

Answer **three** questions. **One** must be chosen from Section A and **one** from Section B. The third question can be chosen from either section.

Section A

- 1 The decline of town centre shopping and the rise of internet shopping in the UK are trends that have existed for some time, and both have accelerated in recent years.

Discuss the view that the resulting long-term re-allocation of society's resources should not be left to the operation of market forces alone. [25]

- 2 Public health services, such as the monitoring of infectious diseases, are very different from the health services accessed by individuals when they have an accident or are ill.

Discuss whether the state should provide both, and whether they should be financed out of taxation. [25]

- 3 In recent years, the UK has seen supermarket workers and delivery drivers join nurses and paramedics on the list of those commonly regarded as 'essential workers'. However, they also joined the list of workers whose wage shows a large shortfall compared to how highly they are 'valued' when the general population has expressed a view.

Discuss the extent to which such shortfalls are likely to persist over time. [25]

Section B

- 4 A report in 2021 showed that wealth was even more unequally distributed in the UK than had previously been the case. In addition, UK income inequality is renowned as being greater than that in most other European countries.

Discuss the view that tax policies targeted at reducing these inequalities would have such a harmful effect on incentives that they would not achieve their desired outcome. [25]

- 5 Mainly because of recent international events, including the pandemic, there have been significant increases in UK inflation in recent times. In such circumstances, macroeconomic policy needs to focus exclusively on getting inflation back to acceptable levels, if necessary at the expense of achieving other macroeconomic goals.

Discuss the extent to which this view is valid. [25]

- 6 The period since the UK formally left the EU has demonstrated the importance of so-called 'non-tariff barriers to trade'.

Discuss the view that living standards are bound to be lower than they otherwise would be unless trade between nations takes place without restrictions of any sort. [25]

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