

Commentary on candidate evidence

Evidence for Question 2 (a)

Candidate 6

- ◆ One mark awarded for the description of opportunity cost towards the end of the answer.
- ◆ No mark awarded for the weak example.

Candidate 4

- ◆ One mark awarded for the description of opportunity cost.
- ◆ No mark awarded for the weak example.

Candidate 3

- ◆ One mark awarded for the description of opportunity cost.
- ◆ One mark awarded for the example as the opportunity cost is named by this candidate.

Evidence for Question 2 (b) (i)

Candidate 1

- ◆ No marks awarded as this candidate failed to explain how resources are allocated.

Candidate 2

- ◆ One mark awarded for explaining 'if the price is too high' (ID) 'there is too much supply...downward pressure' (EXP).
- ◆ No mark awarded for next explanation as it is incorrect ('as price falls so does demand')
- ◆ No mark awarded for final sentence as this is a 'flip'.

Evidence for Question 2 (b) (ii)

Candidate 2

- ◆ One mark awarded for explanation of 'firms are unable to offer' (public goods) (ID) 'with receiving a sustainable amount of profit' (EXP). (While it could have been written better, it is evident that this candidate understands reasons for this government intervention.)
- ◆ One mark awarded for the explanation of government providing merit goods (ID) because otherwise 'only the rich can afford them' (EXP).

Candidate 7

- ◆ One mark awarded for explanation of government providing merit goods (ID) 'more to do with welfare' (EXP).
- ◆ No mark awarded for government providing public goods (ID) as not explained.
- ◆ One mark awarded for explanation of government stopping provision of demerit goods (ID) such as 'harmful' drugs (EXP) (implied understanding of being 'bad for society').
- ◆ One mark awarded for explanation of tackling 'regional disparity'.

Evidence for Question 2 (c)

Candidate 1

- ◆ No mark awarded for description of 'infinite' number of suppliers.
- ◆ One mark awarded for description of suppliers being price takers.
- ◆ No mark for description of 'infinite number of demanders.
- ◆ One mark awarded for description of 'no barriers to entry'.
- ◆ One mark awarded for description of 'perfect knowledge'.

Candidate 4

- ◆ Three marks were awarded for descriptions of:
 - 'lots of smaller firms.....'.
 - 'perfect information.....'.
 - 'price takers.....'.
- ◆ No mark awarded for 'can't make abnormally large profits' as the candidate didn't mention short/long run.
- ◆ One mark awarded for description of 'low barriers to entry'.