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General Marking Guidance

• All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.

• Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.

• Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.

• There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.

• All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.

• Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.

• When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.

• Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.



Section A: Supported multiple choice

NB: Candidates may achieve up to 3 explanation marks even if the incorrect option is selected.

NB: Candidates may achieve up to 3 marks (rejected marks) for explaining three incorrect options (provided three different reasons are offered and each option key is clearly rejected).

Answer	Mark
 Answer B (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of renewable resources (resources that can be used again and again)/ Definition of non-renewable resources (resources that can be depleted and once used are not available) (1) One relevant example of a renewable/non-renewable resource that must be from the table (1) Non-renewable= 990.2+26.1= 1016.3 (1) Renewable= 43.2+129.3+319.4= 491.9 (1) Non-renewable higher by 1016.3-491.9= 524.4 (1) May calculate the percentage renewable/ non-renewable (accept nuclear as either) to prove non-renewable is larger contribution than renewable (1) 	
NB Nuclear may be classed as renewable meaning non-renewable is 990.2 and renewable (43.2+129.3+319.4+26.1=) 518 (1+1) Rejection marks Do not double award	
 Option A: renewable = 43.2+129.3+319.4= 491.9 (or 43.2+129.3+319.4+26.1= 518) which is less than non-renewable (1016.3) (1) Option C: incorrect because all renewables increased e.g. hydro +4.9%, wind +33.5% and Solar +73.7%. (nuclear +29.9%) (1) Option D: incorrect as all non-renewables increased coal, gas and coal +7.8% / +29.9% 	(4)
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2	 Answer A (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of division of labour/specialisation- (where people focus on the production of one product)/ Definition of PPF (shows the Maximum possible production using all available resources)(1) For correctly identifying Grace's specialisation as gold rings and Fabio's specialisation as gold necklaces (1) If Fabio spends half time on each 14+5=19, Grace- 15+15=30 Total production 19+30=49 / Gold necklaces 15+14=29 Gold rings 15+5=20 Total production 29+20=49 (1+1) Total production increases to 28+30=58 when they specialise (1) 58-49= 9 additional units produced (1) Although 1 less necklace produced (1) Any calculation of opportunity cost should be awarded (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option B: Grace can produce more of both goods/ Grace can produce up to 20 extra gold rings and up to 2 extra gold bracelets/ Fabio's PPF is below Grace's showing he is less productive at both (1) Option C: if Fabio specialised in gold rings and Grace gold bracelets then output would be 10+30= 40 which is 9 less than if they split time (1) Option D: output will be increased from 19+30=49 to 28+30=58 if they specialise so output increases not decreases (1) 	(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	 Answer A (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of indirect tax (tax on expenditure/ paid through third party) (1) Identification of the tax as an ad valorem tax at 14.5% (1) Introduction of tax increases costs so supply shifts left (1) Ad valorem taxes sees supply pivot/ it is not a parallel shift/ the amount of the tax increases as the price of burgers increases (1) Correct annotation of diagram to show price and quantity changes on diagram A (1) NB reward if they do this by redrawing diagram 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option B: this is a specific tax where the tax would be given as a specific amount e.g. 50p (1) Option C: this shows the impact of a subsidy/ a tax caused a leftwards and not rightwards shift/ this is not supply shifting as a percentage (1) Option D: this shows where demand falls which could be caused by lower incomes/ changed taste against the product/ indirect taxes affect the costs of firms and shift supply not demand (1) 	(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	 Answer D (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of rational consumers/ irrational consumers (1) To maximise utility consumers would be able to benefit by up to €360 by switching supplier/ by switching energy suppliers consumers can save up to €360 a year (1) Being poor at computation they are unable to calculate the likely benefit from each option/ unable to calculate the additional costs associated with current provider (1) For explaining an alternative reason consumers do not switch (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: if customers do not feel valued they would be more likely to switch (1) Option B: if customers had symmetric information they would know they will save €360 and be willing to switch/ the decision not to switch may be more likely caused by asymmetric information (1) Option C: free riders exist for public goods that have non-excludability and non-rivalry as consumers can consume without paying/ Free rider problems occurs with public goods and electricity is not a public good (1) 	(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
5	Answer D (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of a free market economy (where resources in economy allocated by price mechanism)/ Definition of price mechanism (forces of supply and demand allocate resources)(1) Rationing is about allowing prices to rise so only those with most income can afford (1) Credit for relevant diagram for showing shift in supply (1), decreased quantity and increased price (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: if the price of a good falls the profit is likely to fall so there is less incentive to increase production/ firms are likely to reduce production (1) Option B: Governments are not involved in the allocation of resources in the free market economy/ governments are involved in command or mixed economy (1) Option C: it is not a function of the price mechanism to provide goods for free (1) 	
		(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	Answer C (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of consumer surplus (difference between price willing to pay and price they actually pay/ difference between demand curve and price)/ Definition of producer surplus (difference between price willing to sell at and price they actually sell at/ difference between supply curve and price) (1) Diagram showing rise in supply and new equilibrium (1) Showing change in consumer surplus from PRS to P₁RT/ change by area PP₁TS (1) Showing change in producer surplus PSU to P₁TV (1) 	
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	Q Q ₁ Quantity of blu-rays	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: people would switch to the substitute reducing demand for blu-ray discs, consumer surplus and producer surplus would fall (1) Option B: Rising costs would see supply shift left, demand contract and producer surplus and consumer surplus would fall (1) Option D: a rise in the price of the complement such as blu-ray players will reduce demand for the complementary product causing consumer and producer surplus would fall (1) 	
	 NB rejection may use diagrams to illustrate 	(4)



Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
7	Answer D (1 mark)	
	 Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of buffer stock (a scheme which buys and sells stock to keep price between floor and ceiling price)/ Reasons for buffer stock- to stabilise prices (1) Price P₂ is the ceiling price and the government will sell from its buffer to prevent price rising (1) Government revenue will be P₂xQ₂-Q₃ from selling maize / government will earn revenue as selling from buffer stock (1) 	
	 Rejection marks Do not double award Option A: the price is too high and the government buying will further raise the price/Government will sell stock to lower the price (1) Option B: the price is too high and the government buying will further raise the price/the maximum price is P₂ so they will not go to the higher price of P₃/ Government will sell stock and earn revenue (1) Option C: the ceiling price is P₂ and the government will not sell at the higher price P₃ 	
	(1)	(4)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
Number 8	 Answer C (1 mark) Explanation (up to 3 marks) Definition of mixed economy- (where the government and price mechanism allocate resources) / Definition of government failure (where the government intervention leads to a net welfare loss/ misallocation of resources) (1) Regulation are government rules aimed to controlling activity (1) To meet these laws it may costs firms in terms 	
	 of paperwork/ excessive costs caused by regulation (1) Costs of implementation of health and safety regulations greater then benefits of regulation then government failure (1) Rejection marks 	
	 Do not double award Option A: this is an example of a market failure as there are positive externalities where the market will under provide vaccinations/ by ignoring gains from vaccinations there is a potential welfare gain (1) Option B: this would be the market being used 	
	 to correct market failure (1) Option D: This is the market working to allocate resources efficiently (1) 	(4)



Section B: Data response

NB: KAA marks relates to those awarded for AO1, AO2 and AO3

NB:	Evaluation	marks	relates	to those	awarded	for A	D4
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Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
9(a)	 Knowledge, Application and Analysis (up to 6 marks) Explicit reference to Extract 1 (e.g. price falls from US\$305.50 to US\$127.90) (1) Good harvests in three of the world's largest growers, Russia, Canada and the USA/ In the USA the winter wheat harvest 21% up from 2015 (1) After extensive planting/ good weather (1) Diagrammatic analysis which shows: Original equilibrium price and quantity (1) A shift to the right of the supply curve (1) 	
	 New equilibrium price and quantity (1) Price of wheat per metric ton + P + P + P - Q Q Q	(6)



Question Number	Answer	Mark			
9(b)	(b) Knowledge, Application and Analysis (Up to 4 marks)				
	 Definition or formula for PES / Inelastic supply- PES less than 1 / Elastic supply- PES greater than 1 (1) 				
	 `were running out of room to store the crop'- large amounts of stock in storage to be able to respond to changes in price making it elastic (1) 				
	 `it takes about 6 months for wheat to grow'- if price rose it will take time to grow so could be inelastic (1) 				
	 2 wheat harvests a year - so making supply more price elastic (1) 				
		(4)			



Question	Answer	Mark
Number		
9(c)		(14)
Knowledg	e, application and analysis – indicative content	1
	 Reference to data in terms of price change A decrease in the price of wheat should help producers of breakfast cereals reduce their production costs. Supply of breakfast cereals rises and demand extends Profits/ producer surplus rises More able to lower price Cereal producers may substitute to wheat from other grains 	
	Price of cereal per kilo P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	
	New entrants attracted by additional profits	
Level	Marks Descriptor	
0	0 A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3 Shows some awareness of the impact of the fall price of wheat on cereal manufacturers. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or gram errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.	



2	4-6	Understanding of the impact of the fall in the price of wheat on cereal manufacturers. This may be supported by an accurately labelled diagram. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence.
3	7-8	Clear understanding of the impact of the fall in the price of wheat on cereal manufacturers. This may be supported by an accurately labelled diagram which is explained and applied effectively. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.
Evaluation	n – indicative con	tent
	 Grain only makes up 3% of the cost of cereal/ other costs more significant With heavy advertising and branding breakfast cereal manufacturers find the demand for cereals is relatively inelastic- so firms are not likely to lower price as likely response is reduced total revenue Much of the 67kg of wheat consumed on average goes on breakfast cereal- magnitude of impact Depends on relative price of different grains Not all breakfast cereals contain wheat Long term effect prices falling since 2013/ in the short term future prices may rise Impact of an increase in supply may increase or decrease a firms revenue and profits depending on the PED of breakfast cereals 	
Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	No evaluative comments.
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some reasoning and application to context.
3	5-6	For well-developed evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and clear application to context.



Question Number	Answer	Mark
9(d)		(14)
	 application and analysis – indicative content External costs- negative impacts on third parties Market failure- defined or explained Water and land are lost to wheat production- reducing wheat production- less available to consumers trees are cut down to make land for grazing- meaning less trees to provide oxygen, damages environment/ habitat for animals untreated animal waste pollutes rivers and streams- costing water companies and fishing industry One report stated that 51% of greenhouse-gas emissions are caused by animal agriculture, which can increase the worlds temperatures It takes 100 times more water to produce meat than wheat. This may make water more scarce Producing just one meat burger uses enough fossil fuel to drive a small car 20 miles. The emissions here may have a negative impact on health- costing health services A typical pig farm generates the same amount of raw waste as a city of 12 000 people. This can have an impact on the smell in the environment having a negative impact on those living nearby The meat industry is directly responsible for 85% of all soil erosion in the USA. Livestock may have added value- enabling firms to generate more revenue and profit Increased supply of meat will help lower price for consumers 	



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		P2 Marginal private costs
		P1
		PeX
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Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of external costs will affect
1	15	market
		Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks
		organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar
		errors are likely to be present and the writing is
		generally unclear.
2	4-6	Understanding of how external costs will affect the
		market. This may be supported by an accurately
		labelled diagram.
		Material is presented with some relevance but there are
		likely to be passages which lack proper organisation.
		Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be
	present which affect the clarity and coherence.	
3	7-8	Clear understanding of how external costs will affect the
		market. This may be supported by an accurately
		labelled diagram which is explained and applied
		effectively.
		Material is presented in a relevant and logical way.
		Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be
Evaluation	 found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence. indicative content 	
	1	nitude- depends on number that switch to
		e lag- may take time for external costs to
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		ernal) benefits- manure can be used to
	•	lise crops
		surement problem- difficult to measure
		rnal costs
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Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	No evaluative comments.
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without
		explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some
		reasoning and application to context.
3	5-6	For well-developed evaluative comments supported by
		relevant reasoning and clear application to context.



Question Number	Answer	Mark
9(e)		(10)
	application and analysis – indicative content	
_ ,	Indirect tax	
	 increases costs supply falls price rises quantity falls tax revenue earned can be used for health services internalises external costs 	
	Indirect tax may be for meat based products	
	Regulation	
	 limit the amount of livestock help minimise external costs raise cost of livestock production limits on water use, trees being cut down 	
	Subsidise grain crop production	
	 lowers costs increase supply substitute from livestock to gain crops lower quantity and therefore external costs 	
	Minimum pricing for meat based products	
	 cause price to rise quantity demanded fall/ discourage consumption of meat may actually cause supply to rise 	
	Advertise health benefits of being a vegetarian; provide more info to consumers on external costs of meat production	
	 Providing information fills information gaps This may encourage demand for meat to fall People switch to vegetarian options instead 	
	Accept tradeable permit in context	



Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of measures to reduce external costs. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.
2	3-4	Understanding of measures to reduce external costs. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence.
3	5-6	Clear understanding of measures to reduce external costs with appropriate application to context Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.

Evaluation -	- indicativ	/e content
	 Some doubt the ability to enforce regulation. What limits should be set Tax would need to be a very high level to affect consumption Depends on size of tax Magnitude of subsidy Opportunity costs of subsidy Benefits of meat consumption Given that livestock farming is a world-wide industry how can any individual government introduce policies that could have any meaningful effect. Any measure they could take would only put their individual farmers at a competitive disadvantage. Only measures taken on a world-wide basis would be relevant and that is not going to happen 	
Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	No evaluative comments.
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation.
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning.



 10(a) Knowledge, Application and Analysis (Up to 6 marks): YED = % Δ Q_D/%ΔY (1) Identification income elastic/ luxury good/ normal good NB diagram used to show relationship between income and quantity demanded/ YED is positive/ as income rises quantity demand rises (1) In Ireland the economy GDP per capita / income growth was 7.3%/ the YED is +1.72 (1) 1.72 x 7.3 = 12.55% (1) rise in quantity demanded for UK 	Question Number	Answer	Mark
in demand (1), new equilibrium (1) Price per UK holiday P1 P D D D D D D D D D D D D		 marks): YED= % Δ Q_b/%ΔY (1) Identification income elastic/ luxury good/ normal good NB diagram used to show relationship between income and quantity demanded/ YED is positive/ as income rises quantity demand rises (1) In Ireland the economy GDP per capita / income growth was 7.3%/ the YED is +1.72 (1) 1.72 x 7.3 = 12.55% (1) rise in quantity demanded for UK Diagram- original equilibrium (1) correct shift in demand (1), new equilibrium (1) 	(6)



Question Number	Answer	Mark
10(b)	 Knowledge, Application and Analysis (up to 4 marks) Definition or formula of PED/ Price elastic-the PED between -1 and -infinity/ Price inelastic- the PED between 0 and -1 (1) For those in Spain/ Ireland PED is elastic (1) at -1.38 and -1.86 (1) For those in France, Germany, The Netherlands, USA it is inelastic (1) -0.53, -0.33, -0.61, -0.42 (1) PED varies depending on the country people travel from (1) 	
		(4)



Question Number	Answer		Mark
10(c)			(14)
Knowledge		analysis – indicative content	1
	 Market failure Over consump Leading to we Damage to entourism indus Marine life neorism worsen w Loss of incom Environmentaday which cau Tourist compacoral, tourists be attracted to All these activicause deterior 	lfare loss Idangered coral reefs – which is not paid for by	
	Reward use of dia	agram	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
2	1-3 4-6	Shows some awareness of external costs. Materia presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisatio Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are be present and the writing is generally unclear. Understanding of external costs in context of Malo This may be supported by an accurately labelled of Material is presented with some relevance but the likely to be passages which lack proper organisatio Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be	n. likely to lives. liagram. re are on.
		present which affect the clarity and coherence.	
3	7-8	Clear understanding of external costs with effective application to context. This may be supported by accurately labelled diagram which is explained and effectively. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found writing has overall clarity and coherence.	an d applied v. Some



Evaluation	n – indicative conte	n – indicative content	
	 Magnitude of external costs - depends on the extent of the damage Economic growth and development may raise incomes and this may help fund protection of environment Measurement of external costs difficult to quantify Short/ long run- may take time before external costs are realised External benefits may exist /may offset external costs Government policy should help reduce environmental damage 		
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	No evaluative comments.	
1	1-2 For identifying evaluative comments without explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.		
2	3-4 For developing evaluative comments supported by some reasoning and application to context.		
3	5-6	For well-developed evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and clear application to context.	

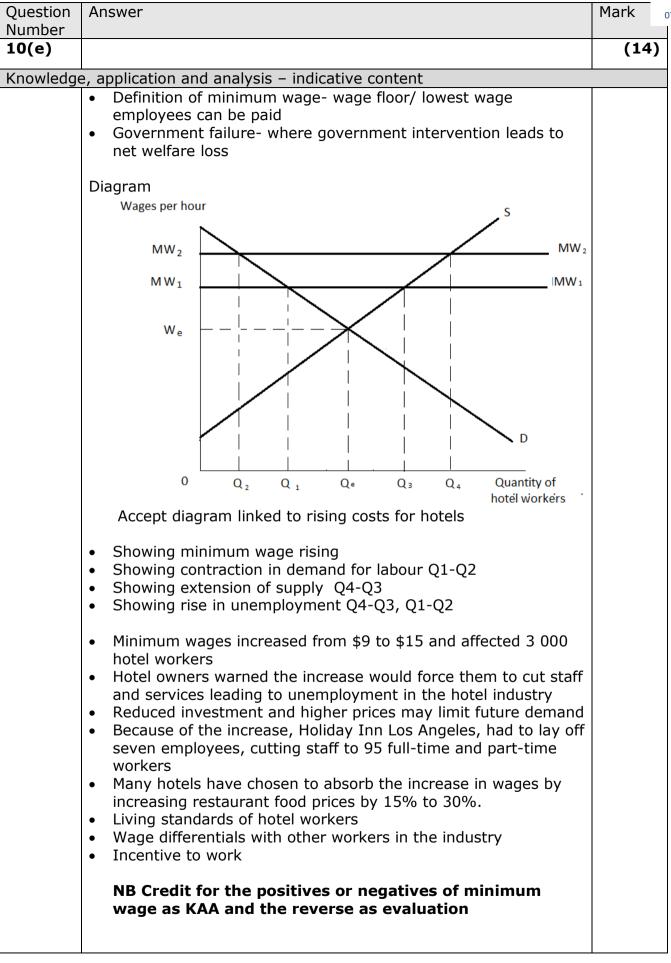




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0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-2	Shows some awareness of measures to reduce external costs. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.	
2	3-4	Understanding of measures to reduce external costs. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence.	
3	5-6	Clear understanding of measures to reduce external costs. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.	

Evaluation – indicative content				
	re ig • W • T • D • M • O • E	 regulation - some businesses and tourists may ignore any restrictions What number of tourists should the limit be set Tax would need to be a very high level to affect wealthy Depends on size of tax Magnitude of subsidy Opportunity costs of subsidy 		
Level	Marks	Descriptor		
0	0	No evaluative comments.		
1	1-2	1-2 For identifying evaluative comments without explanation.		
2	3-4 For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning.			







Level	Marks	Descriptor				
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.				
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of minimum wage. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.				
2	4-6	Understanding of minimum wage in context. This may be supported by an accurately labelled diagram. Material is presented with some relevance but there are likely to be passages which lack proper organisation. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be present which affect the clarity and coherence.				
3	7-8	Clear understanding of minimum wage with effective application to context. This may be supported by an accurately labelled diagram which is explained and applied effectively. Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but the writing has overall clarity and coherence.				
Evaluation	Evaluation – indicative content					
	 Comment on the significance of increase in minimum wage-determine how much of an impact increased from \$9 to \$15 Only seven employees made redundant in one hotel Depends whether the minimum wage is binding Different impacts on different hotels After the minimum wage increased the economy has grown and with rising incomes, hotels have found a higher number of customers occupying its rooms Investment in new hotels is still continuing Workers benefited from higher earnings and many who had second jobs were able to stop working these One hotel worker commented that he now gets to 'spend quality time with my kids'. Utility gained from more leisure time 					
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0	0	No evaluative comments.				
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without explanation or for developing one evaluative comment.				
2	3-4	For developing evaluative comments supported by some reasoning and application to context.				
3	5-6	For well-developed evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning and clear application to context.				