

Economics A-Level Exam Technique Mat V 1.7 **Keep looking back at the question when answering**			Paper 1: Markets and Market failure 80 marks (33.3% weighting) 2 hours			Paper 2: National and international economy 80 marks (33.3% weighting) 2 hours			Paper 3: Economic principles and issues 80 marks (33.3% weighting) 2 hours				
Paper 1 and 2	Calculate 2 marks 3 minutes Have you included... • A percentage sign/unit sign? • The correct number of decimal places /significant figures? Have you... • Checked your calculation?		Answering in context To help put an answer into context, think about the kind of market a business belongs and what the competition is in the market place. Use evidence from the case study in your answer – what is the case study telling you about the market/national economy?		Section A: Choice of one of two contexts: • 2 marks ('calculate...') • 4 marks ('explain...') • 9 marks ('With the help of a diagram, explain...') • 25 marks (either 'assess...' or 'evaluate...') Section B: Choice of one of three essays: • 15 marks (either 'explain...' or 'distinguish...') • 25 mark (either 'assess...' or 'evaluate...' or 'discuss...') 1-8 on specification content: Individuals, firms, markets and market failure			Section A: Choice of one of two contexts: • 2 marks ('calculate...') • 4 marks ('explain...') • 9 marks ('With the help of a diagram, explain...') • 25 marks (either 'assess...' or 'evaluate...') Section B: Choice of one of three essays: • 15 marks (either 'explain...' or 'distinguish...') • 25 mark (either 'assess...' or 'evaluate...' or 'discuss...') 9-14 on specification content: The national and international economy			Section A: • 30 Multiple Choice Questions Section B: Investigation on a particular theme. 3 questions worth • 10 marks – (to what extent does the data prove/show...?) • 15 marks ('explain...') • 25 marks ('take into account all the data. Do you agree with these recommendations? Justify your answer.') 1-14 on specification content: Individuals, firms, markets and market failure, and The national and international economy		
	Paper 1 and 2	Explain 4 marks 6 minutes Have you included... • Evidence from the case study? • An explanation as to why this evidence is indicative of what you're being asked to prove? Aim to write 80 words		Paper 3	To what extent does the data prove/show...? 10 marks 12 minutes Have you included... • At least three developed chains of reasoning explaining a range of relevant issues? • References to the data in the extract? • Arguments to help make judgements about the strength of your reasoning (again, using references data in the extract)? • A final judgement?		Paper 3	‘Explain...’ or ‘Distinguish...’ 15 marks 18 minutes Have you included... • Definition of a key term? • At least three well-focused, clear, logical, developed chains of reasoning as analysis explaining a range of relevant issues? • Application of relevant economic principles? • Data from the case study to support your chains of reasoning?		Paper 3	‘Take into account all the data. Do you agree with these recommendations? Justify your answer.’ 25 marks 30 minutes Have you included... • Definitions of key terms? • Good application of the case study and data (where appropriate)? • At least three developed chains of reasoning explaining a range of reasons/causes/consequences? • Evaluation for each of your chains of reasoning? • A final conclusion?		
Paper 1 and 2		With the help of a diagram, explain... 9 marks 14 minutes These will be linked to a particular market or national economy. Have you included... • A definition? • Application to the case study context? • A chain of reasoning explaining your answer? • The correct diagram with all features? • Reference to your diagram? Aim to write 140 words			Paper 1 and 2	Diagrams Have you... • Labelled the axes and curves correctly? • Identified the initial equilibrium? • Drawn the correct change? • Identified the new equilibrium? • Labelled the corresponding points on the axes for the initial and new equilibrium?		Paper 1 and 2	‘Explain...’ or ‘Distinguish...’ 15 marks 23 minutes Have you included... • Definition of a key term? • At least three well-focused, clear, logical, developed chains of reasoning as analysis explaining a range of relevant issues? • Application of relevant economic principles? • Data from the case study to support your chains of reasoning?		Paper 1 and 2	‘Explain...’, ‘Distinguish...’, or ‘Discuss...’ 25 marks 38 minutes Have you included... • Definitions of key terms? • Good application of the case study and data (where appropriate)? • At least three developed chains of reasoning explaining a range of reasons/causes/consequences? • Evaluation for each of your chains of reasoning? • A final conclusion?	