TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Test for Entrance into Year 12 in September 2015

Economics

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Total marks: 40

Answer ALL questions on the lined paper provided

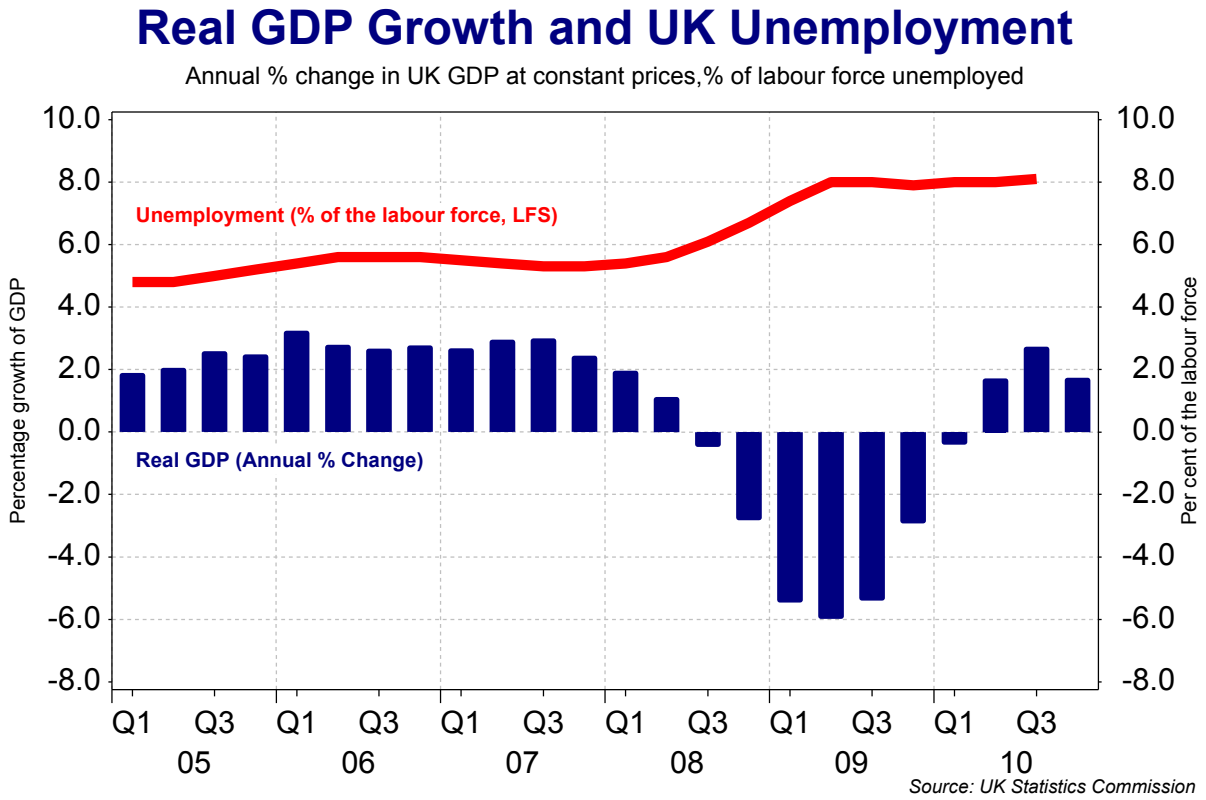
INSTRUCTIONS

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Ensure your name is clearly written at the top of each sheet.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

[Turn over]

Questions 1-3 are based on the data for the UK economy below:

GDP is the total value of all goods and services produced in the UK economy each year.
Unemployment is defined as the number of people actively seeking employment but who do not have a job.



1. In the period 2005-7, in which year was GDP highest? **[2 marks]**

2. Identify two significant points of comparison between Real GDP Growth and Unemployment for the UK economy over the period shown? **[4 marks]**

3. What relationship do you think there might be between GDP and Unemployment? **[6 marks]**

In September 2014, there was a **referendum** (a direct vote by the people on a particular issue) in Scotland on whether it should break away from the United Kingdom and form an independent country. 55% of the voters voted "No".

4. Explain what you think the **benefits** to Scotland of independence might have been. **[8 marks]**

5. Explain what you think the **drawbacks** to Scotland of independence might have been. **[8 marks]**

6. Overall, do you think the "No" vote was the best outcome for the United Kingdom? Explain your answer. **[12 marks]**

[END OF QUESTIONS]