

SMART EXAM RESOURCES
IGCSE ECONOMICS MCQ-PAPER-1
1 1.1-THE NATURE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEM

1.1.2-Natureof-Economic-Problem

1.

A friend said his French grandmother kept switching off the lights but left the tap running. His Namibian relative left the lights on while shouting at him to turn off the water.

Which availability of resources and level of prices would make economic sense of these consumer actions?

| | in France | in Namibia |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A | adequate water supplies | expensive electricity |
| B | cheap electricity | adequate water supplies |
| C | expensive electricity | scarce water supplies |
| D | scarce water supplies | cheap electricity |

2.

What is the basic economic problem facing all economies?

- A** inequality of income
- B** insufficient resources
- C** low economic growth
- D** shortages of skilled labour

3.

A university rejects 2000 qualified applicants who wish to study there.

What factor of production could have caused the university to make this decision?

- A** infinite quantity of capital
- B** scarcity of labour
- C** surplus of land
- D** unlimited supply of enterprise

4.

Although people may satisfy their basic needs there is always something more they want.

To what economic issue does this statement refer?

- A** exchange
- B** market forces
- C** scarcity
- D** income distribution

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What is the cause of economic scarcity?

- A** limited wants with limited resources
- B** limited wants with unlimited resources
- C** unlimited wants with limited resources
- D** unlimited wants with unlimited resources

8.

What is meant by the economic problem?

- A** how to achieve efficiency with the existence of fixed resources and limited wants
- B** how to allocate resources between public and private sectors
- C** how to balance unlimited wants against finite resources
- D** how to decide which methods to use to exploit all resources