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Responses to questions

Q1 – Q7 - Students did well in selection from the multichoice questions. There were a few occasions where students completed two answers and therefore did not receive a mark.

Q8 – Most students were able to comprehend the significance of the scenarios identified and to select the correct answer.

Q9 – Students could identify the significance of time tag but many failed to expand on their answers so achieve the two marks available.

Q10 – Students did well with calculations for this question. Centres had largely schooled students in the process of currency exchange.

Students did less well in understanding why different countries might have different and change rates of exchange. Very few understood the importance of economic changes.

Q11 – Students carried out accurate calculations and understood the meaning of gross pay. They did less well in understanding what happens to National Insurance/tax contributions with most saying that it was paid to the Government and failing to develop the question further by discussing the redistribution of wealth.

Q12 – Virtually all students could establish the preference to purchase a property rather than rent a property. They understood the advantages of owning an asset. Students did less well in explaining the relationship between the property and an asset. Students did particularly well in explaining the 'tied' relationship to sale of services in a bank and the importance of seeking mortgage advice from a range of sources.

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