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ECONOMICS STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

Monday 5 May 2014 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- You are not permitted access to any calculator for this paper.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer one question.
- Use fully labelled diagrams and references to examples where appropriate.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [50 marks].

SECTION A

Answer one question from this section.

Microeconomics

1.	(a)	Explain three factors that could lead to an increase in demand for cigarettes.	[10 marks]
	(b)	Discuss three policies a government might use to reduce the consumption of a demerit good such as cigarettes.	[15 marks]
2.	(a)	Distinguish between the concepts of income elasticity of demand (YED) and cross price elasticity of demand (XED).	[10 marks]
	(b)	To what extent might the concepts of YED and XED be of significance for business organizations?	[15 marks]

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SECTION B

Answer one question from this section.

Macroeconomics

3.	(a)	Explain the income, output and expenditure methods used to measure real gross domestic product (GDP).	[10 marks]
	(b)	Discuss the usefulness of real GDP per capita as a method of measuring the living standards of a country's population.	[15 marks]
4.	(a)	Using an appropriate diagram, explain why a country might experience a deflationary gap.	[10 marks]
	(b)	"Fiscal policy is the most effective way of bringing an economy out of recession." To what extent is this statement valid?	[15 marks]