

Guidance on the use of past paper questions for Advanced Higher Economics

The Curriculum for Excellence Advanced Higher Courses draw on the strengths of popular areas of study from existing Advanced Higher with the introduction of some new content. The purpose of this support document is to help centres and departments to identify suitable past paper questions/items that could be used, or possibly amended, to support learners in their preparation for sitting question papers (exams) as part of the Advanced Higher Course assessment. The advice in this document reflects questions selected from **2012, 2013 and 2014 [past papers](#)**.

When utilising any past paper questions, you need to take into account the following:

- ◆ You must select questions that provide the learners with the same level of challenge as those in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ You may be able to use questions as published or with amendments as suggested in the columns below.
- ◆ You must use questions that adhere to the Advanced Higher General Marking Principles and reflect the form of Detailed Marking Instructions as published in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.

If any change to a question/items is necessary, you must ensure that:

- ◆ The style and structure matches the Specimen Question Paper for Advanced Higher.
- ◆ Marking of the learner's response to the question adheres to the General Marking Principles in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ Marking Instructions are amended to reflect the style of the Advanced Higher Detailed Marking Instructions.

The details below should be read in conjunction with the relevant:

Mandatory documentation:

- ◆ Course Specification
- ◆ Unit Specifications
- ◆ Course Assessment Specification

Advice and guidance:

- ◆ Course and Unit Support Notes

Assessment:

- ◆ Question Paper Component:
 - general assessment information
 - general marking principles and detailed marking instructions

Related Information as provided in the relevant N5-Advanced Higher Course Comparison Document.

Key for the section below:

- C — amend context as required
- S — amend source as required
- St — amend question style
- Str — amend structure of the question

Not all topic/areas of study will appear every year due to the sampling techniques used in producing question papers.

<p>Information from the Course Assessment Specification Questions will sample the knowledge and understanding and apply skills described in the Further mandatory information on Course coverage section.</p> <p>The question paper will have 80 marks and has three Sections.</p> <p>Section 1 will have 30 marks and will consist of a number of mandatory short-answer questions based on an item of stimulus material. The questions will be drawn from across the Course.</p> <p>Section 2 will have 25 marks and will consist of a mandatory question that is based on economic theory drawn from across the Course.</p> <p>Section 3 will have 25 marks and will consist of four optional questions relating to current economic situations of which learners will choose one.</p>	<p>The columns below identify additional support questions from Advanced Higher Past Papers 2012 to 2014)</p> <p>Any questions used or adapted from past papers <i>must</i> refer to current economic issues. Most questions from Section A may be able to have context/source changed and be used in the new Section 1, depending on economic circumstances (eg 2012 Section A – the tax has since been scrapped) or they might be able to be used in the new Section 2 where the mark structure or command word may change.</p> <p>Some questions from 2012–2014 have already been used in the Specimen Question Paper and are therefore not included in the lists below. These questions are:</p> <p>2012 B Q6c, Q6b — both as published.</p> <p>2013 B Q4a, — as published, Q4b with a structure change, Q4c with a context change.</p> <p>2014 B Q5a, 5b and 5c — as published. B Q6a with context change, Q6b and Q6c — both as published.</p>		
Advanced Higher			
Use question as published	Amend question context/source	Amend question style/structure	
Economic Markets: Structures and Intervention			
Market structures	2012 B Q1– all sections 2013 B Q1a and 1c 2014 B Q1– all sections	2013 A 2a and 2b 2014 A Q3	2012 A Q4b 2013 A 2a and 2b 2014 A Q2 2014 A Q3
Market intervention	2012 A Q4b 2013 B Q1b 2013 B Q6	2013 A Q5 2013 A Q6 2013 A Q7 2014 A Q6a and 6b 2014 A Q7	2013 A Q5 2013 A Q6 2013 A Q7 2014 A Q4 2014 A Q6a and 6b 2014 A Q7

National and Global Economic Issues			
National economic issues		2012 Q Q1 2012 A Q2 2012 A Q3 2012 A Q4a 2012 A Q6 2012 B Q2 all sections 2012 B Q3 all sections 2012 B Q5a 2012 B Q6a 2013 A Q3 2013 A Q4 2013 B Q5 all sections 2014 A Q2 2014 B Q2 all sections 2014 B Q3 all sections 2014 B Q4 all sections	2012 A Q2 2012 A Q3 2012 A Q4a 2012 A Q6 2013 A Q4
Global economic issues	2013 B Q2 all sections	2012 B Q4 all sections 2012 B Qs 5b and 5c 2013 B Q3 all sections 2014 A Q5	2013 B Q2 all sections 2013 B Q3 all sections 2014 A Q5
Researching an Economic Issue			
Current economic issue	There are no suitable questions in past papers.		
Resources			
SQA past papers www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm	Additional assessment support material is available here: Education Scotland www.educationscotland.gov.uk/ Glow www.educationscotland.gov.uk/usingglowandict/ Glow Log-in https://secure.glowscotland.org.uk/login/login.htm		

