# HKDSE ECONOMICS

## LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

Candidates at this level typically:

| Level 5 | • provide precise definitions and explanations of economic terms and apply economic concepts accurately and comprehensively  
• integrate economic terms, concepts, relationships and theory comprehensively and coherently  
• provide a logically consistent and comprehensive analysis of a wide range of economic issues, government policies and their impact  
• demonstrate informed judgment and a comprehensive evaluation of arguments, proposals and policies from a wide range of perspectives  
• apply mathematical and graphical tools accurately and comprehensively in economic analysis  
• use precise economic vocabulary and illustrative examples extensively in a well-structured manner in the exposition of economic issues and government policies in communication with people |
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| Level 4 | • provide correct definitions and explanations of economic terms and apply economic concepts in a variety of cases  
• integrate economic terms, concepts, relationships and theory in a variety of cases  
• display a logically consistent analysis of economic issues, government policies and their impacts in a variety of cases  
• demonstrate informed judgment and evaluation of arguments, proposals and policies from several perspectives  
• apply mathematical and graphical tools correctly in economic analysis  
• use correct economic vocabulary and illustrative examples in a structured manner in the exposition of economic issues and government policies in communication with people |
| Level 3 | • provide clear definitions of relevant economic terms and relevant discussion using economic concepts  
• integrate partially economic terms, concepts, relationships and theory  
• with guidance display an analysis of economic issues, government policies and their impacts  
• with guidance present informed judgment and evaluation of arguments, proposals and policies  
• use appropriate mathematical and graphical tools to analyze familiar cases in the context of economics  
• use appropriate economic vocabulary and examples in the exposition of economic issues and government policies in communication with people |
| Level 2 | • provide basic definitions of economic terms and basic descriptions of economic concepts  
• demonstrate a basic understanding of the links between economic data, concepts, relationships and theory  
• demonstrate some explanation of economic issues, government policies and their impacts in the context of economics  
• present judgment of arguments, proposals and policies  
• demonstrate basic computational and graphical skills in description or discussion involving economic contexts  
• provide basic descriptions of economic issues and government policies in communication with people |
| Level 1 | • show simple knowledge of economic concepts  
• demonstrate a simple interpretation of economic data in simple contexts  
• relate issues and government policies to economic contexts  
• demonstrate simple computational and graphical techniques in the context of economics  
• use some terminology to communicate basic economic ideas in simple contexts |