples of businesses in this market Examine the characteristics of the oligopoly Explain non-price competition (emphasise, amongst others, advertising, product differentiation and branding) Discuss collusion (relate to current examples of collusive behaviour) Distinguish between overt (explicit) collusion (cartels) and tacit (implicit) collusion (price leadership) Broad outline of prices and production levels Broad outline of the rationale of the kinked demand curve Use the kinked demand curve and explain why oligopolists are reluctant to compete on prices. Compare the oligopoly with a perfect competitor (refer to 6.3 under perfect markets). 		
6.4 Monopolistic competition	 Briefly describe the concept Emphasise and highlight good practical examples of businesses in this market. Briefly discuss product differentiation in this market Examine the characteristics Explain non-price competition (emphasise, amongst others, advertising, product differentiation and branding among other examples of non-price competition) Broad outline of prices and production levels 		

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6.5 Summary of market structures	 <u>Compare and contrast</u> any TWO types of <u>n</u> competition, monopolistic competition, oligop terms of the following. Number of businesses Nature of product Entrance Control over prices Information Examples Demand curve Economic profit/loss Decision-making Collusion Productive/Technical efficiency Allocative efficiency 	

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TOPIC 7:	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING	
MARKET FAILURE	AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES	
Explain the reasons for and consequences of market failures, reflecting on the cost-benefit analysis		
7.1 The causes of market failures	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> how the following factors lead to the misallocation of resources in the market: Externalities Missing markets Imperfect competition Lack of information Immobility of factors of production Imperfect distribution of income and wealth 	
7.2 Consequences of market failures	 Compare the following inefficiencies with the aid of a well-labelled graph: Productive inefficiency Allocative inefficiency 	
	 Describe the following with the aid of well-labelled graphs: Negative externalities Positive externalities 	
	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> state intervention as a consequence of market failures, with the aid of relevant graphs Direct control Imperfect markets Minimum wages Maximum prices Minimum prices Subsidies on goods and services Redistribution of wealth Government involvement in production 	
7.3 Cost-benefit analysis	 Describe the concept cost-benefit analysis 	
	Describe the reasons for a CBA	
	Apply the CBA in practice	

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MAIN TOPIC: ECONOMIC PURSUITS			
TOPIC 8: PROTECTIONISM AND FREE TRADE	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES		
Discussion of protectionism and free trade; Evaluate South African international trade policies and major protocols in terms of the following:	(Focus on export promotion, import substitution, protectionism and free trade)		
8.1 Export promotion	 <u>Discuss in detail export promotion</u>: Definition Methods Reasons/Advantages Disadvantages 		
8.2 Import substitution	 Discuss import substitution: Definition Methods Reasons/Advantages Disadvantages 		
8.3 Protectionism	 Discuss in detail the arguments in favour of protectionism: Industrial development Infant industries Stable wage levels and high standard of living Increased employment Self-sufficiency and strategic industries Prevention of dumping Stable exchange rates and BoP Protection of natural resources 		
8.4 Free trade	 Explain the following arguments in favour of free trade: Specialisation Economies of scale Choices/Increased welfare Innovations/Best practice Improved international relations 		
8.5 A desirable mix	 Briefly describe the concept desirable mix Briefly explain the desirable mix between: Import substitution and export promotion Protection and free trade Explain trade liberalisation and the role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as part of globalisation Briefly explain the different forms of economic integration (cite appropriate examples) 		
8.6 An evaluation	 Briefly evaluate the following South Africa's trade policies: Import substitution and export promotion Protection and free trade 		
	 Briefly evaluate the successes and failures of the following South Africa's trade protocols: Southern African Custom Union (SACU) Multilateral Monetary Area (MMA) Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) African Union (AU) European Union (EU) Mercusor AGOA 		

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TOPIC 9: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES	
Compare South African growth and development policies in terms of international benchmarks; also highlight the North/South divide	Distinguish between growth and development	
9.1 The demand-side approach	 <u>Discuss in detail the demand-side approach</u> in promoting growth and development in South Africa Give an overview of the demand-side approach: The monetary policy (interest rate changes, open market transactions, moral suasion) The fiscal policy (progressive personal income tax, wealth tax, cash benefits, natural benefits, other redistribution, land restitution and redistribution, subsidies on property) 	
9.2 The supply-side approach	 Discuss the supply-side approach in promoting growth and development in South Africa Give an overview of the supply-side approach: Efficiency and effectiveness of markets Business efficiency The cost of doing business 	
9.3 Approaches to growth and development policies used in South Africa	 Discuss and evaluate the following South African growth and development policies and strategic initiatives: Reconstruction and Development policy (RDP) Growth, Employment and Redistribution Programme (GEAR) National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (AsgiSA) Joint Initiative on Priority Skills Acquisition (JIPSA) Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) The New Growth Path (NGP) National Development Plan (NDP) Small Business Development Promotion Programme Black Economic Empowerment Programmes 	
9.4 The North/South divide	 Compare countries in the North to those in the South with respect to the following: Unequal standards of living (per capita income, life expectancy, education) Challenges of globalisation (poverty, growth, trade) Environment (countries in the North, countries in the South) 	

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TOPIC 10: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
Justify South Africa's industrial development policies and their suitability in terms of international best practice	
10.1 Industrial development in South Africa	 Briefly describe the concept 'industrial development' Explain the reasons for industrial development Briefly explain South Africa's Industrial Development Policies: The focus of the National Industrial Policy Framework (NIPF) The focus of the Industrial Policy Action Plan (IPAP) Briefly explain the following Industrial Development Strategies: The focus of the National Research and Development Strategy (NRDS) The focus of the Integrated Manufacturing Strategy (IMS)
10.2 Regional development	Outline the aims of regional development
10.3 South Africa's endeavours	 <u>Discuss in detail</u> South Africa's initiatives (endeavours) in regional development Discuss spatial development initiatives (SDIs) in South Africa and link to private-public partnerships. Discuss corridors in South Africa Discuss Industrial Development Zones (IDZs) in South Africa Discuss Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in South Africa. (Relate this new development to the shortcomings of the IDZs and the benefits of SEZs) Name the various spatial initiatives (SDI, corridors). Indicate/Identify them on a map of SA
10.4 Incentives to encourage industrial development	 Briefly discuss the incentives used by the SA government to improve industrial development: Small Businesses Support Program SEDA Technology Program (STP) Skills Support Program (SSP) Critical Infrastructure Facilities Custom-free incentives Foreign investment incentives Strategic Investment Program Services to Business Processes
10.5 Appropriateness of South Africa's industrial policies	Broadly outline the appropriateness of South Africa's industrial policies.

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10.6 Appropriateness of South Africa's regional development policies in terms of benchmark criteria	 <u>Briefly discuss</u> regional development in terms of criteria Free market orientation Competitiveness Sustainability Good governance Provisioning of resources Investment of social capital Integration Partnerships Briefly evaluate South Africa's regional developrise above benchmarks. 	
 10.7 Small business development 10.8 The appropriateness of black economic empowerment in the SA economy 	 Explanation and evaluation Explanation and evaluation of BBBEE 	



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TOPIC 11: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS		CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
Analyse South Africa's economic		
and social performance indicators and their uses		
11.1 Assessing the	•	Briefly describe the concepts
performance of an economy	•	Briefly discuss the importance of measuring the performance
		of the economy
11.2 Economic indicators	•	Discuss in detail the following economic indicators:
		- *Production indicators
		 Nominal GDP
		○ Real GDP
		 Per capita GDP
		- Inflation rate indicators
		 Production prices (PPI)
		 Consumer prices (CPI)
		- Foreign trade indicators
		 Terms of trade
		 The exchange rate
		- Employment indicators
		 Economically active population (EAP)
		 Employment rate
		 Unemployment rate
		- Productivity indicators
		 Labour productivity
		 Remuneration per worker
		- Interest rate indicators
		 Repo rate (link to other interest rates such as prime rate)
		- Money supply indicators
		• M1
		• M2
		• M3
11.3 Social indicators	•	Discuss in detail the following social indicators:
		- Demographic indicators
		 Population growth
		 Life expectancy
		- Nutrition and health indicators
		Nutrition
		• Malnutrition
		 Obesity
		Health
		 Child mortality Under 5 mortality
		 Under 5 mortality Spending on health
		 Spending of health Access to clean water
		 Access to clear water Access to sanitation
		- Education
		 Percentage public-sector spending
		 Percentage public-sector spending Percentage enrolment in secondary schools
		- Services
		 Electricity
		 Refuse/Garbage removal
		 Water supply
		• Sanitation
		- Housing and urbanisation
		Housing
		 Number of houses completed
		Urbanisation
		 Natural growth in population
		• Migration
		 Founding of new towns
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11.4 International comparisons	 Compare South Africa's growth and development performance with that of other countries by focusing on the following: Globalisation International standardisation (IMF, World bank, UN) Financial aid and support
	- Comparison and forecasting



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TOPIC 12:	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING
INFLATION Analyse and investigate inflation and	AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
the policies used to combat it	
12.1 Inflation	 Briefly describe the concept Briefly examine the following ways to measure inflation: Indexes (CPI/PPI) Weighting (Basket of goods and services) Inflation rate (Calculations)
12.2 Types and characteristics of inflation	 Explain the different types of inflation Consumer inflation Headline inflation Core inflation Administered prices inflation Producer inflation CPI PPI All inclusive inflation Hyper inflation Stagflation
12.3 Causes of inflation	 Briefly distinguish between the different characteristics of demand-pull and cost-push inflation
	 Briefly compare the Monetarists' and Keynesian explanations of inflation
12.4 Consequences of inflation	 Discuss the causes of demand-pull inflation Increase in household consumption Decline in savings Tax reduction Access to credit Investors' expenditure Government expenditure Export services Discuss the causes of cost-push inflation Wages Key inputs Exchange rate depreciation Profit margins Productivity Natural disasters Discuss in detail the consequences of inflation under the following headings: Debtors/Creditors Wage and salary earners
	 Investors and savers Tax payers Industrial stability Unemployment / poverty Balance of payments problems Psychological influence
12.5 The inflation problem in South Africa	 Discuss the expectancy and inflation Broadly outline the inflation problem in South Africa
12.6 Measures to combat inflation	 Discuss in detail the measures to combat demand-pull and/or cost-push inflation Monetary policy Fiscal policy Other measures
12.7 Inflation targets	Explain the success of inflation targeting

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TOPIC 13: TOURISM	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
Debate the economic importance of tourism for South Africa and suggest policies to promote it. Also refer to the importance of indigenous knowledge systems (IKS).	
13.1 Tourism	 Describe the relevant concepts Briefly explain the types of tourism Outline the ways to measure tourism
13.2 Reasons for its growth	• Briefly discuss the reasons for growth in the tourism industry (internationally and domestically)
13.3 The effects of tourism	 <u>Examine in detail</u> the effects of tourism GDP Employment Poverty Externalities Environment Investment
13.4 The benefits of tourism	 <u>Examine in detail</u> the benefits of tourism Households Businesses State Infrastructure development
13.5 South Africa's profile	 Discuss South Africa's tourism profile with reference to: Indigenous knowledge heritage sites importance
13.6 Policy suggestions	 Discuss the Department of Tourism's policy suggestions under the following headings: Marketing Spatial distribution Taxing Infrastructure development

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TOPIC 14: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	CONTENT DETAILS FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES
Analyse environmental sustainability and investigate recent international agreements in this regard, for example the Rio de Janeiro and Johannesburg summits	
14.1 The state of the environment	 Broadly describe the relevant concepts Briefly discuss the state of the environment under the following headings: Pollution (definition and types) Erosion Deforestation Climate change Conservation Preservation
14.2 Measures to ensure sustainability	 Brief discussion of how the markets can be used to ensure sustainability under the following headings: The market does not take care of social costs and benefits The market fails because of specific reasons The mechanism of the market and social costs and benefits Discuss in detail how the government can ensure sustainable development under the following headings: Grant property rights Pay for environmental use Levy environmental subsidies Issue marketable permits Command and control Voluntary agreements Education
14.3 International measures	 Discuss in detail the following problems and the international measures taken to ensure sustainable development under the following headings: Biodiversity Chemical waste Hazardous waste Climate change policy (Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCC], Kyoto Protocol, Paris agreement on climate change) Indigenous knowledge Explain the major international protocols and agreements on sustainable development and evaluate their effectiveness to ensure sustainability Rio de Janeiro summit (UNCED) / Johannesburg summit (WSSD) (Rio +10) / Rio +20 summit Millennium Development Goals / Sustainable Development Goals

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4. CONCLUSION

This Examination Guidelines document is meant to articulate the assessment aspirations espoused in the CAPS document. It is therefore not a substitute for the CAPS document which educators should teach to.

Qualitative curriculum coverage as enunciated in the CAPS cannot be over-emphasised.

NOTE: The structure of the NSC Economics question papers (pp. 4–7) replaces the ANNEXURE included in the CAPS (pp. 45–46).



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