

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

MARKSCHEME: 1

<p>Explain <u>two</u> causes of an increase in the size of a country's labour force.</p> <p>Logical explanation which might include: Change in the birth rate (1) rise will mean more people of working age in the long run / fall will enable more parents to be in the labour force (1). Immigration (1) many immigrants are of working age (1). Rise in retirement age (1) people will work for longer (1). Fall in school leaving age (1) people will be in education for a shorter period (1). Fall in the death rate / rise in life expectancy (1) fewer people dying before reaching retirement age (1). Changes in social culture (1) allowing more women to work (1). Increase in size of population of working age (1) reason (1). Rise in wage levels (1) attracts people to re-enter the labour market (1).</p>	4	One mark each for each of two causes identified and one mark each for each of two explanations.
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MARKSCHEME: 2

<p>Explain <u>one</u> reason why the quantity of land may increase and <u>one</u> reason why the quality of land may increase.</p> <p>Logical explanation which might include:</p> <p>Quantity of land Reclamation (1) creating land from the sea (1). Reduction in overfishing / hunting (1) restoring stocks of fish / wildlife (1). Reduction in flooding (1) avoiding soil erosion (1). Discovery of new natural resources (1) e.g. of oil (1).</p> <p>Quality of land Use of fertilisers (1) raising productivity / efficiency / fertility of land (1). Reduction in pollution (1) preventing damage / diseases (1). Good weather (1) raising productivity efficiency / fertility of land (1). Better equipment / more advanced technology (1) raising productivity efficiency / fertility of land (1).</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>One mark for identifying one reason why the quantity of land may increase and one mark for explaining that reason.</p> <p>One mark for identifying one reason why the quality of land may increase and one mark for explaining that reason.</p>
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MARKSCHEME: 3

<p>Explain <u>two</u> causes of a fall in the quantity of labour in a country.</p> <p>Logical explanation which might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negative net migration (1) emigration rates higher than immigration rates (1) as people search for better job opportunities / higher wages / higher living standards elsewhere (1).• High death rates (1) the ratio of deaths to the population (per thousand people per year) increases (1) due to poor healthcare facilities / lack of medicines / diseases (1).• Ageing population (1) average population getting older (1) lots of retirees / pensioners (1) no longer contributing to the labour force (1).	4
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MARKSCHEME: 4

<p>Analyse what influences a farmer's demand for labour.</p> <p>Coherent analysis which might include:</p> <p>Demand for the food they produce (1) derived demand / a higher demand for food will encourage farmers to expand their output / employ more workers (1) more profits earned (1).</p> <p>Wage rates (1) the lower the wage rate, the less it will cost to employ workers (1).</p> <p>Skills of workers (1) the more skilled workers are, the more productive they will be (1).</p> <p>Price of other factors of production / costs of production (1) if the price of e.g. agricultural drones falls, demand for labour may fall (1).</p> <p>Productivity of other factors of production (1) advances in technology may result in farm workers being replaced by machinery (1).</p> <p>Type of farming (1) some farming is more labour-intensive / capital-intensive (1).</p> <p>Size of farm (1) large farms likely to employ more (1).</p> <p>Subsidies (1) subsidies may encourage a farmer to expand output and employ more workers (1).</p> <p>Seasons (1) demand for labour is likely to be higher during harvesting (1).</p>	<p>6</p>
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