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# **ECONOMICS - EC1**

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#### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a calculator.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided. You may use continuation paper on page 9 if necessary, taking care to number the continuation correctly.

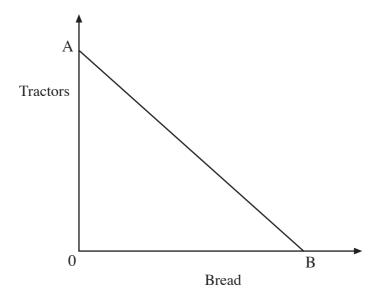
## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Mark allocations are shown in brackets. This paper has a total of 50 marks.

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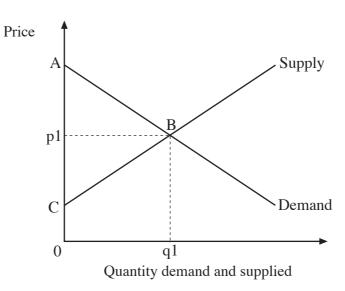
1. The production possibility diagram below shows an economy that produces only tractors and bread.



(a) U	sing the diagram, explain what is shown by a production possibility diagram.	[3]

<i>(b)</i>	Why is a production possibility diagram usually presented as a curve concave to the c	origir
	rather than as a straight line as in the diagram above?	[2]

2. In the diagram below a market is in equilibrium at price p1 and quantity q1.



Define consumer surplus and producer surplus and shade and label both on the diagram above. [6]

Consumer surplus	
Producer surplus	

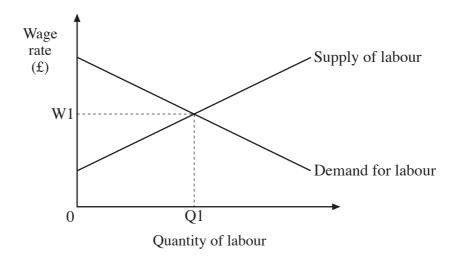
3. In 2006 the Chinese economy's national income (GDP) rose by 8% and the demand for Peugeot-Citroën cars in China rose from 200,000 to 264,000.

(a)	Calculate the income elasticity of demand for Peugeot-Citroën cars in China.	[2]

(b) Comment on your answer in 3 (a). [2]

# 4. BUILDING WORKERS' WAGES FALL DUE TO INFLUX OF EAST EUROPEAN WORKERS INTO THE UK LABOUR MARKET

Adapt the diagram below and then explain why UK building workers' wages have been falling. [4]



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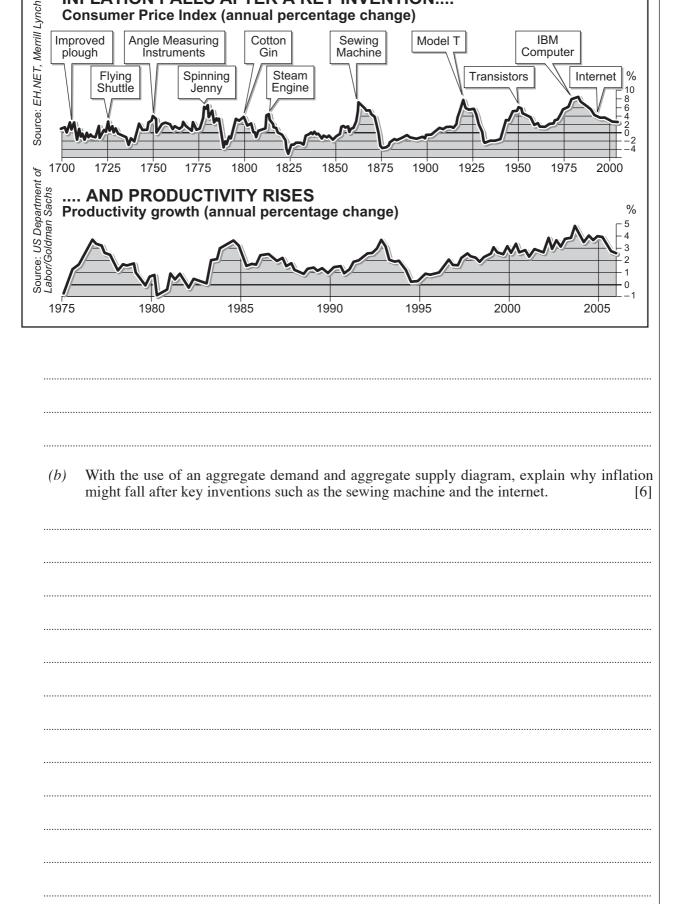
# 5. DVD MARKET FACES DECLINE AS CHEAPER DIGITAL DOWNLOADING OF FILMS TAKES HOLD The Times, 5 January 2007

(a)	Define cross elasticity of demand.	2]
<i>(b)</i>	Explain the cross elasticity relationship between DVD sales and digital downloads of film via the internet.	ns 2]

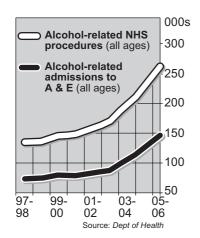
**6.** (a) Using the data below explain what is meant by productivity.

INFLATION FALLS AFTER A KEY INVENTION....





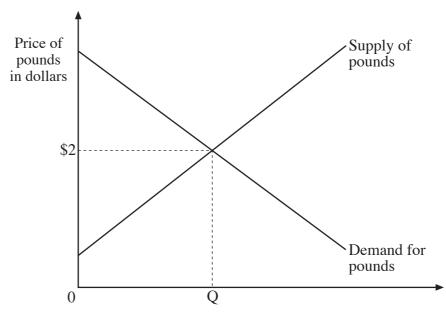
## 7. HOSPITALS PAY A RISING PRICE FOR BRITAIN'S BOOZE CULTURE



Alcohol-related NHS procedures = All alcohol related medical treatment A & E = Accident and Emergency

With the aid of the data above, explain how alcohol creates external costs.	[4]

8. With the aid of the diagram below, evaluate the possible effects of a rise in the UK interest rate on the value of the pound against the dollar. [6]



Quantity of pounds demanded and supplied


## 9. LIBERAL-DEMOCRAT TAX POLICIES

The Liberal-Democrat Party in the UK has outlined tax policies which involve reducing taxes on income and increasing taxes on wealth and the environment. Specifically these policies include:

- cutting the basic rate of income tax from 22% to 16%;
- higher taxes on second homes;
- increased environmental taxes on pollution and air travel.

Evaluate the possible effects of these proposed tax changes on the UK economy.	[8]

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