

A Level Economics – Year 11 Prep Work #4

Hi all! You should now be well versed in an understanding of some of the key issues involved in the Brexit debate. I hope you enjoyed looking at the background to the EU and the ongoing developments of our relationship with our European neighbours.

We are now going to move to an area that we look at towards the end of Year 12 – and it is one that is particularly pertinent in our current situation – that of GLOBALISATION.

Slightly different style of learning this time. I want to mix up the types of activities you do so you can get a continued flavour of the sorts of work and activities you will do in Year 12 Economics.

Please go to [Globalisation On-Line lesson](#). This is from Tutor2u – a very good source of information and support for you when studying this subject.

Tasks:

1. Print off a copy of the worksheet referred to near the start of the lesson – this four-page handout will help you structure your notes.
2. Work through Activities 1-6 and make notes from the videos, engage in the activities and make a note of your scores as you go.
3. Read the two articles listed in the “Enrichment Reading” section.
4. Summarise the key points from both articles into your notes.

This should take you about 2 hours if you do the work fully and engage in all the activities and reading.

Then I would like you to use what you have learnt and any further research on the topic that you would like to do to complete the summary sheets attached. When we get to this topic in our studies, you will benefit hugely from doing the reading now.

This will take you an additional 4-6 hours.

Your next batch of work will build on this and will involve reading some articles and doing some more written assessment.

A Level ECONOMICS

Theme 4



Globalisation

What is it?

What caused it?

What are its costs and benefits?

Is it an unending phenomenon?

4.3.1 What are the causes and effects of globalisation?

Using your notes, and some research – write out five alternative definitions to the Joseph Stiglitz definition of globalisation as below. Try to find ones that look at alternative (either similar or completely different) aspects/views/approaches to understanding globalisation. Quote your sources.

*Globalization "is the closer integration of the countries and peoples of the world ... brought about by the enormous reduction of costs of transportation and communication, and the breaking down of artificial barriers to the flows of goods, services, capital, knowledge, and people across borders."
(from Globalization and its Discontents)*

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What is "de-globalisation"?

What factors have contributed to globalisation?

Write out reasons why each of the follow contribute to the phenomenon of globalisation.

Trade Liberalisation (*include a definition for trade liberalisation*)

Reduced costs of communication

Increased significance of transnational companies

Deregulation of financial markets (find out about this and the Glass-Steagall Act)

What are the effects of globalisation?

Write out reasons why each of the follow can be considered the main costs and benefits of globalisation.

<u>Costs</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
Environmental degradation	Cheaper prices for consumers
Unequal income distribution	Increased consumer choice
Unemployment	Employment
Economic dependency	Specialisation

Consider the following questions, by doing research into the questions posed (this needs to be individual research):

1. Does economic growth lead to an increase in economic welfare?
2. Is economic growth unsustainable from an environmental standpoint?
3. Do multinational companies have more power over economies than most nation states and act purely to gain profit for their shareholders?
4. To what extent are developing countries lifting themselves out of poverty? Is there any evidence to suggest that developing countries are catching up with the developed world?
5. Is the rich developed world exploiting the poor developing world?

GLOBALISATION AS A CONCEPT summarised

Create a detailed mind map summarises the topic of Globalisation and Trade, using all the words below – make it A3 and think about how you are displaying the information.

What additional information might you add – other words, terms, examples etc? Try to think about which words below are linking together and why.

Try to minimise the words on the diagram/map so that it acts as a useful revision/summary aid.

You will probably have to research some of the relevant words to get definitions for them.

Globalisation

Multinational corporations (MNCs)

Transportation costs

Reduction of trade barriers

Deregulation of financial markets

Sustainability

Pattern of world trade

Pattern of UK trade

Absolute advantage

Comparative advantage

Trade liberalisation

Trade protectionism

Tariff

Quota

Voluntary export restraints

Non-tariff barriers

CAP (Common Agricultural Policy)

Free trade areas

Customs unions

Trade diversion

Trade creation

World Trade Organisation (WTO)

Trading blocs

FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)

External shocks

Financial crisis

China and the USA

Credit crunch

Specialisation

Anti-globalisation protests

Tension

Opening up trade

Structural change

Outsourcing