Cambridge O Level Economics
Syllabus Code 2281

Course Books:

1. Dan Moynihan and Brian Titley, Economics: A Complete Course, Oxford University Press,
2. Susan Grant, Economics.
3. Unsolved Past Papers

All candidates enter for two papers – Paper 1 and Paper 2.

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 Multiple Choice (1hour)
This will consist of 40 items testing the whole syllabus.

Paper 2 Structured Written Paper (2 hours)
4 questions to be answered, including one compulsory question and 3 questions from a choice of 6.

MONTHLY SYLLABUS

AUGUST
The Basic Economic Problem

SEPTEMBER
Economic Systems

OCTOBER
How Markets Work
Syllabus Content

1. The Basic Economic Problem

- Choice and Allocation of resources
- Define the nature of the economic problem.
- Define the factors of production.
- Define opportunity cost and analyse particular circumstances to illustrate the concept.
- Demonstrate how production possibility curves can be used to illustrate choice and resource allocation.
2. Economic Systems

- Identify what is an economy.
- Identify how economies determine what, how and for whom to produce.
- Identify different economic systems.
- Identify market economic system.
- Identify the mixed economic system.

3. How Markets Work

- Discuss what is demand and supply.
- Identify the market price.
- Define Price elasticity of Demand and Supply.
- Identify the impact of taxes and subsidies on market outcomes.

4. Types of Business Organization

- Define starting a business.
- Define sole trader, multinational corporations, cooperatives and public sector organizations, effects of privatization and nationalization.

5. Social Costs and Benefits

- Identify how the decisions of firms can affect others.
- Identify market failure and government intervention.
- Describe opportunity cost revisited.
- Identify how consumers’ decisions can affect others.
- Describe conservation and commercialization.
6. Organization of Production

- Describe production.
- Identify aims of production.
- Identify productivity and factor demand.
- Calculating costs and revenues.
- Calculating profit, loss or break-even.

7. Money and Finance

- Describe why we need money.
- Identify functions of money.
- The history of money.
- Describe the money and stock market.

8. Developed and less-developed Economies

- Identify economic development in different economies.
- Identify development indicators.
- Measures to reduce international poverty.

9. Population

- Discuss the global population.
- Causes of population change.
- The structure of populations.