

A Level Macro-Economics: Y12 Economics Summer Transition Task, Mr B Roberts - June '26

Essay Title: To what extent is the UK currently achieving its 4 key macro-economic indicator targets?

Produce a current economic profile for the UK. This means an assessment of how the UK is currently doing economically. When doing this I would like you to focus on the '4 key macro-economic performance indicators' that enable us to measure a country's economic performance. These are:-

1. Economic growth
2. Unemployment levels
3. Balance of payments / trade
4. Inflation
5. Extension Task: You may also want to look at 2 other objectives, e.g. the budget deficit and inequality levels

For those of you that did GCSE Econ, you will have already studied these, for others it will give you a chance to familiarise yourselves with these concepts. The government's own targets for these are, Economic Growth at 2%, Unemployment at about 1 - 1.25 million, Balance of trade /payments about even, inflation at about 2%, (not too much inequality and a reasonably balanced budget)

What you need to do...

1. Define each of these key terms. Explain what they are, why they are important, what they tell us about an economy and how they are measured
2. Suggest, using the actual figures ([Economy - BBC News](#) or [Home | Bank of England](#)) whether the UK is hitting these economic targets above or not
3. Suggest reasons why the UK is / is not hitting those targets
4. Propose policies / things we could do (or are doing) as a country to try and hit those targets - how do these work?
5. And crucially, can you evaluate those policies, i.e. why may they not work? What might be a negative consequence of adopting that policy? Which is the most important policy and why? What does the success of the policy depend on? How have they been affected by Brexit, Covid, high inflation 2022, war in Ukraine, war in Iran, Trump Tariffs...

This is to be **submitted as a typed essay**, I would like an introduction, paragraphs and a conclusion (no sub-headings). **It should be a maximum of 3 pages long**, due in 1st lesson September - Good Luck