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ECONOMICS

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Paper 3 Analysis and Critical Evaluation

May/June 2012

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

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Answer **all** questions.

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(d) (i) Does the extract suggest that the poor spend more on food than the rich? Explain your answer.

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(ii) Does the extract suggest that the demand for cigarettes is price elastic or price inelastic? Explain your answer.

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(e) Discuss whether the US Government should tax chocolate.

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The extract '**Challenges facing the BRICs**' will be needed for this question.

2 (a) Using information from the extract, state what happened to the price level in 2009 in:

(i) India

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(ii) China.

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(b) Why may a country experience a shortage of workers at the same time as it is encountering a relatively high unemployment rate?

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(c) Explain how raising the rate of interest can reduce aggregate (total) demand.

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- (d)** Using Figure 1, describe the trends in the current accounts of the balance of payments as percentages of GDP in the four countries shown.

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- (e)** Explain an example of a conflict between government economic aims mentioned in the extract.

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