



September 2026 onwards

Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Prior learning	Next link in curriculum
3.1 Business Growth	1a	- Sizes and types of firm - Business growth - Demergers Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to real-life business contexts, with updated content to reflect the issues impacting on different firms and economies. Students will develop transferable skills that support higher education study and the transition to employment, including numeracy, communication, an understanding of the firm and its economy.. AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	Students MUST have completed BOTH THEME 1 AND THEME 2 GCE ECON-A in order to progress through the following themes	Business Objectives 3.2.1 Business Objectives
3.2 Business Objectives	1a	Business objectives AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	3.1 Business Growth All Theme 1	Revenues, Costs and Profits 3.3.1 Revenue 3.3.2 Costs 3.3.3 Economies and diseconomies of scale 3.3.4 Normal profits, supernormal profits and losses



3.3 Revenues, Costs and Profits	1a	• Revenue • Costs • Economies and diseconomies of scale • Normal, supernormal profits and losses AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	3.2 Business Objectives and All Theme 1	Market Structures 3.4.1 Efficiency 3.4.2 Perfect Competition 3.4.3 Monopolistic Competition 3.4.4 Oligopoly 3.4.5 Monopoly 3.4.6 Monopsony 3.4.7 Contestability
3.4 Market Structures	1b	• Efficiency • Perfect competition • Monopolistic competition • Oligopoly, monopoly, monopsony • contestability AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	3.3 Revenues, Costs and Profits and All Theme 1	Labour Market 3.5.1 Demand for labour 3.5.2 Supply of labour 3.5.3 Wage determination in competitive and non-competitive markets
3.5 Labour Market	1b	• Demand for labour • Supply of labour • Wage determination AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics	3.4 Market Structures and All Theme 1	Government Intervention 3.6.1 Government intervention 3.6.2 The impact of government intervention



		AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues		
3.6 Government Intervention	1b	- Government intervention - The impact of government intervention AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	3.5 Labour Market and All Theme 1	International Economies 4.1.1 Globalisation 4.1.2 Specialisation and trade 4.1.3 Patterns of Trade 4.1.4 Terms of trade 4.1.5 Trading blocs and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) 4.1.6 Restrictions on Free Trade 4.1.7 Balance of payments 4.1.8 Exchange rates 4.1.9 International Competitiveness
4.1 International Economies	1a	- Globalisation - Specialisation and trade - Pattern of trade - Terms of trade - Trading blocs and WTO - Restrictions on free trade - Balance of payments - Exchange rates	All Theme 2	Poverty and Inequality 4.2.1 Absolute and relative poverty 4.2.2 Inequality



		International competitiveness AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues		
4.2 Poverty and Inequality	1a	- Absolute and relative poverty - Inequality AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	4.1 International Economies and All Theme 2	Emerging and Developing Economies 4.3.1 Measures of development 4.3.2 Factors influencing growth and development 4.3.3 Strategies influencing growth and development
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4.4 The Financial Sector	1b	- Role of financial markets - Market failure and the financial sector - Role of central banks AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts	4.3 Emerging and Developing Economies and All Theme 2	Role of the State in the Macroeconomy 4.5.1 Public expenditure 4.5.2 Taxation 4.5.3 Public sector finances 4.5.4 Macroeconomic policies in a global context



		AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues		
4.5 Role of the State in the Macroeconomy	2a	• Public expenditure • Taxation • Public finances • Macroeconomic policies in a global context AO1 : Demonstrate knowledge of terms/concepts AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding to various economic contexts AO3: Analyse issues within economics AO4 : Evaluate economic arguments and use qualitative and quantitative evidence to support informed judgements relating to economic issues	4.4 The Financial Sector and All Theme 2	Revision for final examinations