

S.6 ECONOMICS ASSIGNMENT (1)

Paper 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Attempt **all** questions in both sections **A** and **B**.

SECTION A

Answer **all** parts of this question.

- 1 a) (i) What is meant by the term **production possibility frontier**? *(02 marks)*
- (ii) Give two **causes** of the shift of the production possibility frontier. *(02 marks)*

b) Study the table below and answer the questions that follow

output	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total Costs Ug shs'000	100	150	180	200	210	250	320	450	740

Determine the

- (i) average fixed costs at output level 6 *(02 marks)*
- (ii) average variable costs at output level 4 *(02 marks)*
- (c) (i) Distinguish between **injections** and **leakages** in an economy. *(02 marks)*
- (ii) Mention any **two** examples of **injections** in a four sector model economy. *(02 marks)*
- (d) (i) Distinguish between **tax evasion** and **tax exemption**. *(02 marks)*
- (ii) State any **two disadvantages** of a tax evasion in an economy. *(02 marks)*
- (e) (i) Differentiate between a **subsistence wage** and a **living wage**. *(02 marks)*
- (ii) Mention any **two determinants** of wages in an economy. *(02 marks)*

SECTION B

2. With use of illustrations, explain the applicability of the concept of price elasticity of demand to incidence of a tax. **(20 marks)**
3. (a) Explain how the **cost of living index is computed** in an economy. **(08 marks)**
(b) What **difficulties are faced in the computation of the cost of living index?** **(12 marks)**
4. (a) Why is there **need to promote the private sector** in developing countries? **(10 marks)**
(b) Suggest possible policies that can be **adopted to promote the private sector** in developing countries. **(10 marks)**
5. (a) Given that the quantity of money in an economy is shs 3,000,000, its velocity of circulation is 10 and the number of transactions made are 600. Calculate the **general price level** in the economy. **(04 marks)**
(b) What are the limitations of **Irving fishers' quantity theory of money** in explaining price changes in an economy? **(16 marks)**
6. (a) Differentiate between **Imported inflation** and **Structural inflation**. **(04 marks)**
(b) Explain how inflation can be **controlled** in an economy. **(16 marks)**
7. (a) Distinguish between;
(i) **Trade diversion** and **Trade creation**. **(02 marks)**
(ii) **Customs union** and **Preferential trade area**. **(02 marks)**
(b) Explain the **barriers to effective regional economic integration** among developing countries. **(16 marks)**
8. (a) Describe the features of the informal sector. **(06 marks)**
(b) Assess the contributions of the informal sector to an economy. **(14 marks)**
9. (a) Explain the Malthusian population theory. **(06 marks)**
(b) How relevant is the Malthusian population theory to the economies of LDCs. **(14marks)**
10. (a) Examine the prerequisites for successful planning in LDCs. **(10 marks)**
(b) Discuss factors limiting successful planning in LDCs. **(10 marks)**

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