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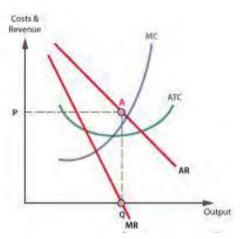
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- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
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Section A: Essay questions

NB: Use levels based mark scheme (20 marks) to mark this section.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	Indicative content	
	Definitions – private sector is any non-government owned business organisation. Private sector organisations include:	
	Divorce of ownership from control – business owned by shareholders but controlled by managers/directors. Distinction is likely to be more pronounced in larger business organisations such as PLC's. Known as the principal agent problem.	
	The prime objective of most private sector organisations is to make a profit. This may be:	
	profit maximisationprofit satisficing	
	Other objectives may include:	
	revenue maximisationsales maximisationgrowth	
	Shareholders more likely to desire high profit/maximisation of profit. Shareholders tend to want good returns in the form of dividend payments and a rising share price.	
	 Where there is a separation, managers may be more intent on growth objectives/satisficing/building a power base. Managers may have different objectives such as power, bonuses, prestige and status. 	
	Many shareholders - have no day-to-day control over managers.	
	 Many investors in a business are 'passive'. The biggest investors in companies tend to be large institutional shareholders such as pension funds and insurance companies. 	

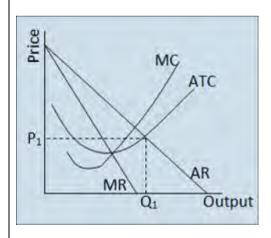
Diagram to show the difference between profit maximisation output level (where MC = MR), and an alternative – e.g. revenue maximisation at Q, (where MR = 0). May be favoured by managers for example.



REVENUE MAXIMISATION

AND/OR

 Sales maximisation output level at Q1 (where AC = AR normal profit). As above, may be a strategy for managers to increase market share, or for not for profit organisations.



SALES MAXIMISATION

Evaluation:

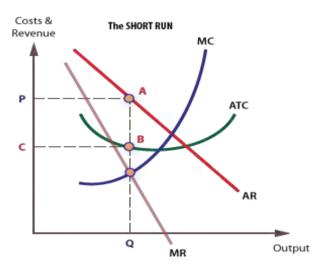
- No automatic link between different objectives and separation of ownership from control.
- Shareholders may also prefer to see short term company growth rather than short term profit gains.
- In the long run all parties are likely to seek profit as an objective (except in the case of not for profit organisations)
- The private sector also includes co-operatives, mutuals and not for profit organisations. Here the divorce between ownership and control may not be as significant as the owners/shareholders are not likely to seek high profit levels and have more social objectives.
- May have been a rise in 'shareholder activism' influencing the decision making of large companies e.g. blocking big pay rises and bonuses to directors/senior managers.
- Incentives for managers in order to focus on achieving profit maximisation (pay awards, share schemes, bonuses etc).
- Directors and senior managers may be major shareholders so not necessarily a divorce between the two

Question	Answer	Mark
Question Number 2	Indicative content Definitions: • Monopolistic competition – large number of buyers & sellers, no barriers to entry or exit, differentiated product, imperfect information • Monopoly market – pure monopoly where there is only one firm in the market – a sole supplier OR a cartel, where firms collude to act as if there is one supplier OR where firms have monopoly power (a high market share) Monopolistically competitive markets have the following characteristics: • Each firm makes independent decisions about price and output, based on its product, its market, and its costs of production. • Knowledge is widely spread between participants, but it is unlikely to be perfect. • There are four main types of differentiation: Physical product differentiation e.g. product features – colour, shape, design Marketing differentiation e.g. skills, training Differentiation through distribution e.g. online selling • Firms are price makers – as the product/service is differentiated from competitors Benefits to consumers: - Differentiated products provide more choice/variety compared to monopoly • Firms are small and will have little market power – lots of rival firms. Hence prices are likely to be lower, compared with monopoly – with less short run supernormal profit • No barriers means that markets are contestable • No barriers will lower prices further in the long run and only normal profits can be made • Due to the proliferation of firms, industry output may be higher than under pure monopoly	Mark

- -The market is more efficient than monopoly but less efficient than perfect competition − P is above MC, so allocative inefficiency and P is above lowest point of AC, so productive inefficiency. However the gap is likely to be less than under monopoly conditions
- Consumers may benefit from innovation potential for dynamic efficiency

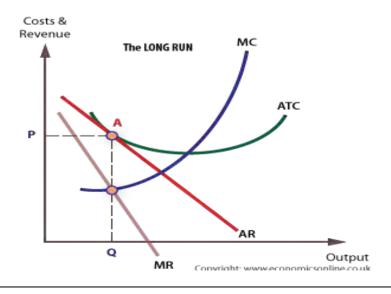
POSSIBLE DIAGRAM(S) FOR MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION/MONOPOLY

Short run- firms make supernormal profits of CPAB at output OQ where MC =MR



Long run monopoly – same diagram as above – the ability to earn long run supernormal profits

Long run monopolistic competition-no barriers means AR shifts downwards and becomes more elastic until only normal profits are earned and price is lower at profit max level of output of OQ



Evaluation

- Monopoly is a larger firm and so more scope for economies of scale:
 - Lower LRAC may result in efficiency gains being passed on to consumers – lower prices & higher output
- Greater potential for dynamic efficiency financial resources for investment in R & D and product innovation for consumer benefit
- Monopolist has more freedom over the choice of price and may opt for a lower price to deter potential entrants – thus benefiting the consumer
- Advertising by a large number of firms under monopolistic competition may be wasteful and add to the final price
- Proliferation of brands under monopolistic competition may lead to confusion for consumers
- Price discrimination by a monopoly may benefit some consumers

Candidates may take either perspective for KAA and the reverse perspective for evaluation.

Question	Answer	
Number		Mark
3	Indicative content	
	Define price war – a series of price reductions by firms in the market. Call and response to rivals' price cuts. May involve limit pricing or predatory pricing strategies	
	Likely to be a price strategy of an oligopolistic market - define and explain	
	Examples drawn from supermarkets, petrol companies, airlines etc.	
	Effects:	
	Possible negative effects on consumers and employees	
	A rise in the concentration ratio – greater market power for surviving firms.	
	Lower prices for consumers may only apply in the short run. In the long run prices may actually rise e.g. if firms leave the industry. Adverse effect for consumers leading to a loss of consumer surplus and a rise in producer surplus.	
	May even be collusion from remaining firms to avoid further price wars.	
	 May result in firms being forced out of the industry – negative impact on those firms' employees (less jobs) and consumers (less choice) 	
	In order to keep prices low, firms look to reduce costs and employees' wages are forced downwards	
	Cost cutting may cause a fall in quality of products (consumers)	
	Cost cutting may result in a fall in health & safety standards at work (employees)	

Evaluation

Possible benefits

- Price reductions
- consumers benefit from lower prices and a consequent rise

in consumer surplus

- resulting in higher sales for some firms
 - Some firms may increase profits which can be reinvested leading to Improved R & D, quality of products – hence consumers benefit
 - Possibility of non-price competition advertising, promotional techniques which may further benefit consumers (product information, special offers etc.)
 - Increased profits may lead to higher wages, more employment opportunities and greater job security

GENERAL POINTS

- Price war may not be sustainable beyond the short run and has little long lasting impact
- Price war may provoke a reaction from the government which moves to stop further price cuts
- Consumer groups may be highly critical- concerned with possible loss of competitors and future lack of choice/monopoly power.

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Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	Indicative content	
	Measures may include	
	Legislation to control mergers and takeovers e.g. to promote competition and choice for consumers	
	Laws against collusion – with bans and fines imposed e.g. to promote price competition	
	Deregulation – lowering barriers by allowing new companies to enter the industry e.g. to increase choice	
	Price and profit controls e.g. setting a maximum price to limit consumer exploitation	
	A price ceiling makes high prices illegal Demand Supply Legal Q1 Q2 Q3 Quantity • Grants, funding schemes, low interest loans e.g. to promote small businesses and hence increase competition	
	• Subsidies	
	 Quality standards and performance targets Impact of a range of measures on business behaviour may include: 	
	Firms become more price competitive so prices are lowered	
	Fewer firms leave the market	
	Firms become more efficient e.g. productive, allocative and dynamic; reduced x-inefficiency of firms	
	Diagram(s) – e.g. rightward shift in market supply curve and impact on individual firm OR shifts in firm's cost curves (could be shift either way depending on the analysis)	

Evaluation

- Depends on the strength of the measures discretionary or compulsory. Firms may be in a strong market position to ignore anything which is not legislation
- Costs rise (e.g. compliance quality standards) and firms experience reduced profits
- Measures may have a damaging effect on firms' profits and cause some businesses to exit the market
- Maximum prices may create shortages in the market (see diagram where shortage = Q1Q3)
- Large TNC's may decide to disinvest
- Those firms which are most successful in meeting quality standards and performance targets will tend to gain most profit and market share
- Impact may depend on the influence of pressure groups

S	ection A	Questions: Performance Criteria for Mark base20
Level 0	0	No rewardable material
Level 1	1-4	Displays knowledge presented as facts without
		awareness of other viewpoints
		Demonstrates limited understanding with little or no
		analysis
		 Attempts at selecting and applying different economic
		ideas are unsuccessful
		 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.
Level 2	5-8	Displays elementary knowledge of well learnt economic
LCVCI Z		facts showing a generalised understanding together with
		limited analysis i.e. identification of points or a very
		limited discussion
		Displays a limited ability to select and apply different
		economic ideas
		Material presented has a basic relevance but lacks
		organisation, but is generally comprehensible. Frequent
		punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely to be
		present which affects the clarity and coherence of the
		writing overall.
Level 3	9-12	Displays knowledge and understanding of economic
		principles, concepts and theories as well as some
		analysis of issues i.e. answer might lack sufficient
		breadth and depth to be worthy of a higher mark
		Shows some ability to apply economic ideas and relate
		them to economic problems
		Employs different approaches to reach conclusions
		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.
Level 4	13-16	 Displays a good knowledge of economic principles,
Level 4	13-10	concepts and theories together with an analysis of the
		issues involved
		 Demonstrates an ability to select and apply economic
		ideas and to relate them to economic problems
		 Evidence of some evaluation of alternative approaches
		leading to conclusions
		Material is presented in a generally relevant and logical
		way, but this may not be sustained throughout. Some
		punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found which
		cause some passages to lack clarity or coherence.
Level 5	17-20	Displays a wide range of knowledge of economic
		principles, concepts and theories together with a
		rigorous analysis of issues
		Demonstrates an outstanding ability to select and apply
		economic ideas to economic problems
		Evaluation is well balanced and critical leading to valid
		conclusions
		Material is presented in a relevant and logical way. Some punctuation and/or grammer errors may be found but
		punctuation and/or grammar errors may be found, but
		the writing has overall clarity and coherence.

Section B: Data response

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	Knowledge and Application (up to 4 marks)	
	Knowledge - up to 2 marks	
	Explaining the meaning of profit: The difference between total revenue and total cost (2) Fall in profit means that the gap between revenue and cost is getting smaller (2) Profit margin (1)-the difference between price -AR, and cost per unit -AC (1) Accurate diagram (2) An incomplete definition (1) Accept any other valid definition (2)	
	Application – <u>up to 2 marks for ONE reason (1)</u> with development (1)	
	A fall in sales by 10% - 15 % (1) which means a drop in revenue (1) OR A rise in the costs of production (1) - animal feed (1), rising wage costs due to shortages of labour(1) OR Intense competition (1) - pressure on prices (1) and keeping costs down (1)	
	OR Any other valid application point - up to 2 marks	(4)

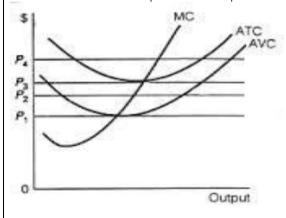
Question		Mark
Number		
5(b)		(12)
Knowledge	, Application and Analysis - Indicative content	

Explain the term 'loss making business' – a firm is unable to cover its costs of production (or earning less than its normal profit $AR \leq AC$)

Distinction between the short run and long run – fixed and variable factors of production

Diagram

- In the short run the firm can survive as long as it covers its variable costs –minimum price of P1.
- P2 shows a contribution to fixed cost but still loss making
- P3 shows where normal profit is made minimum price in the long run
- P4 shows supernormal profit



- The Adi Shakti poultry farm is covering AVC but not ATC price P2 -so is able to survive in the short run
- In the long run survival depends on making at least normal profit (AR = AC), so loss makers will exit the industry. Costs of production would need to fall (downward shift)

ACCEPT DIAGRAM SHOWING IMPERFECT MARKET

Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the implications for making business. Material presented is often irrelevant - lacks of Frequent punctuation and/or grammar errors a be present and the writing is generally unclear	rganisation. are likely to
2	4-6	Understanding of the implications for a loss made business with some application to context. Material is presented with some relevance but likely to be passages which lack proper organis. Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely which affect the clarity and coherence.	there are sation.
3 Evaluation	7-8	Clear understanding of the implications for a lobusiness (short and long run distinction) with application to context. Material is presented in a relevant and logical punctuation and/or grammar errors may be fowriting has overall clarity and coherence. tive content	effective way. Some
Evaluation		may be possible if:	
	dcosifiG	emand for poultry rises competitors exit the market mall poultry firms merge nancial support is provided by the Indian overnment ne firm manages to reduce its costs ntense competition is likely to lower the	
		nances of survival	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	No evaluative comments.	
1	1-2	For identifying evaluative comments without e	
2	3-4	For evaluative comments supported by relevan	nt reasoning.

Question			Mark
Number 5 (a)			(12)
5(c)	 Annlica	tion and Analysis - Indicative content	(12)
Knowledge	• D g n • E. -k -k -c -k -c -k -c -k	refine non price strategies—a strategy aimed at aining sales, market share, profits which does ot involve price competition xamples may include branding patents product innovation quality of product/service promotional offers advertising nternet selling oyalty cards on-price competition is more likely to occur in ligopolistic and monopolistic competition parket structures because price competition	
	• A be expended to the control of th	pple's & Zara's non-pricing strategies likely to e a combination of all of the above examplese. new products are referred to in both extracts further possibility is collusion with rivals on a con-price basis – divide up the market, exclusive deals etc. on-price competition will aim to make PED core price inelastic (less price elastic) and to ease barriers to entry (patents, branding, increased brand loyalty, advertising etc.)	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of non-pricing strateg Material presented is often irrelevant and lack organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or graare likely to be present and the writing is general.	s mmar errors
2	4-6	Understanding of the use of non-pricing strate some application. Material is presented with some relevance but likely to be passages which lack proper organi Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely which affect the clarity and coherence.	gies with there are sation.
3	7-8	Clear understanding of the use of non-pricing with effective application to context. Material is presented in a relevant and logical punctuation and/or grammar errors may be fowriting has overall clarity and coherence.	way. Some

Evaluation	- Indica	tive content
Evaluation	- muica	tive content
	ir	low successful are the strategies likely to be - n terms of revenue, profit, market share, mpact on rivals?
	• V	Vill rivals be able to copy the strategies?
	d e	costs of the strategies – cost of product levelopment & innovation, patents, advertising etc. If the cost of implementation is greater than the pay-off, clearly it will be rejected
		How long will strategies take to work - short erm long term impact?
		May need to adopt pricing strategies alongside or as an alternative
	fi	Collusion – unlikely in the case of these two frms and consideration of government esponse
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.

Question		Mark
Number		
5(d)	Application and Applysis Indicative content	(12)
Knowledge	 Application and Analysis – Indicative content Growth can be internal or external – definitions of both 	
	Benefits of internal growth may include:	
	 Less risky than merging or taking over other businesses 	
	 Can be financed through internal funds (e.g. retained profits) 	
	 Allows the business to grow at a more sensible rate 	
	External growth consists of horizontal, vertical (forward & backward) & conglomerate	
	Definition of <u>horizontal merger</u> – integration at the same stage of production in the same industry (e.g.2 poultry farms)	
	Benefits may include:	
	 merged firms are no longer competing against each other 	
	gains from shared knowledge/understanding of the market from the other firm	
	a means of growth when market demand is low (see Extract 1)	
	Definition of <u>vertical merger</u> – between firms at different stages of production in the same industry. Vertical forward and backward	
	 Zara – designs and manufactures its merchandise (vertical backward integration) Apple – produces hardware and software for its own devices 	
	Benefits of vertical integration may include:	
	Greater control of the supply chain – this helps to reduce costs and improve quality of inputs	
	Improved access to important raw materials used in manufacturing	

•	Zara – fast speed of production process from
	design to on the shelf. Very important in
	fashion industry

- More able to operate just in time system which lowers costs
- Increased efficiency
- More in touch with changes in consumer demand e.g. Apple products can be modified, innovated in response to consumer needs and wants
- Better control over retail distribution channels
- Restricting sale of rivals' product

		lestricting sale of rivals product
Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the different methods of business growth. 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 the different methods of business growth, with some application to context. 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 different methods of business growth, with effective 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 - Indicative content Disadvantages of **internal** growth may include -Growth achieved may be dependent on the growth of the overall market Harder to build market share if business is already a leader Slow growth - shareholders may prefer more rapid growth Problems of horizontal merger may include -Rising market share might attract the attention of competition authorities Risk of possible culture clashes Scope for economies of scale may be limited where combined firm size is still small (Extract 1) Diseconomies of scale Mergers may make little difference to profitability due to for example, cost pressures or falling demand Problems of vertical merger may include: Firms may be sacrificing some of the benefits of specialisation -Extract 3 Diseconomies of scale Firms may be operating in unfamiliar markets (also applies to conglomerates) Firms may lose some of the benefits of outsourcing (lower cost, familiarity) - Extract 2 Possible growth in market power results in action from competition authorities Marks Level Description No evaluative comments. 0 0 1-2 For identifying evaluative comments without explanation. 1

For evaluative comments supported by relevant reasoning.

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3-4

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	Knowledge and Application (up to 4 marks)	
	Knowledge - up to 2 marks:	
	Explanation of FDI – Investing directly in production in another country (1), either by buying a company there or establishing new operations of an existing business (1)	
	Outflow = total direct investment into other countries (rest of world) (1) Inflow = total direct investment into the country from all other countries (ROW) (1)	
	Application – up to 2 marks:	
	Both FDI inflows and outflows grow over the period 2009 - 2013 (10	
	Inflows grew by US\$144b (1). Outflows grew by US\$29.3b (1)	
	Inflows grew by 66.7% (1). Outflows grew by 126% (1)	
	Growth in inflows was higher than growth in outflows (1)	
	Total inflows consistently higher than total outflows (1)	
	Growth in inflows slowed down after 2011 (1)	
	Outflows fell from 2010 to 2011 (1)	
	Accept any other valid point (up to 2 marks)	
		(4)

Question			Mark
Number			
6(b)			(12)
Knowledge	Define T	tion and Analysis - Indicative content	
	Benefit		
	• G de	ives Chinese firms access to more markets – eveloped economies e.g. Sweden and other uropean markets and emerging markets	
	• In	ncreased revenues and profits	
		pportunities to close the gap with foreign vals	
		nsufficient demand in the emerging domestic conomy	
		ore scope for economies of scale e.g. cost avings on R& D in Sweden	
	te	ain a better understanding of markets, echnology standards and policies in other buntries	
	fr	nance and other support may be available om the Chinese government (reducing costs the businesses)	
Level	Marks	Descriptor	
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.	
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the benefits of intergrowth for firms. Material presented is often irrelevant and lacks organisation. Frequent punctuation and/or graare likely to be present and the writing is generally unclear.	s Immar errors erally
2	4-6	Understanding of the benefits of international Chinese firms with some application to contex Material is presented with some relevance but likely to be passages which lack proper organic Punctuation and/or grammar errors are likely which affect the clarity and coherence.	t. there are sation.
3	7-8	Clear understanding of the benefits of internat for Chinese firms with effective application to Material is presented in a relevant and logical punctuation and/or grammar errors may be fowriting has overall clarity and coherence.	context. way. Some

Evaluation	- Indica	tive content
		ligh capital costs – although the Chinese overnment provides finance
		Infamiliarity with markets/economies - laws, ustoms, tastes etc. May be risky
		Distrust of Chinese companies by some verseas consumers (Extract 1)
	• P	otential diseconomies of scale
	(1	Distinction between short and long run benefits usually gained in the long run in elation to FDI)
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.

Question		Mark
Number		Wark
6(c)	Application and Applysis Indicative content	(12)
Knowledge	e, Application and Analysis - Indicative content Measures to attract FDI (TNCs) may include domestic	
	governments: Offering financial incentives e.g. – tax relief schemes, loan guarantees and lower interest rates	
	Supporting R&D and encouraging innovation – lower taxes, investment promotion	
	Creating a more competitive business environment (e.g. deregulation in Thailand)	
	Funding improved infrastructure	
	Removing trade barriers	
	Increasing flexibility in labour markets	
	The likely impact may include:	
	<u>Positives</u> :	
	Development of skills in the labour force	
	Improved transport infrastructure	
	 Growth in the economy – AD/AS analysis – short run AD shift to the right; long run LRAS shifts to the right (or shift to right of PPF) 	
	 Greater employment opportunities and fall in unemployment 	
	 More competitive & innovative industries (e.g. the motive behind Thai Government's measures) 	
	 Impact on the country's Balance of Payments: initial inflow into financial account; medium term: increased exports and improved current account 	
	Negatives:	
	 B of P long term: outflow from B of P current account e.g. dividends to overseas shareholders 	
	 Lack of real benefit to economies due to profits being transferred abroad (e.g. accusations against ABF in Zambia) 	

	li	May exert downward pressure on wages and ving standards lo tangible benefits to public finances - a onsequence of transfer pricing
Level	Marks	Doscriptor
0	0	Descriptor A completely inaccurate response.
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the impact of government measures to attract FDI. 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 the impact of government measures to attract FDI with some application to context. 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 government measures to attract FDI with effective 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 - Indicative content Impact of measures depends on: Short run/long run impact - e.g. tax incentives may only have a short run impact due to similar incentives offered by other countries The relative level of incentives on offer - how they compare with "rival" economies (Extract 2) The level of confidence in the economy present and future The pace of economic reform and development Political and economic stability Degree of opposition to TNC activity from pressure groups - may dissuade TNCs from investing Measures may have serious cost implications for governments (opportunity cost, escalating budget deficits) - more challenging for emerging economies Accept KAA which adopts a microeconomics approach

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.

Question		Mark
Number		Wark
6(d)		(12)
Knowledge	e, Application and Analysis – Indicative content	
	Definition of pressure group – an organised group that seeks to influence government policy or protect or advance a particular cause or interest. They may operate at local, national or international level	
	Examples of pressure groups -trade unions, charities such as Oxfam, Greenpeace, ActionAid.	
	Pressure group activities may include	
	 pressure on governments to tighten controls e.g. tax laws (Extract 3) adverse publicity against TNCs TU action protests consumer campaigns e.g. Fair Trade consumer boycotts 	
	Influence on TNC operations	
	 may make it more difficult for TNCs to avoid taxes, reducing opportunities for transfer pricing – refer to Extract 3 due to pressure on government and public support 	
	 actions of trade unions and human rights groups may mean that TNCs have to comply with tighter laws and regulations -improved safety standards, higher wages etc. 	
	 Pressure groups may create public opposition to TNCs activities, adverse media coverage. This may lead to consumer action with consumers switching to locally sourced products, Fair Trade goods etc. 	
	TNCs may alter behaviour in order to improve public image and avoid a potential loss in profit	

Level	Marks	Descriptor
0	0	A completely inaccurate response.
1	1-3	Shows some awareness of the possible influence of pressure group activities. 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 the possible influence of pressure group activities with some application to context. 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.
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