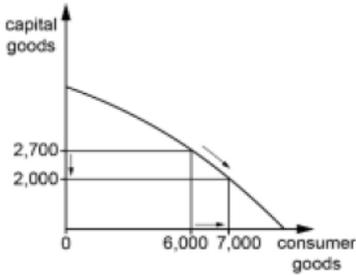


SMART EXAM RESOURCES
0455/0987(9-1) IGCSE ECONOMICS
PAPER-2- MARKSCHEME

MARKSCHEME: 1

<p>Explain why the opportunity cost of becoming a teacher for one worker may be greater than for another worker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity cost is the (next) best alternative (1) forgone (1).<input type="checkbox"/> One worker may have earned more than another (1) and so would be giving up more earnings (1).<input type="checkbox"/> One worker may give up more non-wage benefits (1) example e.g. promotion chances (1).<input type="checkbox"/> One worker has further to travel to work / higher costs of travelling (1) loss of leisure time / time with family / lower net income (1).	4
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MARKSCHEME: 2

<p>Analyse, using a production possibility curve (PPC), the opportunity cost to an economy of producing more consumer goods.</p> <p>Up to 4 marks for the diagram:</p> <p>Axes correctly labelled with capital/consumer goods (1).</p> <p>Curve drawn as a curve/line sloping downward to the axes (1).</p> <p>Movement along the curve/along the axes (1).</p> <p>Reduction in capital goods/increase in consumer goods shown by numbers or letters or arrows (1).</p> <p>Up to 2 marks for coherent analysis which might include:</p> <p>Opportunity cost is the (next) best alternative forgone (1) resources used to produce consumer goods cannot be used to produce capital goods (1).</p> <p>Producing more consumer goods now may mean fewer consumer goods in the future (1) as there may be fewer capital goods to make them (1).</p>	<p>6</p>	
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MARKSCHEME: 3

<p>Explain opportunity cost and how it can influence a farmer's decision to grow apples.</p> <p>Logical explanation which might include:</p> <p>Opportunity cost is the (next) best alternative / choice / option (1) sacrificed / forgone / given up (1).</p> <p>A farmer could grow another crop (1) size of opportunity cost / choice made is influenced by revenue / cost / profit / resources available / weather (1).</p>	4
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