GES IGCSE ECONOMICS Term 1 (Sept-Oct, 2019-20)

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| TOPIC: Microeconomic and macroeconomic aspects |

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| Theme: Identify and explain the basic microeconomic and macroeconomic concepts. | Level: Year 12 |
| Objectives: To investigate and analyze the interactions between different economic agents in the short term and in the long term. | |

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| Focussing Questions | Key Words | |
| 1. Basic economic ideas    1. What is the main analytical strengths of a production possibility curve?    2. How different types of opportunity cost affect the production possibility curve? 2. The price system and the microeconomy    1. What affects the sensitivity of demand and supply in elasticity terms?    2. What is comparative static analysis?    3. What is the impact of price signals from a producer and consumer perspective? 3. Government microeconomic intervention    1. What is the impact of a national minimum wage?    2. What is the impact of imposing minimum and maximum prices?    3. What is the impact of direct and indirect taxes and subsidies?    4. What is the relationship between government intervention and income re-distribution? 4. Macroeconomic aspects    1. What is aggregate demand?    2. What is aggregate supply?    3. What forms macroeconomic equilibrium? 5. Macroeconomic performance    1. What is real and nominal measurements?    2. What is inflation?    3. What are the consequences of inflation? 6. The balance of payments    1. What is the current account of payments?    2. What is the relationship between exchange rate and international competitiveness? | Production possibility curve  Opportunity cost  Declining returns  Steady returns  Increasing returns  Cross-elasticity  Comparative static analysis  Consumer surplus  Market distortion  National minimum wage  Plateau pricing  Direct taxation  Indirect taxation  Allocative efficiency  Consumer price index  Inflation  Supply shocks  Current account  Capital account  Exchange rate  International competitiveness | Explaining words  ...so...  ..because...  Therefore...  As a result...  This means that...  Therefore...  This caused...  ...Due to the fact...  ...caused…  However |

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