

General Questions

2000

8. (a) How has the Irish Economy performed in the past year in the following areas:
- (i) employment / unemployment;
 - (ii) inflation;
 - (iii) interest rates;
 - (iv) economic growth;
 - (v) income tax.

Use examples, where appropriate, to illustrate your answers.

(25 marks)

- (d) Irish semi-state transport companies are facing increasing competition. Discuss **ONE** possible advantage and **ONE** possible disadvantage of this development for:

- Consumers;

AND

- Employees of semi-state transport companies.

(20 marks)

2002

- (c) In 2001 the Irish economy began to experience a downturn in the level of economic activity. Discuss the reasons for this development in the Irish economy.

(25 marks)

2002

- (c) Discuss the possible social costs **and** social benefits of the new roads being constructed throughout Ireland.

(25 marks)

2002

- (a) Outline, using appropriate figures, how the Irish economy performed in the past twelve months in **each** of the following areas:

- (i) price inflation
- (ii) the national debt
- (iii) economic growth
- (iv) employment.

(20 marks)

2004

- (a) Outline, using appropriate figures, how the Irish economy performed in the past twelve months in **each** of the following areas:

- (i) employment;
- (ii) price inflation;
- (iii) economic growth;
- (iv) government spending.

(20 marks)

2006

- (c) There has been high expenditure in recent years on developing transport and communications infrastructure in Ireland. With the use of examples, outline **TWO** possible social costs and **TWO** possible social benefits of these developments.

(30 marks)

[75 marks]

2007 Q7

The enlargement of the European Union (EU) continues with the addition of Bulgaria and Romania in January 2007. There are now 27 member states.

Discuss **FOUR** economic consequences for the Irish economy, of the EU enlargement process.

(20 marks)

2007

- (a) Outline, using appropriate figures, how the Irish economy performed in the past twelve months in **each** of the following areas:

- (i) employment;
- (ii) interest rates;
- (iii) price inflation;
- (iv) government taxation.

(20 marks)

2008

- (c) The Central Bank of Ireland has predicted a slower rate of economic growth for the Irish economy in 2008.

Discuss the economic consequences of a slower rate of economic growth for Ireland.

(25 marks)

[75 marks]

2009

- (c) 'The Irish government should encourage initiatives that will prevent further cost increases and in turn sustain employment in small firms'.

Suggest with reasons actions the government could take to improve the competitiveness of small firms.

(20 marks)

[75 marks]

2010

- (c) Ireland's 'Black Economy' (underground economy) activity results in a loss of up to €6.1bn to the Exchequer annually, according to the economist Friedrich Schneider.

- (i) State and explain **three** economic effects of this activity in Ireland.
(ii) Outline **two** economic measures the Irish Government could take to discourage this activity.

(25 marks)

[75 marks]

[15 marks]

- (a) Outline, using appropriate figures, how the Irish economy has performed, in the past twelve months, in **each** of the following areas:

- (i) Price levels;
(ii) Economic growth;
(iii) Government current budgetary position;
(iv) Employment/unemployment.

(25 marks)

2010 EC Q4

- (c) Ireland is struggling to attract foreign direct investment. What incentives can the Irish government use to attract foreign direct investment to Ireland.

(25 marks)

[75 marks]

2012 Q6

- (c) State and explain **two** economic arguments in favour of and **two** economic arguments against third level students contributing to the cost of their higher education. (20)