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**ECONOMICS  
STANDARD LEVEL  
PAPER 1**

Tuesday 20 November 2012 (afternoon)

1 hour

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- Use fully labelled diagrams and references to examples where appropriate.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[25 marks]*.

Answer **one** question. Each question is worth [25 marks].

1. (a) Explain why merit goods are an example of market failure. [10 marks]  
(b) Evaluate the policies a government might use to deal with the market failure associated with merit goods. [15 marks]
  2. (a) Explain the difference between cyclical/demand-deficient and structural unemployment. [10 marks]  
(b) Evaluate the view that high unemployment is the most serious economic problem a country can face. [15 marks]
  3. (a) Explain how the value of a currency is determined in a free floating exchange rate system. [10 marks]  
(b) Evaluate the consequences for an economy of a significant depreciation in the value of its currency. [15 marks]
  4. (a) Explain why multinational corporations enter new markets in less developed countries. [10 marks]  
(b) “Multinational corporations do not help economic development.” Evaluate this statement. [15 marks]
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