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The map is not intended to provide a complete list of all the revision you should do before the exam. But hopefully it will provide some useful materials that will help supplement your teacher's resources and other materials you are using for revision.

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We also recommend trying the interactive quizzes fairly often during your revision – so that you can track your progress. There are over 1,000 AS standard questions for Economics students alone on tutor2u – plenty to keep you tested!

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Please send feedback about this revision map to Jim Riley at <u>jimriley@tutor2u.net</u> so that we can develop the resource for future students.

Best wishes and GOOD LUCK from everyone at Tutor2u

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GOVERNMENT MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY OBJECTIVES AND INDICATORS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

Candidates should be able to:

- Define, in broad terms, employment and unemployment, inflation, the balance of payments account and economic growth
- Understand the objectives of government economic policy in terms of the above and why it is necessary for governments to establish such objectives
- Define GDP:
- Outline its measurement through the output, income and expenditure approaches;
- Explain the difference between real and nominal values of GDP
- Define unemployment and explain how it is measured in the UK economy
- Explain the difficulties of measuring unemployment
- Define inflation and explain the main methods by which it is measured in the UK economy
- Outline the broad structure of the balance of payments accounts of the UK economy
- Define economic growth and explain how it is measured in the UK economy
- Show an awareness of trends in these key policy indicators
- Discuss the consequences of unemployment, inflation and balance of payments problems
- Discuss the benefits and costs of economic growth
- Explain the reasons for, and consequences of, possible conflicts in macro-economic policies

Content of the Syllabus:

A broad overview of government policy objectives for the macro-economy with respect to employment and unemployment, inflation, the balance of payments account and economic growth. The meaning of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Measurement through the output, income and expenditure methods. The meaning of 'real' and 'nominal' values: the use of price index numbers. The meaning of the following terms, and methods of measurement, including

potential difficulties of those measurement approaches: employment/unemployment, inflation, balance of payments, growth. The use of data to measure economic performance, including international comparisons, in broad terms. Consequences of inflation, unemployment, instability of exchange rates and a balance of payments deficit. The costs, benefits and sustainability of economic growth. Possible conflicts between policy objectives.

1.1 **Government Policy Objectives for the Macro-economy**

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	Objectives of Macroeconomic Policy	UK Economy – Basic Facts	Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data	
1.2 Measuri	1.2 Measuring National Economic Performance			
	Understanding the Economic Cycle	Measuring National Income GNP & GDP	Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data	

Tick When Covered	Revision Notes	Presentations	Interactive Quizzes
	Structure of Output in the Economy	UK Economy – Basic Facts	National Income
	Economics of a Recession		
	What is Macroeconomics?		
1.3 Employ	ment and Unemployment		
	Measuring Unemployment	Unemployment and Employment	Unemployment
	Costs of Unemployment		Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data
	Long-term Unemployment		
	Natural Rate of Unemployment		
	Policies to Reduce Unemployment		
	Philips Curve		
	Inflationary Gaps		
1.4 Inflation	1		
	What is Inflation?	Inflation	Inflation
	Retail Price Index	Inflation Targets for the UK Economy	Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data
	Economic Costs of Inflation		
	Demand Pull Inflation		
	Cost Push Inflation		
	<u>Deflation</u>		
	Inflationary Gaps		
	Quantity Theory of Inflation		
	Philips Curve		
1.5 Balance	e of Payments		
	What is the Balance of Payments?	Balance of Payments	Balance of Payments
	Balance of Payments Accounts		Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data
	Current Account of the Balance of Payments		
	Government Policy & Balance of Payments		
1.6 Econon	nic Growth		•
	Introduction to Economic Growth	Economic Growth and the Business Cycle	Economic Growth
	Benefits of Economic Growth	<u>Deflation</u>	Interpreting UK Macroeconomic Data

Tick When Covered	Revision Notes	Presentations	Interactive Quizzes
	Costs of Economic Growth		Economic Cycle Crossword
	Long Run Economic Growth		
	Understanding the Economic Cycle		
	Structure of Output in the Economy		
	Economic Growth Trends – UK & Global		

2 AGGREGATE DEMAND AND AGGREGATE SUPPLY: THE DETERMINANTS OF OUTPUT, EMPLOYMENT AND PRICES

Candidates should be able to:

- Define aggregate demand
- Explain why the AD curve slopes down from left to right
- Describe the main components of AD and explain what determines each of them
- Account for why the AD curve in an economy shifts outwards or inwards
- Define aggregate supply
- Distinguish between short run and long run aggregate supply curves
- Explain why AS curves may shift
- Explain what is meant by equilibrium in the macro-economy and how the equilibrium output and price level is determined
- Analyse how the equilibrium is affected by changes in aggregate demand and aggregate supply
- Explain how changes in AD and AS may affect output, unemployment and inflation
- Show a broad awareness of the multiplier effect and the concepts of leakages and injections
- Use AD and AS analysis to illustrate the macro-economic problems in an economy

Content of the Syllabus

The constituents of, and influences upon, aggregate demand - consumer expenditure, investment, government spending, exports minus imports.

The factors which influence aggregate supply - land, labour, capital and changes in technology. How aggregate demand and supply analysis can be used to illustrate macro-economic problems and issues. [Note: knowledge of the Keynesian 45° Line Diagram and the mathematical derivation of the multiplier is not required.]

2.1 Aggregate Demand

	Macroeconomic Equilibrium	Aggregate Demand and Supply	Aggregate Demand and Supply	
	Aggregate Demand			

Tick When Covered	Revision Notes	Presentations	Interactive Quizzes		
	Aggregate Supply				
2.2 Aggregat	2.2 Aggregate Supply				
	Long-Run Aggregate Supply	Aggregate Demand and Supply	Aggregate Demand and Supply		
	Aggregate Supply	Foreign Investment in the UK			
	Macroeconomic Equilibrium				

3 THE APPLICATION OF MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY INSTRUMENTS

Candidates should be able to:

- Describe what is meant by fiscal policy;
- Define monetary policy and understand the basic relationship between money supply and interest rates;
- Outline how exchange rate changes are determined by supply and demand for currencies;
- Explain how interest rates are determined by supply and demand for money;
- Discuss how the AD/AS model may be used to analyse the way fiscal, monetary and supply-side policies, and exchange rate changes, can affect the levels of employment, rate of inflation, economic growth and the balance of payments position.

Content of the Syllabus:

The nature and impact of fiscal, monetary, exchange rate and supply-side policies. Demand management through fiscal and monetary policies. Exchange rate policy and its effects on aggregate demand. The nature of supply-side economics and the scope of supply-side policies.

The use and effects of these policies on the level of employment and unemployment, rate of inflation, economic growth and the balance of payments position. The theories of interest rate and exchange rate determination from a supply and demand perspective only

3.1 Fiscal Policy

Basic Economics of Taxation	Fiscal Policy and the Macroeconomy	Fiscal Policy
Principles of a Good Tax System	Government Spending	
Government Borrowing	Budget Deficit and Budget Surplus	
<u>Direct Taxation</u>		
Indirect Taxation		
Government Spending		
Economics of a Budget Surplus		
<u>Direct v Indirect Taxation</u>		
National Debt		

Tick When Covered	Revision Notes	Presentations	Interactive Quizzes
	Tax Changes and the Economy		
3.2 Moneta	ry Policy		
	Demand for Money	Monetary Policy	
	Money and its Functions		
	Measuring the Money Supply		
	Functions of the Bank of England		
	Interest Rates and Economic Activity		
	Bank of England Independence		
3.3 Exchan	ge Rates		
	Introduction to Currency Valuation	Economics of Exchange Rates	Exchange Rates
	Fixed and Floating Exchange Rates		
	Economic Effects of a Depreciating Currency		
	Economic Effects of a Strong Currency		
	Global Foreign Exchange Markets		
3.4 Supply-	Side Policies		
	Supply-Side Policies for the Product Market	Supply-Side Economics	
	Economic Gains from Higher Productivity		
	Supply-side Policies for the Labour Market		
	Has the UK Supply-Side Improved?		

Presentations

STRUCTURE AND ESSENTIAL DETERMINANTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

Candidates should be able to:

- Recognise the similarities and differences between internal and external trade
- Understand the main types of goods and services traded internationally, the main destinations of UK exports and the main sources of UK imports
- Describe the broad impact of EU membership on the pattern of UK international trade
- Explain the gains from international trade in general terms
- Understand the meaning and advantages of free trade
- Explain tariff and non-tariff methods of protection, using relevant diagrams
- Discuss the arguments for and against protection

Content of the Syllabus:

The general pattern of trade between the UK and the rest of the world, including developing countries. The nature of the benefits from trade. Free trade and protection. Reasons for, and methods and consequences of, protection. [Note: knowledge of absolute and comparative advantage is not required.]

4.1 International Trade				
Potential Gains from Trade	International Trade and Protectionism	International Trade		
Terms of Trade	Globalisation and Competitiveness			
International Competitiveness				
4.2 Free Trade and Protection				
Globalisation and the WTO	International Trade and Protectionism	International Trade		
Import Controls – the Economic Arguments				
<u>Protectionism – Barriers to Trade</u>				
5 GENERAL REVISION				
		Introduction to AS Economics 1		
		Introduction to AS Economics 2		
		AS Macroeconomics Test (1)		
		AS Macroeconomics Test (2)		
		A-Z of Economics		