



**GCE A LEVEL
ECONOMICS
A520QS**

Summer 2022 examinations

Component 1	Economic Principles	Monday, 23 May 2022
Component 2	Exploring Economic Behaviour	Monday, 6 June 2022
Component 3	Evaluating Economic Models and Policies	Monday, 13 June 2022

Advance Information

General information for students and teachers

This advance information provides the focus of the content of the Summer 2022 examination papers.

It does not apply to any other examination series.

It is intended to support revision.

It may be used at any time from the date of release.

It must not be taken into the examination.

Subject information for students and teachers

A guidance document on advance information has been produced by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) on behalf of all awarding organisations. It can be found [here](#).

This information provides the focus of the assessment in A level Economics question papers. A holistic approach has been taken, not a focus on each component. The information is provided in specification order and not in question or component order. The focus of quantitative skills required is provided.

It is advised that teaching and learning should still cover the entire subject content in the specification. This is to ensure that students are as well prepared as possible for progression to the next stage of their education. Students can be credited for using any relevant knowledge from any other topic areas when answering questions. Also, content not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice and synoptic questions.

INFORMATION

- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.

ADVICE

- Students and teachers should consider how to revise other parts of the specification, for example to review whether other topics may provide knowledge which helps understanding in relation to the areas being assessed.

The following areas of content are suggested as key areas of focus for revision and final preparation.

MICROECONOMICS (all components)

Content	
Scarcity and choice	Scarcity, choice and opportunity cost
	Production possibility frontiers (PPFs)
	Specialisation, division of labour and exchange
Demand and supply in product markets	Factors influencing demand and supply in product markets
	The determination of equilibrium price and output in a freely competitive market
	Price, income and cross price elasticities of demand, price elasticity of supply
Demand and supply in labour markets	Wage determination
	Labour market issues
Resource allocation	How resources are allocated in a free market economy
Costs, revenues and profits	Costs, revenues and profits
	The growth of firms
	Efficiency
Market structures	Background to market structures
	Business objectives
	Monopoly
	Oligopoly
Market failure	Understanding market failure
	Why and how governments intervene in markets
	The effects of government intervention

MACROECONOMICS (all components)

Content		
Macroeconomic theory	The circular flow of income model	
	The components of aggregate demand (AD)	
	The AD function	
	The aggregate supply (AS) function	
	Short run aggregate supply (SRAS)	
	Long run aggregate supply (LRAS)	
	AD/AS analysis	
	The short run Phillips curve	
	The long run Phillips curve	
Macroeconomic objectives	Government policy objectives	
	Economic growth	Causes of growth
		Benefits and costs of growth
	Inflation and deflation	Measurement and calculation
		Causes
		Costs
		Solutions
	The balance of payments	Measurement
		Current account imbalances: causes
		Current account imbalances: impacts
Policy instruments	Fiscal policy	Framework
		Demand side fiscal policy
		Supply side fiscal policy
	Monetary policy	Framework
		The operation of monetary policy and monetary stability
		Financial stability
	Exchange rates and exchange rate policy	Exchange rates in a free market
Exchange rate policy		
Supply side policies		

GLOBAL ECONOMICS (all components)

Content	
International trade	Advantages and disadvantages of free trade
	Protectionism
Non-UK economies	Problems facing MEDCs, LEDCs and emerging economies
Economic development	Obstacles
	Solutions

QUANTITATIVE SKILLS (all components)

Content
Calculate, use and understand ratios and fractions
Calculate, use and understand percentages and percentage changes
Construct and interpret a range of standard graphical forms
Calculate and interpret index numbers
Calculate cost, revenue and profit (marginal, average, totals)
Make calculations to convert from money to real terms
Make calculations of elasticity and interpret the result
Interpret, apply and analyse information in written, graphical and numerical forms

End of advance information