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General Certificate of Secondary Education
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ECONOMICS
Higher Tier
Paper 2

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Monday 23 June 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

<p>For this paper you must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the information leaflet (enclosed). <p>You may use a calculator.</p>
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Question	Mark	Question	Mark
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Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Write your report in this booklet, starting on page 3.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 84. Four of these marks are for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marking criteria and the allocation of marks are given on page 2.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answer. The report should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in your report.

Advice

- You are advised to spend 15 minutes:
 - reading the task;
 - reading through all the information in the Information Leaflet;
 - identifying parts of the information that you might use in your written report.
- Writing your report should take up to 45 minutes.



Shoreworth Airport is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK. It would like to maintain this growth. To attract more passengers, it is looking to improve its services and to build a second runway.

Your task

As an economist working for Shoreworth County Council, you have collected the information given to you in the Information Leaflet.

Using the Information Leaflet, together with your own knowledge and understanding of economics, write a report for Shoreworth County Council.

In your report, you should:

1. describe the trends in passenger numbers using UK airports;
2. explain why ‘Shoreworth Airport is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK’;
3. discuss whether or not Shoreworth Airport is likely to remain ‘one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK’;
4. explain the possible effects of the proposed airport expansion on the people and businesses in the Shoreworth area;
5. recommend and justify to Shoreworth County Council whether it should approve or reject the expansion of Shoreworth Airport.

Your report will be assessed on your ability to:

- A. use economic knowledge, show understanding and use information; *(20 marks)*
- B. apply economic concepts and theories and use appropriate economic terminology and methods; *(20 marks)*
- C. select, organise and interpret information; *(20 marks)*
- D. evaluate evidence, make reasoned judgements and draw appropriate conclusions; *(20 marks)*
- E. present information in a clear, legible and logical way; spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar accurately; and enable the meaning of the text to be understood. *(4 marks)*

(Total: 84 marks)



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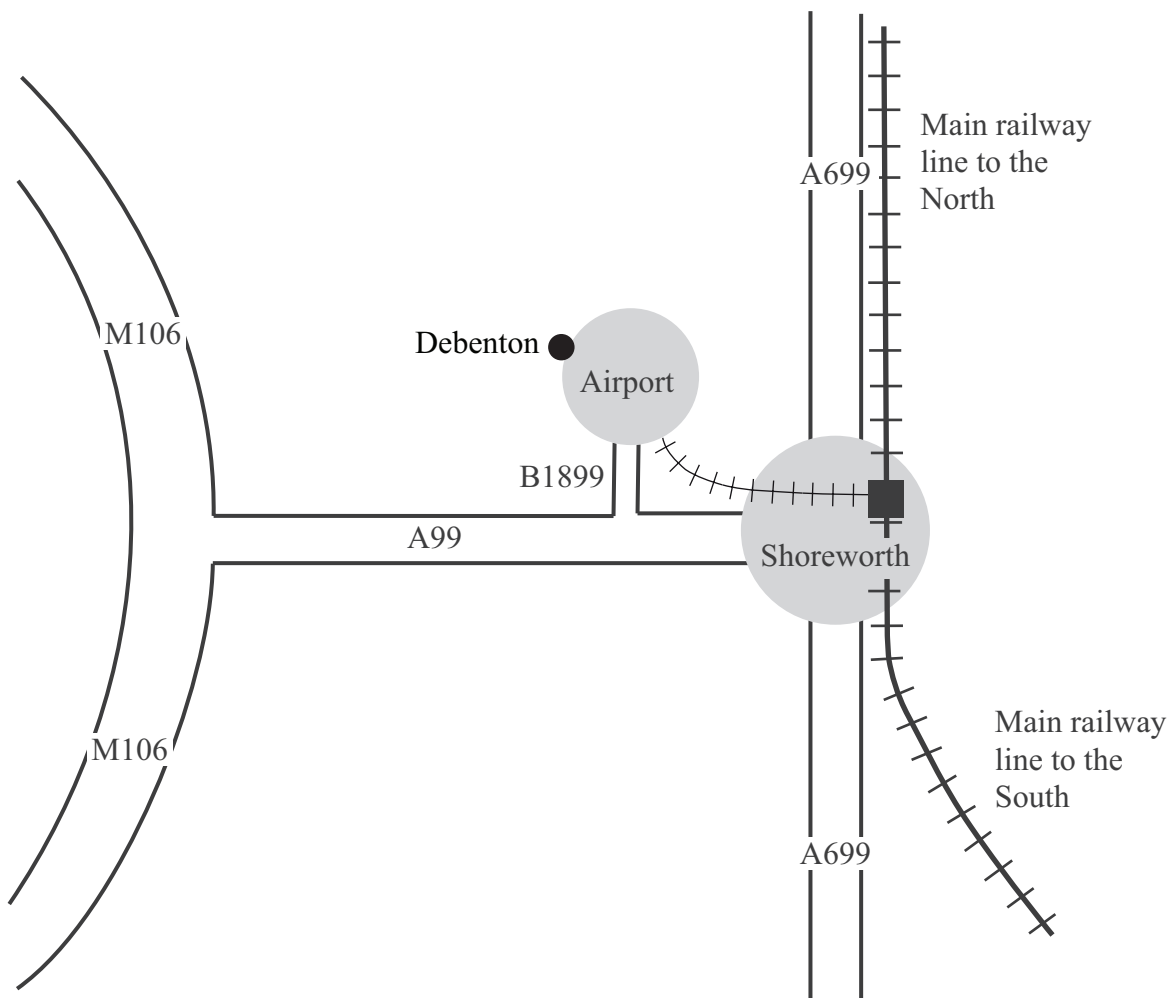
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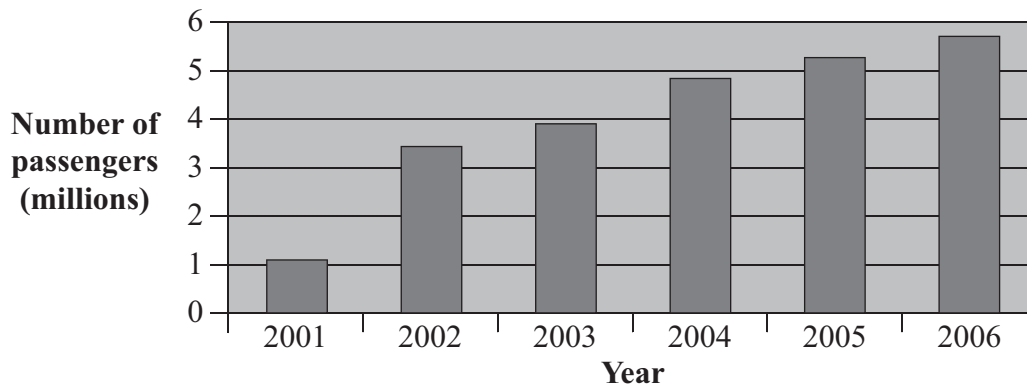


Study **all** the information before you begin your task.

Item A

Transport Routes to Shoreworth Airport



Item B**UK airport passenger numbers****Item C****UK airports traffic statistics for 2005**

- Total passenger numbers rose by 6%
- Regional airports passenger numbers rose on average by 9%
- Flights to Europe increased by 6% – to Italy by 11%
- Fastest growth in passenger numbers was to:
 - North Africa 38%
 - Australia 33%
- Regional airport passenger numbers doubled between 1995 and 2005

Item D**Interviews with Shoreworth Airport users December 2007**

I regularly fly to Europe and am very satisfied, but the parking charges are high.

The attitude of staff and the facilities are poor for an international airport.



The Drop Off Parking charge is far too expensive. Passengers still have a long walk to the terminal building.

There is nothing healthy to eat and nowhere comfortable to wait. Duty free prices are higher than high street prices.



The airport is a pleasure to fly from. It has good rail links. The staff are cheerful and there is never any delay for baggage. All in all, it is an excellent regional and international airport.



The airport is very convenient. I can catch a flight to London, Manchester or Birmingham airport.



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Item E**Interview with Vivienne Ho, Marketing Manager Shoreworth Airport
January 2008****Summary**

- Passenger numbers rose in 2005 by 32%
- numbers will continue to rise
- Over 200 000 visitors used the Airport in 2005
- Planes fly to Europe and major UK airports
- Planes fly from the Airport between
6 am and 8 pm
- New runway is needed as the single runway can
only just cope with existing numbers
- Customers see us as a friendly airport, but we
need to provide better facilities
- Over 500 people are employed at the Airport
- Many businesses in the area supply services
to the Airport
- Retail and tourist businesses benefit from
people visiting the area, which boosts the local
economy
- We are trying to encourage more people to come
to the Airport by public transport

Item F

Article from local newspaper December 2007

Expansion means destruction

If plans for a second runway go ahead at Shoreworth Airport the entire village of Debenton could disappear off the map by 2020.

At least 700 homes would be demolished according to the Airport Authority's plans. Campaigners claim about 1,600 people would have to be evicted. Thousands more would be affected by rises in air and noise pollution.

Item G

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Shoreworth Gazette

www.thisisshoreworth.com

24 January 2008

No to airport expansion

Environmental campaigners, worried about plans for the growth of UK airports, staged a series of protests at airports around the UK on Saturday. The action was supported by Greenplanet and some local councils. They raised issues such as night flights leading to more noise for people.

A spokesperson said, "plans to expand UK airports should be scrapped and with them the multi-million pounds worth of subsidies to the aviation industry". He warned, "if the predicted growth in air travel is allowed to happen it will have a devastating impact on climate change, local communities and the wider environment. The government must keep its promise of tackling climate change and urgently rethink its aviation strategy."

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