

# BLACKFEN SIXTH FORM – TRANSITION WORK FOR YEAR 12

## A Level Economics

### Y11 to Y12 Economics Transition Work Activity One

#### Prep 1: The Basic Economic Problem

Dal (video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEQx-ThBzaU>

Paj (video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNKRfgJvAMU>

Economics Online:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics/blog/study-note-the-basic-economic-problem-scarcity-and-choice>

[https://www.economicsonline.co.uk/Competitive\\_markets/The\\_economic\\_problem.html](https://www.economicsonline.co.uk/Competitive_markets/The_economic_problem.html)

Explain in one paragraph what the **basic economic problem** is. Include an explanation of **scarcity**.

What three **decisions** must be made within an economy? Give examples to illustrate each.

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Define, and give examples of the four *factors of production*

Land

Labour

Capital

Enterprise

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## Activity Two

To do well in Economics it is essential to keep up to date with current affairs and to read widely around the subject. The Sloman Economics News Site is one of many sites that highlights stories of relevance to Economics students. Choose one of the following articles and answer the questions below to prepare for discussion in class.

**Article 1** (recommended for students who have not taken GSE Economics)

Studies show that money can buy happiness (but only if you spend on experiences)

<http://pearsonblog.campaignserver.co.uk/?p=23945>

### Questions

1. Why does the article suggest that spending on material goods does not buy happiness?
2. Why does the article suggest that spending on experiences does buy happiness?
3. To what extent do you agree with this? Explain the reasons for your answer.

**Article 2** (recommended for students who have taken GCSE Economics)

Economic Forecasts – are they of any value?

<http://pearsonblog.campaignserver.co.uk/?p=23550>

### Questions

1. Why are economic forecasts often wrong?
2. What is the role of an Economist?
3. What factors might cause the UK Economy to perform
  - a. better
  - b. less well than expected over the next few months?

The following article may be helpful in answering question 3

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/jun/12/uk-economy-shows-greatest-signs-of-stress-since-2012>

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