Economics

Guidance on topics for the Advanced Higher question paper for session 2026–27

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Overview

The topic areas listed below will be covered in the 2027 Advanced Higher Economics question paper.

This information is useful when delivering some topic areas of the course and preparing candidates for assessment of sections 1 and 3 of the question paper. You can find the full course content in the Advanced Higher Economics course specification on our subject page.

Candidates must complete a coursework project as well as the question paper. Grades are based on candidates' performance in both externally assessed components.

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Course specification topic areas for session 2026–27

Topic area	Sub topic area	Additional information
National economic issues	Current UK economic issues	Oil and gas industry
		AI and/or new technologies
		Wealth tax
		Inward migration
		Government price cap
		Youth unemployment/Neet
		Reindustrialisation
		National Living Wage
		Economic growth
		Housing market
		Net zero 2050
	Transmission and effectiveness of economic policies	Monetary policy
		Fiscal policy

Topic area	Sub topic area	Additional information
Global economic issues	Developing and emerging economies	Emerging economies
	Developed economies	Trade wars
		The ‘elephant curve’