

## AS

At AS, candidates investigate micro and macroeconomics. Microeconomics addresses issues such as: ‘Why are house prices so high?’, ‘Can pollution effectively be controlled?’ and ‘Should governments interfere with markets?’. The macroeconomic issues covered include: ‘Why does the government have an inflation rate target and how does it affect us?’, ‘What happens to the economy if people decide to spend more?’ and ‘How are we affected by the Chinese and Indian economies?’.

## A2

At A2, candidates develop the micro and macroeconomics already learnt at AS, considering economic concepts and theories in greater depth and recognising the values and limitations of economic models. Both A2 modules explore two contemporary and relevant contexts: the global context, which includes the impact of globalisation on UK economic performance; and the European Union context, embracing the effect of EU membership and economic policy on the UK economy.

### Unit 1: Markets and market failure

**Written Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes**

**25% of total A Level marks**

**75 raw marks (100 UMS)**

Section A: 25 compulsory OT items (25 marks)

Section B: Two optional data response questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have four sub-questions, carrying 5, 8, 12 and 25 marks (50 marks in total)

**Available January and June**

#### Subject Content

- The economic problem
- The allocation of resources in competitive markets
- Production and efficiency
- Market failure
- Government intervention in the market

### Unit 2: The National Economy

**Written Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes**

**25% of total A Level marks**

**75 raw marks (100 UMS)**

Section A: 25 compulsory OT items (25 marks)

Section B: Two optional data response questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have four sub-questions, carrying 5, 8, 12 and 25 marks (50 marks in total)

**Available January and June**

#### Subject Content

- The measurement of macroeconomic performance
- How the macroeconomy works: AD/AS analysis, the circular flow of income, and related concepts
- Economic performance
- Macroeconomic policy

### Unit 3: Business Economics and the Distribution of Income

**Written Paper: 2 hours**

**25% of total A Level marks**

**80 raw marks (100 UMS)**

Section A: Two optional data response questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have three sub-questions, carrying 5, 10 and 25 marks (40 marks in total) One question will always relate to a global context and the other to a European Union context

Section B: Three optional essay questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have two sub-questions, carrying 15 and 25 marks (40 marks in total)

**Available January and June**

#### Subject Content

- The firm: objectives, costs and revenues
- Competitive markets
- Concentrated markets
- The labour market
- Government intervention in the market

### Unit 4: The National and International Economy

**Written Paper: 2 hours**

**25% of total A Level marks**

**80 raw marks (100 UMS)**

Section A: Two optional data response questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have three sub-questions carrying 5, 10 and 25 marks (40 marks in total) One question will always relate to a global context and the other to a European Union context

Section B: Three optional essay questions are set; candidates answer one

Each question will have two sub-questions, carrying 15 and 25 marks (40 marks in total)

**Available January and June**

#### Subject Content

- Macroeconomic indicators
- Managing the national economy
- The international economy

## Assessment Objectives

### AO1

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the specified content

### AO2

Apply knowledge and understanding of the specified content to problems and issues arising from both familiar and unfamiliar situations

### AO3

Analyse economic problems and issues

### AO4

Evaluate economic arguments and evidence, making informed judgements