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A2 GCE ECONOMICS

F585/01 The Global Economy

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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- Clean copy Stimulus Material

Other materials required:
- Calculators may be used

Duration: 2 hours

Candidate forename		Candidate surname	

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- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
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Answer **all** questions.

1 **(a)** Describe **two** benefits of inflation targeting.

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(b) "Inflation is likely to pick up to between 4% and 5% in the near term, and to remain well above the 2% target throughout 2011." (Bank of England Inflation Report, February 2011)

With the aid of a diagram, analyse why the Bank of England expected inflation to rise at a time when there was significant spare capacity in the UK economy.

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(c) Comment on the view that higher inflation in China might be advantageous.

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2 **(a)** State and explain **two** reasons for the growing divergence between China's real (PPP) and nominal exchange rates since 2008 as shown in Fig. 2.2.

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(b) Analyse why it is difficult to increase interest rates in order to control inflation when an economy is operating a fixed exchange rate.

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(c) Comment on the case for using an adjusted economic indicator, such as the Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare (ISEW), in assessing China's success in achieving sustainable economic development.

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3 Discuss the case for China banning the export of certain key raw materials from 2015. **[20]**

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