

HIGHERS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Higher Economics

ECONOMICS
SOCIAL STUDIES

CfE
HIGHER

3
UNITS

ECONOMICS OF THE MARKET
UK ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
GLOBAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

+
COURSE
ASSESSMENT

ASSIGNMENT + QUESTION PAPER



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- understand how markets work and how they affect our daily lives
- understand economic problems and explain those problems and consider possible solutions to them
- develop confidence in making decisions and in solving economic issues
- think critically by devising economic solutions to a range of economic problems
- analyse relatively complex economic information and communicate it in a clear and concise way



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- analyse economic data and information in order to find solutions to economic problems and will communicate these solutions effectively
- deepen their understanding of economic situations and resolutions to economic issues
- learn to distinguish between facts and value judgments
- be able to evaluate economic data from a wide range of economic sources in order to make informed decisions



Assessment

- To gain Higher Economics, learners must pass the three Units and the Course Assessment (Assignment and Question Paper for 100 marks)
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre and are quality assured by the SQA. Achievement of Units is recorded on the learner's qualifications certificate
- The SQA has provided examples of Unit assessments that teachers/lecturers can use as they are, or adapt to suit the needs of their learners
- The Course Assessment consists of an Assignment (30 marks) and a Question Paper (exam for 70 marks) which is in two sections (see below). These are marked externally by the SQA
- Higher Economics is graded from A to D or as No Award.



Question Paper Section 1: Mandatory short-answer questions (25 marks)
Section 2: Three questions, one on each unit (45 marks)

2 hours
70 marks

Specimen Paper www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/EconomicsSQPH.pdf

Assignment Learners will research an economics topic and write up their findings under timed conditions

30 marks



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Economics: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47920.html

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf

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