6th Form Preparation work for A Level Economics

Week 3 and 4



3.Complete an article:
Using your knowledge from tasks 1 and 2 write a brief article (880-

1000 words) that discusses the problems that a free market economic system of allocating scarce resources can potentially create and explain why there is a role for the government (government intervention).

Article title – Free market – is it the best way to allocate resources?

Time: 1 1/2 hour

6. Read Time: 45 minutes



Data, data and more data....

<u>KPMG – A snap shot look of the</u> outlook of the UK economy.

Lots of data to look at in this snap shot look at the prospects for the UK economy.

Write a brief summary on the outlook for the UK economy using the data provided. Focus on economic growth (GDP), unemployment and inflation.

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9. Listen to the podcast Time: 40 minutes

<u>Podcast – How coronavirus affected the global</u> <u>economy.</u>

In task 5 you looked at the key macro-economic objectives, this podcast examines the impact of the pandemic on the global economy.



1. Complete a mind map *Time:* 1 hour

From the week 1-2 tasks you should have an understanding of 'The basic Economic problem' The A Level Economics course looks at the types of Economic systems which attempt to solve the basic economic problem. Using the resources produce a mind map on the three types of Economic systems:

- Free market
- Command/Planned
- Mixed

For each type of economic system how does it attempt to answer the following:

- What to produce
- For whom
- How to produce



4.Read

Time: 1 hour

The UK has introduced a sugar tax but will it work?

Sugar is a 'De-merit' good and the over consumption of sugary drinks and food has contributed to the increase in obesity levels in many parts of the world. A major concern in the UK has been the rise in childhood obesity attributed partly to the excessive consumption of sugary drinks.

Read the article and consider the extent to which a sugar tax will effectively tackle the social costs. Consider what other policies could be effective ie promoting healthier life styles, 7. Watch Time: 1 hour

This is a short two minute video on the role of the Bank of England and MPC (Monetary Policy committee)

The role of the bank of England and Monetary policy committee

This is a series of seven short videos (no more than 3 minutes each) on the role of the bank of England.

Keeping an even keel – The role of the Bank of England

Take a screen shot of each video and write a few lines on each video.

10. Careers – Many of you may be interested in a career in Banking or finance. Economics helps you understand how markets work. In this Head Start lesson Tutor2u compiled three videos looking at the basics of stock markets and the factors that move share prices up and down. Complete the challenge in video 3!

Time: 1 hour

Economics of stock markets

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Include advantages and	subsidising healthy options	
disadvantages of each type of	or information provision.	
economic system.		
Watch:		
The Invisible Hand - 60 Second Adventures in		
Economics		
This short video explains how		
the free market economic		
system allocates resources.		
Economic Systems – Tutor2u		
Economic systems study		
notes		
2. Watch		8. Read
	5. Complete a	Time: 30 minutes
Time: 40 minutes	mind map	
	In the previous	
	fortnights tasks	\checkmark
<u>Poor America – Panorama</u>	you examined the difference	Coronavirus: World Bank warns 60m at risk
	between macro and micro	of 'extreme poverty'
Make notes on the problems of a	economics. Complete the	or extreme poverty
free market economy using the	activity on macroeconomic	
USA as an example. You will	objectives and macro stability.	Company in the Authority and the the company
need these notes to complete	Distinguish between macro-	Coronavirus: A visual guide to the economic
task 3. Think about issues such	economic objectives and	impact
as access to 'merit goods' such	instruments. Once you have	
as housing, health care and	watched the videos and read	In one of the previous tasks (week 1 & 2) we looked
education and income and	the notes produce a mind map	at the impact of the coronavirus on the
wealth inequality.	on the government's	environment. Read the articles and reflect on the
	macroeconomic objectives.	impact of the pandemic on poverty in the UK and
		LEDC's.
	Macroeconomic objectives –	
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