



Reading Tests & Summary Writings

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| 4. CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility | 9. CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility |
| 5. Globalisation: International Trade | 10. Globalisation: International Trade |

Levels: ***** B2/C1 ***** C1

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Brexit: The path to Brexit

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*Summary writing

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The Path to Brexit

C. Wilson (2017)

| implemented the single market for grand these early stages it was termed the member states; Germany, France, Italinvitation to join. Nevertheless, twen | the creation of the European Social fund and commission. In uropean Economic Commission (EEC) and was derived of six |
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| policy. The first being 'the Schengen' member The UK refused to sign up to this agre This changed the name from EEC to t the creation of the European Central and solely | visa policies and the abolishment of passport controls. |
| goods, services, capital and people development. The EU is the second litrillion, 20% of the global gross dome. The EU is Internal trade is aided by the remova of National Statistics (2016), the UK pequates to £350million a week. In 20 on the UK, therefore the UK's net corand the true (2016) claims that EU benefits providincreasing flows of investment and the knowledge transfer skills. On the oth | rgest economy in the world with a combined GDP of \$20.75 stic product and 30% of the net global wealth of \$223 trillion. since 2008 is the largest importer of goods and services. of tariffs and reduced border control. According to the Office ays on average £ .6, the UK received a rebate of £5bn and the EU spent £4.5bn tribution is about £8.5bn a year. These costs seem exuberant investment. On the one hand, the UK Government e 4-5% of UK GDP or £62-78bn a year with the single market e free movement of people benefits recruitment and |
| start and there have been numerous in 1975 when a referendum to leave policies and rebate from being the net contributo membership over the introduction of prevented the EU Government plans the exclusion from Eurozone bailouts and | when Margret Thatcher famously negotiated a to the EU funds. Following that in 1992, the UK suspended its the Euro and the to levy banks and restrict London's financial sector. In 2013, and UK's membership and have greater power of immigration, |
| negotiations were not | proposed. Finally, in 2016, trouble in the |



Eurozone and the ongoing migrant crisis led to the referendum being called for the 23th June 2016. The controlling government 'the conservatives' were divided with the Prime Minister 'David Cameron' politicians supporting leave. 5) On Thursday 23rd June Britain voted to leave the EU with 51.9% leave and 48.1% remain overall. However, Scotland and Northern Ireland had a majority 55/44 respectively. According to Official Government figures (2016), 34 million people voted equating to a 72% turnout, which was the of voting. The referendum results suggest the UK is split down the middle in its opinion on the EU. The main arguments for the leave campaign were to regain sovereignty, to cut immigration, to remove restrictions of the single a week on the UK economy. Economists market to access global have analysed the results and found a correlation between the people who voted to leave being a , non-graduate level of education and the over 60s specific (pensioners). Also, the main areas that voted leave were places with high numbers of immigrants, high unemployment and **deprivation** from lack of other hand voted overwhelmingly to remain in the EU (59.9%), which some Economists suggest is , a younger population and highly educated residents. 6) The referendum vote was to leave so 'Brexit means Brexit'. Since the vote there has been a change in Prime Minister and a complete pro-Brexit cabinet reshuffle to accommodate the new changes. The Government has **triggered** 'Article 50' . Triggering of the intention to withdraw the UK from the EU and the UK has two years to leave from that date. At the same time, all the treaties that govern membership no longer apply to Britain. between Britain's 27 counterparts. The Government has two main choices a 'hard' or 'soft' Brexit. A hard Brexit means to give up full access to the single market, go back to WTO rules for trade and gain full control of borders and laws. And a relationship with the EU with free access to the Single market, bank passporting rights but no seat on EU commission, and this deal must include the four freedoms. Whatever the choice, it is now becoming increasingly evident that the short-term impact is likely to be negative with uncertainties affecting the pound sterling. stated that Brexit is the biggest risk to financial stability in history. However, the main point is that no one actually knows exactly of Brexit on economic prosperity and the UK's role on the international stage. References:

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Comprehension questions

| 1. Headings – match a subtitle for each | h paragraph |
|--|-------------|
|--|-------------|

| 1 | В | Background history | Α | Dissatisfaction with EU policy |
|---|---|--------------------|----|---|
| 2 | | | В- | Background history |
| 3 | | | С | The way forward |
| 4 | | | D | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| 5 | | | Ε | An analysis of the referendum |
| 6 | | | F | EU Economics |

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| 2. True / false / not given (T / F/ N |
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| ii. The UK iii. The UK receives nothing for its net investment of £8.5bn iv. The Eurozone crisis the referendum v. The main reason for the leave vote was from people who felt disadvantaged | i. | The UK refused to be a member in the 1950's because of the treaty of Rome | |
|---|------|---|--|
| iv. The Eurozone crisis the referendum v. The main reason for the leave vote was from people who felt disadvantaged | ii. | The UK | |
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| .: Hand | ٧. | The main reason for the leave vote was from people who felt disadvantaged | |
| vi. Haru | vi. | Hard | |

3.Open questions

| . What are the | rour treed | ioms : |
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| 1 | 2 | (1) | 3) | 4) | |
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| | | | | | / 2 |

ii. What are the key points of each treaty? (fill in box below)

| 'the Schengen Treaty' | ii) |
|-------------------------|------|
| 'the Maastricht Treaty' | iii) |
| 'the Lisbon Treaty' | iv) |

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4. EU figures - (fill in box below from paragraph 3 – what do the numbers connect to?)

| \$20.75 trillion | i) |
|--|------|
| 20% | ii) |
| 100000000000 | iii) |
| £18bn | iv) |
| £350m | v) |
| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | vi) |

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5. Dates: UK disagreements with EU – (fill in box below from paragraph 4 – topics of conflict)

| 1975 | i) |
|--|------|
| 1983 | ii) |
| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | iii) |
| 2011 | iv) |
| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | v) |
| 2016 | vi) |





| 6. Reas | sons: Key reasons why pe | ople voted leave - (fill in box below – 4 key reasons) |
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| | | / 4 |
| 7. Typ | es of people: Who were t | the main people who voted leave? |
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
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| 8. Defi | inition: What is Article 50 | ? |
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| 9. кеу | ianguage – explain these tel | rms from the context / synonyms where appropriate |
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| Acces | SSION | Ex. Acquisition / to be added |
| i. | Ratified | |
| ii. | Judicial matters | |
| 11. | Judiciai matters | |
| iii. | development | |
| iv. | Tariffs | |
| IV. | 1011113 | |
| ٧. | A rebate | |
| vi. | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | |
| | | |
| vii. | Turbulent | |
| viii. | To levy | |
| | | |
| ix. | A bailout | |
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| xi. | Sovereignty | |
| xii. | Deprivation | |
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| xiii. | A cabinet reshuffle | |
| xiv. | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | |
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| XV. | Passporting | |
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|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 2 | D | Three key treaties | В | Background history |
| 3 | F | EU Economics | С | The way forward |
| 4 | Α | Dissatisfaction with EU policy | D | Three key treaties |
| 5 | Ε | An analysis of the referendum | Ε | An analysis of the referendum |
| 6 | С | The way forward | F | EU Economics |

2. True / false / not given

| i. | The UK refused to be a member in the 1950's of the treaty of Rome | NG |
|------|--|----|
| ii. | The UK refused to sign two treaties | Т |
| iii. | The UK receives nothing for its net investment of £8.5bn (hard to calculate) | F |

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The Causes of the Financial Crisis 2008

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Summary writing

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The Causes of the 2008 Financial Crisis

C. Wilson [2017]

| 1) In 2008 the world experienced the worst financial crisis since the | ne Great Depression |
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| 1930s). The severe <u>magnitude</u> of the financial disaster became | the |
| end of 2007. It had, however, begun years earlier through what n | nany claimed to be the main factor |
| n the crash; . The financial crisis | of 2007-08 and the aftershocks of |
| the US subprime mortgage crisis of 2007-09 is now considered to | be 'The Great Recession'. The US |
| Commission [FCIC] (2011) report | ed |
| was caused from widespread failures in regulation of financial ins | titutions and the reckless actions ir |
| risk and borrowing. It concluded that key | were ill-prepared and |
| acked understanding and accountability in the financial systems | they oversaw. This article will |
| examine how to the Great Reces | sion. |
| | |
| 2) Towards the end of the 1990s property purchases began to rise | |
| for house buying became a profitable business in | . Traditionally, the |
| nouse buyer saves up a deposit (down payment – usually betwee | |
| | who in turn provides a mortgage |
| pased on the grounds of specific criteria (permanent employment | t, |
| defaults (a positive credit-score), and the | being achievable). |
| | |
| 3) Throughout 2000 as home ownership became more popular ar | |
| 1997 – 2006 house prices rose by | in the UK (US Spindices, |
| 2016)), lenders began to securitise these mortgages into mortgag | |
| Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) and then sold | banking |
| sector. These credit agencies into three | areas, 'safe', 'ok' and 'risky', and |
| then sold on to the Shadow Banking Sector or investors, | , and hedge |
| funds respectively. However, the prime mortgage market began t | o become <u>saturated</u> due to those |
| who | |
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| 4) Therefore, sub-prime mortgage lending was introduced in 2002 | |
| as house prices continued to rise, if a | the lender would reprocess |
| the house as equity. Lenders began to add risk to these new mort | |
| of income, or no documents were required to obtain a mortgage. | |
| | umented incomes between 2002- |
| 2007 (FCIC, 2011), and with such a rise deregulation of | to include <u>fraudulent</u> |
| automated underwriting processes and credit agencies' standards | _ |
| | or Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) |
| rates, where the consumer was unaware of the contract | , 2009). The |
| sub-prime mortgage process actively encouraged a rise in house p | |
| | n wages making housing |
| unaffordable or people borrowing more than they can repay. | |
| 5) The shadow banking sector of Investment bankers, hedge fund | s and insurance firms all hought |
| nto the highly profitable world of | . These highly profitable credit |
| nstruments (CDOs), were traded internationally through derivative | |
| | 2006, 80% of U.S mortgages were |
| | 11) Shadow banking often referred |
| (FCIC, 20 | TT) SHOULD DAIRING OILEH FEIEHEU |





to as parallel banking, were not subjected to the same banking regulatory controls. These short-term in liquid markets to purchase long term, illiquid and risky assets. This meant disruptions in deleveraging, selling long term assets at depressed prices. 6) Interest rates began to rise in 2007, and this was the beginning of the end. The default rates began to increase with many borrowers unable to meet the in turn meant that MBS and CDOs began to lose value with higher default rates. Concurrently, the housing bubble 40% (FCIC, 2011), leaving many people in **negative equity**. However, the most serious effect was a crisis across banks. Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and many more (Merrill Lynch, AIG, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, HBOS, Royal Bank of Scotland, Bradford & Bingley, Fortis, Hypo and Alliance & Leicester) were on the verge of **bailed out** by Governments. In fact, 21 Banks and 61 hedge funds had been forced to declare bankruptcy in the US alone (Morris & banks rose interest rates which became known as the 'Credit Crunch' and the led the world into 'The Great Recession'. 7) Since 2008, a number of measures have been created in response to rectify the problems. These bank's monetary policies of lowering interest rates, and include Governmental public **stimulus packages**. There are and supervision, which have been met through the Dodd Frank Act (Krugman, 2009). This was the largest reform of . In addition, a new global financial system regulated by the IMF, who should have a broader role in the regulatory 8) Overall, the financial crisis of 2008 was not just the . There are a number of other contributing factors that this article has not discussed, but primarily fraudulent seems to lie at the heart of it. To identify who is exactly to blame is incredibly difficult because the results of toxic assets from fraudulent underwriting processes, easy credit conditions, predatory lending, everyone was responsible, from government's inability to regulate innovative banking practice, Economists unable to , financial institutions exploiting the complexity of MBS and CDOs and even homeowners taking on loans they were unable to pay back. The questions that exist, however, are whether it will happen [1003 words] **Reference List** Krugman, P. 2009). The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008. W.W. Norton Company Limited. (2009). Financial Regulation in a System Context. Brookings Papers on Economic *Activity*, 2008(2), pp.229-274. Available at [Accessed 24 Dec. 2016]. The financial crisis inquiry report [FCIR]: (2011). Choice Reviews Online, [online] 48(12), pp.48-7034. Available at: (2016). S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price NSA Index - S&P Dow Jones Indices. [online] Available at: https://us.spindices.com/indices/real-estate/sp-corelogic-case-shiller- <u>us-national-home-price-nsa-index</u> [Accessed 24 Dec. 2016].





Comprehension Questions

| 1. I | Headings – | choose a | ı subtitle j | for each | paragrap | h |
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| 1 | В | Backgroun | d history | Α | Profitable Trading | |
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| 2 | | | | B_ | Background history | |
| 3 | | | | С | mortgage | |
| 4 | | | | D | Conclusion | |
| 5 | | | | E | A Prime mortgage | |
| 6 | | | | F | A new regulatory system | |
| 7 | | | | G | Mortgage | XXXX |
| 8 | D | Conclusion | | Н | The collapse | |
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| i. | . Т | he financial | crisis began in 20 | 07 | | |
| ii. | . F | Prime-mortga | ages are high-risk | | | |
| iii. | . 1 | n 2000, mort | gages | 0000000 | into marketable products | |
| iv. | . (| Credit Agenci | es were unqualifi | ed in un | derwriting processes | |
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| vi. | . 7 | he governm | ent had to take o | ver bank | s to save them from bankruptcy | |
| vii. | . 7 | he rescue pa | ackages | 0000000 | the banking sector | |
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| | did the sub-prime mortgage | rise? |
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| Paragra | | |
| 8. What | is 'predatory' lending? | |
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| 9. How | is shadow banking different from | banking? |
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| Conclus | | d with toxic access? |
| i | at were the key problems associated | d with toxic assets: |
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| 13. T | he | overall | key | problems | with | these | groups | were: |
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| iv. | Fraudulent | | |
| V. | 'housing bubb | ole' | |
| vi. | 0000000000 | XXXX | |
| vii. | Bail out | | |
| viii. | The 'credit cru | ınch'. | |
| ix. | To rectify | | |
| x. | 0000000000 | XXXX | |
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Overall Score: _____ / 55

xi. toxic assets





Comprehension Questions ANSWERS

1. Headings – write a subtitle for each paragraph

| 1 | В | Background history |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 2 | E | A Prime mortgage |
| 3 | G | Mortgage securitization |
| 4 | С | Sub-prime mortgage |
| 5 | Α | Profitable Trading |
| 6 | Н | The collapse |
| 7 | F | A new regulatory system |
| 8 | D | Conclusion |

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2. True / false / not given — one question per paragraph

| i. | The financial crisis began in 2007 [P1: begun years earlier] | F |
|-----|--|---|
| ii. | Prime-mortgages are high-risk [P2: low risk] | F |

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The Gig Economy

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The Gig Economy

C. Wilson (2017)

| 1) The working world is changing. In our increasing a 'job for life' and the concept of 9-5 workday is diminishing. In its place is the gig economy, which where people work on temporary contracts (gigs), often as freelancers and self-employed. Recent research from Oxford University (2016) suggests that with predicted growth of a name of the UK's population working on short-term temporary projects. This significant growth is a name of people changing jobs (The Recruitment & Employment Confederation (REC), 2016). |
|---|
| 2) Defining the Gig Economy is incredibly difficult because of how diverse the labour market is. World leading research from the Mckinsey Report (2016) defines it as payment or sales and a short-term relationship between the worker'. This includes people who provide labour services in goods or rent assets. The McKinsey Report also defines workers into four bands: Free and Financially Strapped. Vaughan and Daverio (2016) separate |
| the gig economy into five key sectors: peer to peer accommodation, peer-to-peer transportation, on demand household services, and collaborative finance. Overall, these economies are independent temporary short-term positions that include a and are often operated through a digital platform. This article will use the 'gig economy' as an umbrella of the above. |
| There are 275 collaborative economy platforms in the EU creating an estimated €25bn annually (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016). Key leaders in peer-to-peer accommodation are companies like Airbnb. This platform allows room or an entire house to is the creation of extra income for the supplier but also creating an authentic experience and cheaper accommodation for the traveller. Peer-to-peer transportation is Uber who provide 'a their Uber app. Clients submit a trip request and the app links them to the nearest Uber 'gig' driver. A popular service is the company Deliveroo, who are an online food delivery service company through which customers order food from local restaurants advertised on the Deliveroo platform. The food is then by gig employees within 30 minutes. On demand professional services are companies like . These platforms advertise and organize top professionals. Workers showcase their portfolios, recent work and trusted reviews so that employers can choose appropriately. Finally, collaborative as 'crowd-funding' |
| these offer individuals and businesses opportunities to invest, lend and borrow directly between each other. The gig a vital component of the UK labour market for a range of sectors and industries (REC, 2016). |
| 4) The transformative impact of the gig economy is having veritable economic benefits by raising stimulating consumption, and boosting productivity |





(McKinsey Report 2016). It is meeting the growing and the potential for considerable growth and development over the next 20 years (REC, 2016). Research the gig economy offers a better work-life balance through autonomy and flexibility. In addition, businesses are benefitting talent pool, reduction in operational the risks of long-term employment contracts. 5) Such a rapid growth of the gig economy is posing profound challenges for policy makers are already significant differences and policies, applications and enforcement across Europe (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016: 3). REC (2016) claims that common workers' rights laws, do not qualify for sick, holiday or pension entitlements, and they can be forced with no job security or continuity. With regards to employers, REC (2016) states that gig to the company's brand, there is also the possibility that crowd sourcing profiles are **deceptive** or exaggerated, employees, companies may become **embroiled** in legal disputes over worker's rights. Overall, it a number of challenges to be addressed. 6) The commodisation of the labour market has created short fixed working contracts, and is now a relic of the past. limited job security, and lifetime Digital technologies are changing work patterns and offering greater opportunities. It seems collaborative economy is highest under 35 age range (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016), thus suggesting this is going to be the future of employment. The biggest challenge for the Research is key in enabling policy-makers to modernize classifications of work patterns, tax improvements. It is imperative that this research improves regulation offering protection for low-skilled, working rights, discrimination laws and also controlling acknowledging | minimum wages. Overall, 'regulating the gig economy to flourish but making sure the advantages (REC, 2016: 56). [Words: 860] References (2016) Independent Work: choice, necessity and the gig economy (October 2016). Mckinsey Global Institute Publications. The Recruitment & Employment Confederation (2016) Work. Institute of Recruitment Professionals publishing. The University of Oxford (2016) Rise of Online Work Captured in the First Online Labour Index. Available at: http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2016-09-21-rise-online-work-captured-first-online-labour- index [Accessed 03 February 2016) Vaughan, R. & Daverio, R. (2016) Collaborative Economy in Europe. PWC- European Commission Paper (DG GROW).





Comprehension Questions

| | The rise of the gig economy The importance of the gig economy A complex definition Future The limitations of the gig economy |
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| 4 D 5 E 6 F 2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph | A complex definition Future The limitations of the gig economy |
| 5 E 6 F 2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph | Future The limitations of the gig economy |
| 6 F 2. True / False / Not Given – one question per paragraph | Future The limitations of the gig economy |
| 2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph | The limitations of the gig economy |
| 2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph | |
| | / |
| 2. True / False / Not Given – one question per paragraph | |
| | T/F/NG |
| i. People who work for the Gig Economy are se | · · · |
| ii. Defining is difficult because of the different t | types of workers. |
| iii. On demand services like | are the most popular. |
| iv. The majority of gig workers are satisfied with | n the flexibility. |
| v. Some are lying. | |
| vi. More research is necessary to offer better pr | rotection. |
| Open answer questions Paragraph 1 3. What is Oxford University forecasting? | |
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| Paragraph 1 | _ |
| 4. What are the main reasons | of the gig economy? |
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| Dorograph 2 | / |
| Paragraph 2 5. What are the main differences between the two | definitions. |
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Paragraph 3

| 6. What are the five | given as examples? |
|----------------------|--------------------|
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Paragraph 4

7. What are the key benefits?

| Economic | 1. Labour force participation | | |
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| | 3. | | |
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| XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | 1. | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |
| | | | |
| Business | 1. Global talent pool | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |

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Paragraph 5

8. What are the key problems?

| 3. What are the key problems? | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Policy makers | Differences in regulatory frameworks such as | | |
| | 1. Tax policies | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |
| | | | |
| 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 1. Not protected by workers' rights | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |
| | 4. | | |
| | 5. | | |
| | | | |
| Employers | 1. | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |



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| Paragraph 6 9. What is the | main eviden | ce that | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | is here to stay? |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 5. Wilat is the | main eviden | ce that | | is here to stay: |
| | | | | / |
| Paragraph 6 | | | | |
| 10. What are t | the most imp | ortant issues to be | e addressed? | |
| | | | | / |
| Paragraph 6 | | | | |
| 11. What four | aspects | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | focus on? | |
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| 1 | | t the Gig economy | ? Wny? | |
| For Again: | st [choose on | ie] | | |
| Why? | | | | |
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| 13. Reference | words – expl | ain what these ref | erence words o | connect to: (underlined in the text |
| Paragraph | Word | Connection | | |
| 1 | This | 25% growth | | |
| 2 | those | | | |
| 3 | XXXXXXXXXX | | | |
| 4 | /t | | | |
| 5 | they | | | |
| 6 | KANANAK. | | | |





14. Key language – *explain these terms from the context / use synonyms where appropriate)*

| Paragraph | Word | Explanation |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | notion | A belief / conception |
| 2 | encapsulates | |
| 2 | financially strapped | |
| 2 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | |
| 3 | authentic experience | |
| 3 | To showcase | |
| 4 | veritable | |
| 4 | x0000000000000 | |
| 4 | autonomy | |
| 5 | 0000000000 | |
| 5 | embroiled | |
| 6 | 'a relic of the past' | |
| 6 | to flourish | |
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Overall Total: ____ / 64





Comprehension Questions ANSWERS

1. Headings – choose a subtitle for each paragraph

| 1 | В | The rise of the gig economy | Α | Principal gig companies |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 2 | D | A complex definition | В | The rise of the gig economy |
| 3 | Α | Principal gig companies | С | The importance of the gig economy |
| 4 | С | The importance of the gig economy | D | A complex definition |
| 5 | F | The limitations of the gig economy | E | Future challenges |
| 6 | E | Future challenges | F | The limitations of the gig economy |

/ 6

2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph

T/F/NG

| i. | i. Most people who work for the Gig Economy are self-employed. | | |
|------|--|----|--|
| ii. | Defining is difficult because of the different types of workers. [markets] | F | |
| iii. | On demand services like <i>Peopleperhour</i> and <i>freelancer</i> are the most popular. | NG | |

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CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility

Reading Test

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Student

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- 4. Check answers (pass mark is 70%)

Lesson #2: [Hard] ***** [C1]

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Teacher

Two types of lesson

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*Summary writing

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Corporate Social Responsibility

C. Wilson (2017)

| 1) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has undergone profound transformation from an ideology of uncertainty into an i ndispensable component of business practice. Hamidu et al. (2015) acknowledge that it has become a |
|--|
| regulations and maintaining standards, building corporate reputation and obtaining customer increasing profitability and overall attainment of organisational objectives' (p.83). In fact, over 9,270 companies from 166 countries are |
| signatories to the voluntary UN Global obligation to establish |
| issues on human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption initiatives (Wang, 2016). Overall, CSR approach in responsibility to |
| achieve shared value for the stakeholder and societal obligations. |
| 2) CSR's progression, since its introduction in 1950's, has been quite remarkable. In the beginning it was in seeking to promote the welfare of others. This focused on mainly religious and humane philosophies, community development and poverty alleviation (Carrol, 2008). In the 1970's, |
| more 'regulated' focusing on changing perspectives in stakeholder to manager relationships encouraging a reputation and placing emphasis on legal and ethical issues (ibid). The 1990's instigated what is now commonly seen as 'instrumental / |
| strategic' CSR. A prominence on guide on internationalization of CSR standards (ibid). In sum, Matten & Moon (2002) summarise of business ethics, corporate philanthropy, corporate citizenship, sustainability and environmental responsibility, all embedded in |
| institutional contexts. |
| Research by Weber (2008) highlights that the implementation of CSR has become a pre- eminent feature in building and maintaining corporate reputation, which has become regarded as an essential a company's competitive advantage. Park, Lee, & Kim, (2014) claim that the key benefits behind being include: to market value, a more general positive impact on societal stakeholders, a conscious connection with consumers, and improved product quality. The authors also note that employee commitment and reduced employee turnover are important benefits. In addition, Carrol (2008) asserts resilience to negative company information and consumers' awareness, and this cultivates appreciation to the |
| companies are engaging in CSR initiatives. |
| to observe. Companies often fail through short-run CSR investment policies. They may lack commitment and support at senior management level, the issues that are salient to stakeholder groups in various markets. Long-term investment is the key but a lack of transparency make it difficult to understand and manage the risks and boundaries of corporate social activities prioritize |
| and balance aspects of CSR is often a challenge facing many corporations. Moreover, the |





complexity in organizing and managing CSR is exacerbated for multinational corporations with global logistic chains industries. The values of CSR in one country are not necessarily in accordance to another country's governmental and A final challenge is the concept of 'shop dressing' or 'greenwashing'. This is companies who are promoting the CSR principles through but in reality are not implementing the business practice and thereby misleading consumers. An example of it would be a company promoting recycled packaging but its courses. 5) Over the past sixty years, the issue for companies has become how to conduct CSR in a strategically and effectively planned manner that meets stakeholder's expectations, maximises profit and narrative of its impact on the company and for the community (Wang et al. 2016). CSR is a constantly evolving integrated and disciplined field of business activity, which has moved on from the latest management fad . Although CSR is formed on voluntary basis, into a significant there are a number of key areas that need to be addressed. The recognition of diversity is a necessity for a universal approach. This includes supportive to supply chain to seller advancing the sustainability agenda (Gov.uk, 2014). In addition, Governments could play a greater role by changing existing legislation to Services Act through the inclusion of enforcing ethical standards, the adoption of effective and transparent supply chain management practice and legal action against greenwashing / . Overall, sustainability, transparency and ethical standards are key drivers in responsible business practice and the values of the society. References Carroll, A.B. (2008) A History of Corporate Social Responsibility: concepts and practices, in Crane, A. et al (eds), The Oxford Handbook of Corporate Social Responsibility, Oxford University Press, pp. 19-46 Gov.uk. (2014). Corporate Responsibility: Good for business & society. Department for Business Innovation & Skills. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads [Accessed 17 February 2017] Hamidu, A. Haron, H. & Amran, A. (2015). CSR: A Review of Definitions, Core Characteristics and Theoretical Perspectives. Journal of Social Sciences. 6 (4) 83-95 . (2004) Implicit and Explicit CSR: A conceptual framework for understanding CSR in Europe. ICCSR Research Paper Series (29-2004), University of Nottingham Park, J., Lee, H., & Kim, C. (2014). , consumer trust and corporate reputation: South Korean consumers' perspectives. *Journal of Business Research, 67, 295-302*. (2016). Corporate Social Responsibility: an overview and new research directions. Academy of Management (2) 534–544. Weber, M. (2008). The Business Case for Corporate Social Responsibility: a company level measurement



approach for CSR. European Management Journal, 26, 247-61.



Comprehension Questions

| 1. | Headings - | choose | a subtitle | for each | paragraph |
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|----|------------|--------|------------|----------|-----------|

| 1 | В | CSR popularity — | Α | The values of CSR |
|---|---|------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2 | | | В- | <u>▶CSR popularity</u> |
| 3 | | | С | The way forward |
| 4 | | | D | CSR evolution |
| 5 | | | E | Key challenges |

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T/E/NG

| 2. T | rue / | / False / | Not Given | one question | per paragraph |
|------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|
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CSR has achieved a

The UN Global compact is an obligation

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Open answer questions

Paragraph 1

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| 3. What does CSR lead to | 3. | What | does | CSR | lead | to? |) |
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|--------------------------|----|------|------|------------|------|-----|---|

| i) | |
|----|--|
| | |

CSR boasts productivity

CSR has helped many companies become more competitive

CSR is a fad and will evolve into something different

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Paragraph 2

4. Key changes in the three main areas:

| 1950 | Philanthropic | iii) |
|-------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | | |
| | | iv) |
| | | |
| 1970s | | v) |
| | ii) | vi) |
| | | Legal and issues |
| | | |
| | _ | Environmental protection |
| i) | Instrumental / | vii) |
| | strategic | viii) |
| | | CSR standards |

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Paragraph 3

5. What are the main benefits of CSR?

| 1 | Improved financial performance |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |

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Paragraph 3

| 6. Name t | he two key features of | >>>>>>> | benefits. |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| | | | / 2 |

Multiple Choice:

Paragraph 4

7. A company's failure in CSR is due to... (choose only one answer)

| а | only investing for a limited amount of time | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| b | higher not supportive | | |
| С | not being attentive to stakeholder matters | | |
| d | All the above | | |

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Paragraph 4

8. The main problem for managers is

| а | prioritizing and balancing aspects of CSR | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| b | investing CSR | | |
| С | transparency and goal clarity | | |
| d | All the above | | |

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Paragraph 4

9. The problems with global logistic chains and off-shore manufacturing industries is

| а | organizing CSR |
|---|---|
| b | |
| С | international governmental and environmental policies |
| d | All the above |

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| <u>Definitions</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|-----|
| Paragraph 4 | | | | |
| 10. What is | | ing? | | |
| | | | | / 2 |
| Open answe | <u>ers</u> | | | |
| Paragraph 5 | | | | |
| 11. What ar | e the key ar | eas that | ? | |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| Paragraph 5 12. What ne | | | Act and Social Services Act? | |
| 1 | cus to be | | Act and Social Sci Vices Act. | |
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| 3 | | | | |
| Linking word | | explain what these refe | erence words connect to: (<u>underlined</u> in the | / 3 |
| Paragraph | Word | Connection | | |
| 1 | it | Answer: CSR | | |
| 2 | this | | | |

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| 13. Auth | hor's | stance? |
|----------|-------|---------|
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| Is the a | Is the author for or against CSR? Why? | | | | |
|----------|--|--------------|--------------|-----|--|
| For | Against | [choose one] | | | |
| Why? | | | | | |
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14. Key language – *explain these terms from the context / use synonyms where appropriate)*

| Paragraph | Word | Explanation |
|-----------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | indispensable | absolutely necessary |
| 1 | culminates | i) |
| 2 | .00000000000000000000000000000000000000 | ii) |
| 3 | pre-eminent | iii) |
| 3 | resilience | iv) |
| 4 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | v) |
| 4 | exacerbated | vi) |
| 5 | fad | vii) |
| 5 | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | viii) |
| 5 | mechanisms | ix) |
| 5 | existing | x) |

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Overall Total: ____ / 50





Comprehension Questions ANSWERS

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|---|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 2 | D | CSR historical evolution | В | CSR popularity |
| 3 | Α | The value of CSR | С | The way forward |
| 4 | Α | Key challenges | D | CSR historical evolution |
| 5 | С | The way forward | E | Key challenges |

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2. True / False / Not Given — one question per paragraph

| | | | _ |
|----|----|---|---|
| T/ | F/ | N | G |

| 1 | vi. | The UN Global compact is an obligation [voluntary] | |
|---|------|---|---|
| 2 | vii. | CSR has achieved a great deal since 1950 [remarkable] | T |

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Summary writing

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Globalisation: International Trade

(Wilson et al. 2017)

| 1. Globalisation is an economic | process that increases the ass | imilation of economies around |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| the world, particularly | . The tern | n also refers to the movement |
| of people (labour) and knowled | ge (technology) across interna | ational borders. <u>It</u> is an |
| extension of the same market f | forces that have | human |
| economic activity - village mar | kets, urban industries, or finan | cial centres beyond national |
| borders (IMF, 2017). Today's | fo | r people to tap into more and |
| larger markets around the wor | ld, which means they can have | access to more capital, |
| .00000000000000000000000000000000000000 | and larger export markets. Glo | balisation, however is not just |
| a recent phenomenon. Some a | nalysts have | just as globalised |
| 100 years ago as it is today (Ko | bayashi-Hillary, 2008). | |
| 2. Globalisation offers extensiv | e opportunities for truly | it is |
| not progressing evenly. The gro | owing gaps between rich and p | oor countries, and rich and |
| poor people within countries, a | are increasing. The richest quar | rter saw |
| .0000000000000000000000000000000000000 | ncrease nearly six-fold during t | he last century, whereas the |
| poorest quarter experienced le | ss than a three-fold increase (H | Harrison and Cavendish, 2014). |
| However, in some countries, | ind | comes have been moving |
| rapidly towards levels in the inc | dustrial countries since 1970. H | laving said <u>this</u> , a larger |
| number of developing countrie | s have made only slow progres | ss or have lost ground. In |
| particular, per capita | relative to | the and |
| in some countries have decline | d in absolute terms (IMF, 2017 | '). |
| 3. It is clear that some countrie | s are amalgamating into the gl | lobal economy more quickly |
| than others. Countries that hav | | growth and |
| lower poverty. Outward-lookin | | |
| | of East Asia, transforming it fro | _ |
| the world 40 years ago (IMF, 20 | | , and it has |
| been possible to make progress | | |
| standards. By contrast, | | es in Latin America and Africa |
| pursued inward-looking policie | s (such as protectionism and s | tate-owned companies), their |
| economies stagnated or decline | | the norm (Kobayashi- |
| Hillary, 2008). In many cases, e | | · · · |
| | nade the problems worse. Enco | |
| outward-looking policies, not re | eversing it, | growth, |
| development and poverty redu | iction (IMF, 2017). | |
| 4. The effects of globalisation c | an he seen in three main areas | strade movement of people |
| and shared knowledge. First of | | have increased their |
| share of world trade from 19% | | |
| newly | | ole has done poorly. What |
| countries export is also importa | | |
| manufactured goods. The | | rts such as food and raw |
| materials, most of which are of | · | |
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(Kobayashi-Hillary, 2008). Secondly, movement of people. Workers who move from one country to another to in advanced economies provide a way for global wage convergence. Harrison & Cavendish (2014) claim there is also the potential countries and for wages in those countries to for skills to be rise. Thirdly, information exchange is an important, often globalisation. Direct foreign investment, which is private capital from outside the country, the amount of a country's capital, but also technical innovation (ibid). More generally, knowledge about management techniques, export markets and economic policies is available at very low cost, and it for the developing countries (IMF, 2017). represents a 5. In conclusion, globalisation is one of the most effective ways of helping developing nations we know. As globalisation have improved significantly . However, no country, least of all the poorest, can afford to remain isolated from the world economy. The reinforcing the international financial system, through trade, and through aid to help them and reduce poverty. That is the way to integrate into the safeguard all people in all countries have access to 736 words

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Comprehension Questions

| 1. | He | eadi | ngs - | - choose | a subtiti | 'e for | each | paragrap | oh | |
|----|----|------|-------|----------|-----------|--------|------|----------|----|--|
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| 1 | | | Α | Key results |
|---|---|------------|---|---------------------|
| 2 | | | В | Definition |
| 3 | | | С | Integration |
| 4 | | | D | → Conclusion |
| 5 | D | Conclusion | E | Progression |

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2. True / False / Not Given – one question per paragraph

| | | T/F/NG |
|----|---|--------|
| P1 | Globalisation is built around historical market forces | |
| P2 | Globalisation's balanced | |
| Р3 | Outward looking policies can be negative for developing countries | |
| P4 | Trade is the most globalisation | |
| P5 | The global community has no responsibility to assist poorer countries | |

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Open answer questions

Paragraph 1

3. What are the four key terms associated with globalization?

| i) | Trade |
|------|-------|
| ii) | |
| iii) | |
| iv) | |

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Paragraph 1

4. What does people?

| i) | Larger markets |
|------|----------------|
| ii) | |
| iii) | |
| iv) | |
| v) | |

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Paragraph 2

5. Per capita – what is the monetary difference between these two?

| Richest quarter | i) |
|-----------------|-----|
| Poorest quarter | ii) |
| | |

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Paragraph 2

6. What is the difference per capita between these two continents?

| Asia | i) |
|--------|-----|
| Africa | ii) |

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Multiple Choice

Paragraph 3

7. Outward looking policies are ... (choose only one answer)

| a | democratic progression | |
|---|---|--|
| b | improved standards of living and prosperity | |
| С | lowered | |
| d | All the above | |

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Paragraph 3

8. Inward looking policies... (choose only one answer)

| а | are government run companies | |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| b | restrain | |
| С | stall economic growth | |
| d | All the above | |

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Paragraph 3

9. What's the solution for developing countries? (choose only one answer)

| а | Stop the wars | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| b | Develop outward looking policies | |
| С | Give alleviate | |
| d | All the above | |

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Key effects

Paragraph 4

10. Trade

| The strongest rise is in | i) | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| The main goods are | ii) | iii) |
| These are produced in | iv) | |

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Paragraph 4

11. People

| Workers benefits are | i) |
|--|--------------|
| xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | ii) converge |
| Skill transfer to developing | iii) |
| countries create | |
| | / 2 |

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Paragraph 4

12. Information exchange

| Private capital is called | i) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Increases | ii) a country's capital |
| | iii) |
| | iv) |
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Paragraph 5

| 11. What needs to be done? The should strengthen | | should strengthen | | |
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Linking words

13. Reference words – explain what these connect to: (<u>underlined</u> in the text)

| Paragr | aph | Word | Connection |
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| 1 | | it | Answer: Globalisation |
| 2 | | this | |
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| 14. Aut | 14. Author's stance? | | |
| Is the author for or against Globalisation? Why? | | | |
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| Why? | Why? | | |

15. Key language – *explain these terms from the context / use synonyms where appropriate)*

| Paragraph | Word | Explanation |
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| 1 | assimilation | Integrate / to become part of something |
| 1 | То | i) |
| 2 | extensive | ii) |
| 2 | to have lost ground | iii) |
| 3 | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | iv) |
| 3 | protectionism | v) |
| 4 | 0000000000 | vi) |
| 4 | convergence | vii) |
| 5 | reinforcing | viii) |
| 5 | to | ix) |

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Overall Total: ____ / 55





Comprehension Questions

1. Headings – *choose* a subtitle for each paragraph

| 1 | В | Definition | Α | Key results |
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| 2 | | Progression | 8 | Definition |
| 3 | | Integration | C | . Integration |
| 4 | | Key results | | Conclusion |
| 5 | | Conclusion | E | Progression |

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2. True / False / Not Given – one question per paragraph

T/F/NG

| P1 | Globalisation is built around historical market forces [same market forces that | |
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| | have operated for centuries] | |
| P2 | Globalisation's progression is not fairly balanced [not progressing evenly] | Т |
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The Path to Brexit

C. Wilson (2017)

| 1) The European Union was formed in the 195 implemented the single market for goods, laborated with the creation of the creation of the European member states; Germany, France, Italy, invitation to join. Nevertheless, twenty-two years has voted to | our, with comeation of the European Social Economic Commission (Economic Internal Economic Int | mon policies on transport cial fund and commission. In EC) and was derived of six The UK declined an |
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| | 1985. sa policies and the abolish | zone across ment of passport controls. |
| The UK refused to sign up to this agreement. This changed the name from EEC to the EU an the creation of the European Central Bank (EC and solely | d introduced the single cu | rve currency in the world |
| economic policies and the implementation of Lisbon Treaty in 2007. This improved and European Parliament. | · | |
| Internal trade is aided by the removal of tariff of National Statistics (2016), the UK pays on a equates to £350million a week. In 2016, the U on the UK, therefore the UK's net contribution and the true (2016) claims that EU benefits provide 4-5% or increasing flows of investment and the free m knowledge transfer skills. On the other hand, necessarily negative due to the fact that this contributions. | , fonomy in the world with a luct and 30% of the net gloince 2008 is the largest im s and reduced border contiverage f K received a rebate of £5th is about £8.5bh a year. The investment. On the one ovement of people benefice. | isheries and regional combined GDP of \$20.75 abal wealth of \$223 trillion. porter of goods and services. trol. According to the Office this on and the EU spent £4.5bn hese costs seem exuberant hand, the UK Government ear with the single market ts recruitment and is unclear but not |
| 4) The UK and its relationship with the EU has | | oung & Gee, 2016) from the |
| start and there have been numerous calls for in in 1975 when a referendum to leave was calle | | th the EEC's agricultural |
| policies and | when Margret Thatcher | _ |
| rebate from being the net contributor to the E | | |
| membership over the introduction of the Euro prevented the EU Government plans to levy b | | , the UK sfinancial sector. In 2013. |
| | embership and have great | |
| exclusion from Eurozone bailouts and prevent | | , which the UK |
| sees as a creation of a super-state Europe con | | |
| negotiations were not | proposed. Fina | ally, in 2016, trouble in the |



Eurozone and the ongoing migrant crisis led to the referendum being called for the 23th June 2016. The controlling government 'the conservatives' were divided with the Prime Minister 'David Cameron' politicians supporting leave. 5) On Thursday 23rd June Britain voted to leave the EU with 51.9% leave and 48.1% remain overall. However, Scotland and Northern Ireland had a majority 55/44 respectively. According to Official Government figures (2016), 34 million people voted equating to a 72% turnout, which was the of voting. The referendum results suggest the UK is split down the middle in its opinion on the EU. The main arguments for the leave campaign were to regain sovereignty, to cut immigration, to remove restrictions of the single market a week on the UK economy. Economists have to access global analysed the results and found a correlation between the people who voted to leave being a specific , non-graduate level of education and the over 60s (pensioners). Also, the main areas that voted leave were places with high numbers of immigrants, high unemployment and deprivation from lack of other hand voted overwhelmingly to remain in the EU (59.9%), which some Economists suggest is , a younger population and highly educated residents. 6) The referendum vote was to leave so 'Brexit means Brexit'. Since the vote there has been a change in Prime Minister and a complete pro-Brexit cabinet reshuffle to accommodate the new changes. The Government has triggered 'Article 50' . Triggering of the intention to withdraw the UK from the EU and the UK has two years to leave from that date. At the same time, all the treaties that govern membership no longer apply to Britain. between Britain's 27 counterparts. The Government has two main choices a 'hard' or 'soft' Brexit. A hard Brexit means to give up full access to the single market, go back to WTO rules for trade and gain full control of borders and laws. And a relationship with the EU with free access to the Single market, bank passporting rights but no seat on EU commission, and this deal must include the four freedoms. Whatever the choice, it is now becoming increasingly evident that the short-term impact is likely to be negative with uncertainties affecting the pound sterling. stated that Brexit is the biggest risk to financial stability in history. However, the main point is that no one actually knows exactly of Brexit on economic prosperity and the UK's role on the international stage. References: The UK Government. (2016). Briefing Paper No:CBP 7639. [online] House of Commons. Available at: [Accessed 10 Jan. 2017]. ONS, (2016). The UK's EU membership fee. [online] Office of National Statistics. Available at: https://fullfact.org/ / [Accessed 10 Jan. 2017]. Young, A and Gee, G, (2016). Regaining Sovereignty, Brexit, the UK Parliament and the Common Law. European Public Law, 22 (1), 131-147.





Outline: Summary note-taking – take notes on the key points of the article

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Summary Key Points ANSWERS

A good summary should have 4 main ideas and 2 points of support for each main idea

| 1) main idea: EU History | | | |
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| Support: | | | |
| a) 1950's formed – 1957 Treaty of Rome | | | |
| b) 6 countries (| | | |
| c) UK 1973 | | | |
| 2) main idea: Three Key Treaties | | | |
| Support: | | | |
| a) Schengen Treaty 1985. borderless zone / no passport controls. UK refused to sign | | | |
| b) Maastricht Treaty 1992. /ECB/ European Citizenship. | | | |
| c) Lisbon Treaty 2007. judicial matters and European Parliament. | | | |
| 3) main idea: The economics of the EU | | | |
| Support: | | | |
| a) 28 MS / single market / | | | |
| b) standardised laws and EU policies | | | |
| c) 2 nd largest / 20% Global GDP | | | |
| d) UK costs = £18Bn (£350m a week) / rebate £5bn, payment £4.5bn, net £8.5bn | | | |
| e) EU membership = | | | |
| f) NO EU membership unknown horizon?? | | | |
| 4) main idea: UK & EU historical disagreements | | | |
| Support: | | | |
| a) from 1975 disagreements on agriculture, budgeting, net contributions, rebates, | | | |
| the Euro, immigration, , troubles in the Eurozone | | | |
| and on-going migrant crisis. | | | |
| 5) main idea: Referendum analysis | | | |
| Support: | | | |
| a) 23 rd June 2017 / 51.9 leave 48.1 remain / | | | |
| | | | |
| b) leave arguments: | | | |
| c) Leave voters = working class, non-graduate level, pensioners,d) Leave areas = , deprivation | | | |
| , | | | |
| e) Remain = London – (multi-cultural, younger, educated) | | | |
| 6) main idea: The way forward | | | |
| Support: | | | |
| a) Article 50 – March/April = 2 years / Membership & treaties not applicable | | | |
| b) Hard Brexit =/ control borders and customs | | | |
| c) Soft Brexit = EU close relationship –access to single market = include 4 freedoms | | | |
| d) Future is unknown?? | | | |





| sk: Write a 200-250-word summary on the key elements of Brexit. | |
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Summary Model

Task: Write a 250-word summary on the key elements of Brexit.

| According to Wilson (2017), the relationsh | ip between the a |
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| transitional process of progress and confli | ct resulting in 'Britain exiting' the EU (Brexit). The |
| UK joined the EU | of pragmatic accomplishments (Treaties) |
| and disagreements, is leaving from the res | sults of a public referendum. The key elements to |
| the EU and | to one single market through the four freedoms |
| of goods, people, services and capital with | and policies. |
| The EU is the 2 nd biggest economy, import | er and exporter with a 20% of Global GDP. The UK |
| membership cost is | of £8.5bn with an estimated return of |
| £70bn in economic benefit (The UK Gover | nment, 2016). The June |
| resulted in a marginal win of 52% leave wi | th the UK voting for greater sovereignty, |
| reductions in | to trade globally without EU restrictions and |
| investment of EU membership money into | o the UK is full of |
| financial | government has to decide which direction to take; |
| a hard Brexit, which leaves the | that keeps a close relationship |
| with EU, access to its Single market but ha | s no control. Wills (2016) suggests that this is |
| unfamiliar | are uncertainties how it will perform globally on |
| its own. | |
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| Critical thinking Questions |
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| 1) Check you understand all key vocabulary (in bold in the text) |
| 2) What's the stance of the author – for/against? Why? |
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| 3) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why? |
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| 3) Highlight key information in the text you would use for an essay on 'the UK should not leave the EU?' |
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| 4) Highlight two areas in the text that you question, disagree with or lack evidence |
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Critical thinking Questions ANSWERS

1) What's the stance of the author – for/against? Why?

Possibly against - **P3** evidence the UK quadruple investment in EU of £18bn to £62-78bn. No evidence provided for counter argument 'future is unclear'

P6 – uncertainties and Bank of England statements of financial risk.

2) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why?

Generally, yes with title, author, date and credible reference list. Includes in-text references to evidence.....

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The Causes of the 2008 Financial Crisis

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The Causes of the 2008 Financial Crisis

C. Wilson [2017]

| 1) In 2008 the world exp | perienced the worst finan | icial crisis since the (| Great Depression | |
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| 1930s). The severe mag | gnitude of the financial di | isaster became | | the |
| end of 2007. It had, how | vever, begun years earlie | r through what man | y claimed to be the ma | in factor |
| n the crash; | . Th | e financial crisis of 2 | 2007-08 and the aftersh | ocks of |
| the US subprime mortga | age crisis of 2007-09 is no | ow considered to be | 'The Great Recession'. | The US |
| | Commission [FC | IC] (2011) reported | | |
| was caused from wides | oread failures in regulation | on of financial institu | tions and the reckless a | actions in |
| risk and borrowing. It co | ncluded that key | | were ill-prepared | and |
| acked understanding ar | nd accountability in the fi | nancial systems the | y oversaw. This article v | will |
| examine how | to | the Great Recession | า. | |
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| 2) Towards the end of the | ne 1990s property purcha | ases began to rise. W | ith such growth, lendir | ng money |
| or house buying becam | e a profitable business in | 1 0000000000000000000000000000000000000 | . Tradition | ially, the |
| nouse buyer saves up a | deposit (down payment - | usually between 10 | 0% of the house cost) a | nd |
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| defaults (a positive cred | it-score), and the | be | ing achievable). | |
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| | securitise these mortga | | acked securities (MBS) | and |
| Collateralized Debt Obli | gations (CDOs) and then | sold | bankii | ng |
| sector. These | credit age | encies into three are | eas, 'safe', 'ok' and 'risk | y', and |
| then sold on to the Shac | dow Banking Sector or inv | vestors, | , and he | edge |
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| | ner was unaware of the o | | | 009). The |
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| the 'housing bubble', wh | | | ages making housing | |
| unaffordable or people | borrowing more than the | ey can repay. | | |
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to as parallel banking, were not subjected to the same banking regulatory controls. These short-term in liquid markets to purchase long term, illiquid and risky assets. This meant disruptions in deleveraging, selling long term assets at depressed prices. 6) Interest rates began to rise in 2007, and this was the beginning of the end. The default rates began to increase with many borrowers unable to meet the in turn meant that MBS and CDOs began to lose value with higher default rates. Concurrently, the housing bubble 40% (FCIC, 2011), leaving many people in negative equity. However, the most serious effect was a crisis across banks. Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and many more (Merrill Lynch, AIG, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, HBOS, Royal Bank of Scotland, Bradford & Bingley, Fortis, Hypo and Alliance & Leicester) were on the verge of bailed out by Governments. In fact, 21 Banks and 61 hedge funds had been forced to declare bankruptcy in the US alone (Morris & banks rose interest rates which became known as the 'Credit Crunch' and the led the world into 'The Great Recession'. 7) Since 2008, a number of measures have been created in response to rectify the problems. These include bank's monetary policies of lowering interest rates, and Governmental public stimulus packages. There are and supervision, which have been met through the Dodd Frank Act (Krugman, 2009). This was the largest reform of . In addition, a new global financial system regulated by the IMF, who should have a broader role in the regulatory 8) Overall, the financial crisis of 2008 was not just the . There are a number of other contributing factors that this article has not discussed, but primarily fraudulent seems to lie at the heart of it. To identify who is exactly to blame is incredibly difficult because the results of toxic assets from fraudulent underwriting processes, easy credit conditions, predatory lending, everyone was responsible, from government's inability to regulate innovative banking practice, Economists unable to , financial institutions exploiting the complexity of MBS and CDOs and even homeowners taking on loans they were unable to pay back. The questions that exist, however, are whether it will happen [1003 words] **Reference List** Krugman, P. 2009). The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008. W.W. Norton Company Limited. (2009). Financial Regulation in a System Context. *Brookings Papers on Economic* Activity, 2008(2), pp.229-274. Available at [Accessed 24 Dec. 2016]. The financial crisis inquiry report [FCIR]: (2011). Choice Reviews Online, [online] 48(12), pp.48-7034. Available at: (2016). S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price NSA Index - S&P Dow Jones Indices. [online] Available at: https://us.spindices.com/indices/real-estate/sp-corelogic-case-shiller- <u>us-national-home-price-nsa-index</u> [Accessed 24 Dec. 2016].





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| 1) main idea: Fin | ancial Crisis Background | |
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| Support: | | |
| • 2008 = Gi | reat Depression (1930s). 'The Great Recession'. | |
| | O11) avoidable / failures in regulation of fin. institutions cy no understanding , syst | s / risk borrowing. cems. |
| 2) main idea: Th | e Prime mortgage | |
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| Process d | leposit & specific criteria (| , credit-score, |
| achievabl | le repayment). | |
| Risk in ler | nding . | |
| 3) main idea: Mo | ortgage securitization | |
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| hedge fui | nds. | |
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| 4) main idea: Sul | b-prime mortgage | |
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| Fraudulei | | , no documents. |
| Automate | ed credit agency underwriting / predatory lending. | |
| SPM lend | ling = William . | |
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| 5) main idea: Pro | ofitable trading | |
| Support: | | |
| Shadow b | panking sector of Investment bankers, hedge funds, ins | urance firms |
| Traded in | iternationally - , trading | |
| Shadow b | panking (<u>parallel</u> banking), dif. banking regulatory contr | rols, |
| Vulnerab | le , markets | |
| Rapid del | leveraging, selling long term assets at | prices. |
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| 6) main idea: The Collapse |
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| Interest rates >2007, = >default rates. MBS and Housing bubble burst =house prices fell <40% (FCIC, 2011). A crisis of Bank bankruptcy / Government bail outs / credit crunch. |
| 7) main idea: New regulatory system |
| Financial rescue plans, / <interest ,="" li="" packages.<="" stimulus=""> Act (Krugman, 2009). A new global financial system regulated by the IMF is being implemented. </interest> |
| 8) main idea: the future |
| Other contributing factors Fraudulent underwriting deregulation and over-leveraging. Government's deconomic collapse, Economists unable to forecast economic collapse, Financial deconomic collapse, Homeowners taking on loans they were unable to pay back. Will it happen again? |





| Summary Model |
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| Task: Write a 200-250 word summary on the key elements of the 2008 Financial Crisis |
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Financial Crisis: Model Summary

Task: Write a 250-word summary on the key elements of the 2008 Financial Crisis According to FCIC (as cited in Wilson, 2017), the financial crisis was primarily caused from fraudulent bank practice, economists being Governmental policy lacking innovation in the regulation of financial systems. The crash and , as 'the Great Recession', with many claiming that it was the high-risk sub-prime mortgage lending . Wilson (2017) highlights that in the beginning of the 2000, mortgage lending had become profitable business with , loans into Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) and As the trade grew and with little regulation, the system began to be exploited with scrupulous lenders providing . Fraudulent banking practice included creating mortgages without deposits, proof of with credit agency underwriting services failing to meet global standard procedures. In addition, the rise of , that included parallel banking, a hedge funds taking risky securities and trading them on the world markets, meant tracking was impossible. The and regulating 2007, created significant default rates, which in turn led to a banking crisis of liquidity. Many top banks were on the Government intervention and financial assistance. Governments have since implemented a include lowering , banking practice through

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and IMF Global Financial system.





| Critical thinking Questions | |
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| i) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the banking industry was | |

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| responsible? Highlight where? | |
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Critical thinking Questions

i) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the banking industry was responsible? Highlight where?

YES, but primarily fraudulent greedy banking practice seems to lie at the heart of it (P8) (This is a direct opinionated statement made by the author)

YES, fraudulent underwriting processes, easy credit conditions, predatory lending, deregulation and over-leveraging all had a significant effect on creating one of the biggest crashes of all time (P8) (all of these point towards banking) [2 points]

ii) Is this a credible article? Yes /no - why?

Yes, sources are generally academic / includes in-text sources to key data. BUT who is the author?.....

[2 points – yes 1 point BUT 1 point]

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The Gig Economy

Summary Writing

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Teacher

Two types of lesson

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The Gig Economy C. Wilson (2017)

| 1) The working world is changing. In our increasing , the notion of |
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| a 'job for life' and the concept of 9-5 workday is diminishing. In its place is the gig economy, |
| which where people work on temporary contracts (gigs), often as freelancers and self-employed. Recent research from Oxford University (2016) suggests |
| that with predicted growth of , and is |
| occupied by 30% of the UK's population working on short-term temporary projects. This |
| significant growth is, increased financial pressures and the |
| increased frequency of people changing jobs (The Recruitment & Employment |
| Confederation (REC), 2016). |
| 2) Defining the Gig Economy is incredibly difficult because of how diverse the labour market |
| is. World leading research from the Mckinsey Report (2016) defines it as , |
| payment or sales and a short-term relationship between the |
| worker'. This includes people who provide labour services into four hands. Free |
| goods or rent assets. The McKinsey Report also defines workers into four bands: Free and Financially Strapped. Vaughan and Daverio (2016) separate |
| the gig economy into five key sectors: peer to peer accommodation, peer-to-peer |
| transportation, on demand household services, and |
| collaborative finance. Overall, these economies are independent temporary short-term |
| positions that include a and are often operated through a digital |
| platform. This article will use the 'gig economy' as an umbrella of the above. |
| the above. |
| 3) There are 275 collaborative economy platforms in the EU creating an estimated €25bn |
| annually (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016). Key leaders in peer-to-peer accommodation are |
| companies like Airbnb. This platform allows room or an entire |
| house to is the creation of extra income for the supplier but also creating an authentic experience and cheaper accommodation for the traveller. Peer-to- |
| peer transportation is Uber who provide 'a their Uber app. |
| Clients submit a trip request and the app links them to the nearest Uber 'gig' driver. A |
| popular service is the company Deliveroo, who are an online |
| food delivery service company through which customers order food from local restaurants |
| advertised on the Deliveroo platform. The food is then by gig employees within 30 minutes. On demand professional services are companies like |
| . These platforms advertise and organize top professionals. |
| Workers showcase their portfolios, recent work and trusted reviews so that employers can |
| choose appropriately. Finally, collaborative as 'crowd-funding' |
| these offer individuals and businesses opportunities to invest, lend and borrow directly |
| between each other. The gig a vital component of the UK labour |
| market for a range of sectors and industries (REC, 2016). |
| 4) The transformative impact of the gig economy is having veritable economic benefits by |
| raising, stimulating consumption, and boosting productivity |
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| (McKinsey Report 2016). It is meeting the growing | and |
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| the potential for considerable growth | |
| years (REC, 2016). Research | the gig economy offers a better |
| work-life balance through autonomy and flexibility. | |
| from talent pool, reduct | ion in operational |
| the risks of long-term employment contracts. | |
| 5) Such a rapid growth of the gig economy is posing | g profound challenges for policy makers |
| and are already significant diff | erences in tax |
| policies, applications and enforcement across Europ | pe (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016: 3). REC |
| (2016) claims that comm | non workers' rights laws, do not qualify |
| for sick, holiday or pension entitlements, and they | can be forced |
| with no job security or continuity. With regards to | employers, REC (2016) states that gig |
| workers to the company | y's brand, there is also the possibility that |
| crowd sourcing profiles are deceptive or exaggerate | ed, of gig |
| employees, companies may become embroiled in le | egal disputes over worker's rights. |
| Overall, it a number of o | challenges to be addressed. |
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| 6) The commodisation of the labour market has cre | ated short fixed working contracts, and |
| limited job security, and lifetime | is now a relic of the past. Digital |
| technologies are changing work patterns and offeri | ng greater opportunities. It seems no |
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| under 35 age range (Vaughan and Daverio, 2016), t | hus suggesting this is going to be the |
| future of employment. The biggest challenge for th | e control. |
| Research is key in enabling policy-makers to moder | nize classifications of work patterns, tax |
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| but making sure the advantages | (REC, 2016: 56). |
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| References (2016) Indopendent Work | : choice, necessity and the gig economy |
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| The Recruitment & Employment Confederation (2016) | Work. Institute |
| of Recruitment Professionals publishing. | |
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| Available at: http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2016-09-21-rise | e-online-work-captured-first-online-labour- |
| index [Accessed 03 February 2016) | |
| Manakan D. C. Danaria D. (2016) | Callabaratina Francis 1.5 |
| Vaughan, R. & Daverio, R. (2016) | Collaborative Economy in Europe. |
| PWC- European Commission Paper (DG GROW). | |





Outline: Summary note-taking – take notes on the key points of the article

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Summary Key Points ANSWERS

A good summary should have 4 main ideas and 2 points of support for each main idea

| 1) mair | n idea: The rise of the gig economy |
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| Suppor | rt: 1) |
| a) | The working world is changing / flexible labour market. |
| b) | 'Job for life' |
| c) | Collaborative working platforms / temporary contracts (gigs), freelancers self-employed. |
| d) | Oxford University (2016) 2020. |
| e) | 30% UK's population working on short-term temporary projects. |
| f) | Digitalization, increased (REC, 2016). |
| 2) mair | n idea: Two definitions |
| Suppor | rt: 2) |
| a) | Definition difficult = diverse market. |
| b) | Mckinsey Report (2016) payment for the task or assignment or |
| | sales and short-term relationships. |
| c) | Labour services = assets. |
| d) | MR: Free Agents, Casual Earners, Reluctants and Financially Strapped. |
| e) | Peer to peer accommodation, peer-to-peer transportation, on |
| | services, on (Vaughan & Daverio, 2016). |
| 3) mair | n idea: Principal gig companies |
| Suppor | rt: 3) |
| a) | collaborative economy [] (Vaughan & Daverio, 2016). |
| b) | Peer-to-peer accommodation = Airbnb. |
| c) | Peer-to-peer transportation = Uber. |
| d) | On-demand household = Deliveroo. |
| e) | On demand professional services = |
| f) | Collaborative finance = as 'crowd-funding'. |
| | n idea: The importance of the gig economy |
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| a) | Economic - labour force participation / boasting productivity |
| h) | (McKinsey Report, 2016). Excessive growth and (REC, 2016). |
| c) | Workers - satisfied better work-life balance / autonomy / flexibility. |
| d) | Businesses - global operational costs and lowering long-term |
| uj | employment contracts. |
| 5) mair | n idea: The limitations of the gig economy |
| Suppor | t: 5) |
| a) | Profound challenges for policy makers and regulators. |
| b) | Differences in EU / applications/ enforcement (V&D). |
| c) | Workers no workers' rights laws, No sick, holiday or pension entitlements / lower rates |
| | with no job security or continuity. |
| d) | Employees not loyal to are deceptive or exaggerated, and with |
| | little regulatory control = embroiled in legal disputes over worker's rights.(REC) |
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6) main idea: Future challenges Support: 6) a) Gig economy is highest under (Vaughan & Daverio, 2016) b) The biggest challenge is regulation and control. c) Research modernize filing and compliance requirements. d) Regulation offers protection for low-skilled, low-paid gig workers / better working rights / disability and





| Summary Model Task: Write a 200-250 word summary on the key elements of the Gig Economy. | | | | | |
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Gig Economy: Model Summary

Task: Write a 250-word summary on the key elements of the Gig Economy

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| employ self-employed workers | are becoming | the new flexil | ble | а рі | redicted |
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| opportunities for better work-life | fe balance and f | or businesses, i | it can impro | ve operatior | nal costs |
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| Critical thinking Questions | |
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| i) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the gig economy is good for future of the labour market? Highlight where? | the |
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| ii) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why? | |
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Critical thinking Questions

i) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the gig economy is good for the future of the labour market? Highlight where?

Yes, good for the future / economic benefits

- 1. Sees the economy as the future of the labour market
- 2. **But** believes more regulation & research is necessary to make it fairer.

[2 points]

ii) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why?

Yes, good source choice.

But who is the author? Not published or supported by a journal publication. Probably a good idea to use the primary sources ... [2 points]

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CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility

Summary Writing

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Corporate Social Responsibility

C. Wilson (2017)

| 1) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has undergone profound transformation from an ideology of uncertainty into an indispensable component of business practice. Hamidu et al, (2015) acknowledge that it has become a process of complying with regulations and maintaining standards, building corporate reputation and obtaining |
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| customer increasing profitability and overall attainment of |
| organisational objectives' (p.83). In fact, over 9,270 companies from 166 countries are |
| signatories to the voluntary UN Global obligation to establish |
| issues on human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption initiatives |
| (Wang, 2016). Overall, CSR approach in responsibility to |
| achieve shared value for the stakeholder and societal obligations. |
| 2) CSR's progression, since its introduction in 1950's, has been quite remarkable. In the |
| beginning it was in seeking to promote the welfare of others. |
| This focused on mainly religious and humane philosophies, community development and |
| poverty alleviation (Carrol, 2008). In the 1970's, |
| more 'regulated' focusing on changing perspectives in stakeholder to manager relationships |
| encouraging a reputation and placing emphasis on legal and |
| ethical issues (ibid). The 1990's instigated what is now commonly seen as 'instrumental / |
| strategic' CSR. A prominence on and transparency with a clear |
| guide on internationalization of CSR standards (ibid). In sum, Matten & Moon (2002) |
| summarise of business ethics, corporate philanthropy, |
| corporate citizenship, sustainability and environmental responsibility, all embedded in |
| social, institutional contexts. |
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| 3) Research by Weber (2008) highlights that the implementation of CSR has become a pre- |
| eminent feature in building and maintaining corporate reputation, which has become |
| regarded as an essential a company's competitive advantage. |
| Park, Lee, & Kim, (2014) claim that the key benefits behind being |
| include: to market value, a more general positive impact on |
| societal stakeholders, a conscious connection with consumers, and improved product |
| quality. The authors also note that employee commitment |
| and reduced employee turnover are important benefits. In addition, Carrol (2008) asserts |
| resilience to negative company information and consumers' |
| awareness, and this cultivates appreciation to the why |
| companies are engaging in CSR initiatives. |
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| 4) The effectiveness of to observe. Companies often fail |
| through short-run CSR investment policies. They may lack commitment and support at |
| senior management level, the issues that are salient to |
| stakeholder groups in various markets. Long-term investment is the key but a lack of |
| transparency make it difficult to understand and manage the |
| risks and boundaries of corporate social activities prioritize |
| and balance aspects of CSR is often a challenge facing many corporations. Moreover, the |





complexity in organizing and managing CSR is exacerbated for multinational corporations with global logistic chains industries. The values of CSR in one country are not necessarily in accordance to another country's governmental and A final challenge is the concept of 'shop dressing' or 'greenwashing'. This is companies who are promoting the CSR principles through but in reality are not implementing the business practice and thereby misleading consumers. An example of it would be a company promoting recycled packaging but its courses. 5) Over the past sixty years, the issue for companies has become how to conduct CSR in a strategically and effectively planned manner that meets stakeholder's expectations, maximises profit and narrative of its impact on the company and for the community (Wang et al. 2016). CSR is a constantly evolving integrated and disciplined field of business activity, which has moved on from the latest management fad into a significant . Although CSR is formed on voluntary basis, there are a number of key areas that need to be addressed. The recognition of diversity is a necessity for a universal approach. This includes supportive to supply chain to seller advancing the sustainability agenda (Gov.uk, 2014). In addition, Governments could play a greater role by changing existing legislation to Services Act through the inclusion of enforcing ethical standards, the adoption of effective and transparent supply chain management practice and legal action against greenwashing / . Overall, sustainability, transparency and ethical standards are key drivers in responsible business practice and the values of the society. References Carroll, A.B. (2008) A History of Corporate Social Responsibility: concepts and practices, in Crane, A. et al (eds), The Oxford Handbook of Corporate Social Responsibility, Oxford University Press, pp. 19-46 Gov.uk. (2014). Corporate Responsibility: Good for business & society. Department for Business Innovation & Skills. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads [Accessed 17 February 2017] Hamidu, A. Haron, H. & Amran, A. (2015). CSR: A Review of Definitions, Core Characteristics and Theoretical Perspectives. Journal of Social Sciences. 6 (4) 83-95 . (2004) Implicit and Explicit CSR: A conceptual framework for understanding CSR in Europe. ICCSR Research Paper Series (29-2004), University of Nottingham Park, J., Lee, H., & Kim, C. (2014). , consumer trust and corporate reputation: South Korean consumers' perspectives. Journal of Business Research, 67, 295-302. (2016). Corporate Social Responsibility: an overview and new research (2) 534–544. directions. Academy of Management Weber, M. (2008). The Business Case for Corporate Social Responsibility: a company level measurement



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Summary Key Points ANSWERS

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| 1) CSR popularity | | | | |
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| • | (CSR) uncertainty of business practice. | | | |
| • | Tool = strategizing / | | | |
| | objectives (Hamidu et al, 2015 p.83). | | | |
| • | UN Global Compact = and anti-corruption initiatives | | | |
| | (Wang, 2016). | | | |
| • | CSR =integrated strategic to achieve shared value for | | | |
| | stakeholder and societal obligations. | | | |
| 2) CS R | R historical evolution | | | |
| • | 1950s 'philanthropic' = welfare of others / religious and humane philosophies/ | | | |
| | community (Carrol, 2008). | | | |
| • | 1970's, 'regulated' = changing perspectives in stakeholder to manager relationships, / | | | |
| | conscious awareness of | | | |
| • | 1990's 'instrumental / strategic' = environmental protection, sustainability and | | | |
| | transparency / (ibid). | | | |
| • | all embedded in social, political, economic and institutional contexts. | | | |
| 3) The | value of CSR | | | |
| • | Weber (2008) corporate reputation, = competitive advantage. | | | |
| • | key benefits = // connection with consumers / improved | | | |
| | product quality. | | | |
| • | Internal = employee commitment & turnover. Park, Lee, & Kim, (2014) | | | |
| • | In addition, Carrol (2008) / consumers' awareness / | | | |
| | cultivate appreciation | | | |
| 4) Ch a | llenges | | | |
| • | Difficult to observe. | | | |
| • | Fail in // senior management support / the issues | | | |
| | stakeholder groups / prioritize and balance (long term invest. is key) | | | |
| • | Complexity in "organizing and managing" . | | | |
| • | Int. Values = governmental and environmental policies (Hamidu et al, 2015). | | | |
| • | 'greenwashing' = misleading consumers | | | |
| 5) Fut | ure advancements | | | |
| • | CSR = evolving = disciplined field of business activity | | | |
| • | Recognition of - source to supply chain to seller = | | | |
| | sustainability agenda (Gov.uk, 2014). | | | |
| • | Governments = existing legislation ' = ethical standards, | | | |
| | transparent supply chain management &legal action against greenwashing / misleading | | | |
| | marketing campaigns. | | | |
| • | Overall, sustainability, are key drivers in responsible | | | |
| | business practice and the values of the society. | | | |
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| Summary Task: Write a 250-word summary on the key elements of Corporate Social Responsibility. | | | | |
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Corporate Social Responsibility: Model Summary

Task: Write a 250-word summary on the key elements of CSR.

| According to Wilson (2017), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has developed into a | | | | | |
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| practice. This has been evidenced | | | | | |
| substantial number of countries sanctioning the UN Global Compact initiative on key CSR | | | | | |
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| Contemporary CSR principles encompass philanthi | ropic ideology , | | | | |
| environment and transparency. This is all embedde | ed in future sustainability and meeting | | | | |
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| Critical thinking Questions | |
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| 1) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the CSR is good for the future business practice? Highlight where? | re |
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| | [2 points] |
| 2) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why? | |
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| 3) Highlight four key parts of information in the text you would use for an essay on positive strategy for business practice'. | 'CSR is a |
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| 4) Highlight two areas in the text that you question, disagree with or lack evidence | |
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Critical thinking Questions

i) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that the CSR is good for the future business practice? Highlight where?

Yes, an indispensable component of business practice (paragraph 1)
Sustainability, transparency and ethical standards are key drivers in responsible business practice and the values of the society. () [2 points]

ii) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why?

Yes, good source choice.

But who is the author? Not published or supported by a journal publication.

[2 points]

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Globalisation: International Trade

Summary Writing

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Student

Two types of lesson

Lesson#1: [Easy] ***** [B2/C1]

- 1. Try to predict the content of text / write down key terms / ideas
- 2. Read text check words and meanings with a dictionary
- 3. Fill in the outline to identify key points and support
- 4. Write the summary only one paragraph (200-250 words)
- 5. Check key points & model answer (try to achieve 4 key points and 4 support points)
- 6. Answer critical thinking questions & check answers

Lesson #2: [Hard] ***** [C1]

- 1. Read text no dictionary
- 2. Fill in outline to identify key points and support / or take notes from text
- 4. Write the summary only one paragraph (200-250 words)
- 5. Check key points & model answer (try to achieve 4 key points and 4 support points)
- 6. Answer critical thinking questions & check answers

Teacher

Two types of lesson

Lesson#1: [easy] ***** [B2/C1]

- 1. Give out text a week /day before the test students read, check vocabulary and meaning.
- 2. Test day give out a new copy of text and summary question
- 3. Set 1 hour to read text, take notes and write the summary
- 4. The summary only one paragraph (200-250 words)
- 5. Feedback¹: take in and mark [use correction code*]
- 6. Feedback²: give out key points & model answer
- 7. SUMMARY: Should contain at least 4 main ideas with support see Summary Key Points
- 8. Extra: Answer critical thinking questions / group discussion (30 minutes)

Lesson #2: [hard] ***** [C1]

- 1. Set 1 hour to read text and write the summary
- 2. The summary only one paragraph (200-250 words)
- 3. Feedback¹: take in and mark [use correction code*]
- 4. Feedback²: give out key points & model answer
- 5. SUMMARY: Should contain at least 4 main ideas with support see Summary Key Points
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Correction code*: www.academic-englishuk/error-correction





Globalisation: International Trade

(Wilson et al. 2017)

| 1. Globalisation is an economic the world, particularly | | ssimilation of economies around rm also refers to the movement |
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| of people (labour) and knowled extension of the same market | | national borders. It is an human |
| economic activity – village mar borders (IMF, 2017). Today's | | ancial centres beyond national for people to tap into more and |
| larger markets around the wor | ld, which means they can hav | ve access to more capital, |
| a recent phenomenon. Some a | | lobalisation, however is not just just as globalised |
| 100 years ago as it is today (Ko | • | Just as globalised |
| 2. Globalisation offers extensiv | | it is |
| not progressing evenly. The gro | | |
| poor people within countries, a | | arter saw saw the last century, whereas the |
| poorest quarter experienced le However, in some countries, | | (Harrison and Cavendish, 2014). incomes have been moving |
| rapidly towards levels in the in | dustrial countries since 1970. | . Having said this, a larger |
| number of developing countrie | | |
| particular, per capita | relative | to the and |
| in some countries have decline | ed in absolute terms (IMF, 202 | 17). |
| 3. It is clear that some countrie | es are amalgamating into the | global economy more quickly |
| than others. Countries that have | ve been able to | growth and |
| lower poverty. Outward-lookin | · · | ow trade barriers brought rom one of the poorest areas of |
| the world 40 years ago (IMF, 20 | 017). Due to these | , and it has |
| been possible to make progres | s on democracy and issues su | uch as the environment and work |
| standards. By contrast, | counti | ries in Latin America and Africa |
| pursued inward-looking policie | es (such as protectionism and | state-owned companies), their |
| economies stagnated or declin | ed, | the norm (Kobayashi- |
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| outward-looking policies, not r development and poverty redu | - | growth, |
| 4. The effects of globalisation of | can be seen in three main are | as: trade, movement of people |
| and shared knowledge. First of | all, trade. | have increased their |
| share of world trade from 19% newly | | , 2017). As mentioned, Asia's vhole has done poorly. What |
| countries export is also import | | |
| manufactured goods. The | · | orts such as food and raw |
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(Kobayashi-Hillary, 2008). Secondly, movement of people. Workers who move from one country to another to in advanced economies provide a way for global wage convergence. Harrison & Cavendish (2014) claim there is also the potential for skills to be countries and for wages in those countries to rise. Thirdly, information exchange is an important, often globalisation. Direct foreign investment, which is private capital from outside the country, the amount of a country's capital, but also technical innovation (ibid). More generally, knowledge about management techniques, export markets and economic policies is available at very low cost, and it for the developing countries (IMF, 2017). represents a 5. In conclusion, globalisation is one of the most effective ways of helping developing nations we know. As globalisation have improved significantly . However, no country, least of all the poorest, can afford to remain isolated from the world economy. The reinforcing the international financial system, through trade, and through aid to help them and reduce poverty. That is the way to integrate into the safeguard all people in all countries have access to 736 words

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Kobayashi-Hillary, M. 2008. Building a future with BRICs. 1st Ed. Berlin: Springer





Outline: Summary note-taking – take notes on the key points of the article

| 1) main idea: |
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| Support: |
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Summary Key Points ANSWERS

A good summary should have 4 main ideas and 2 points of support for each main idea

| 1) Globalisation definition |
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| Integration of economies around the world (trade and Finance / people / knowledge) |
| Opportunities – / larger exports |
| 2) Progression |
| Unequal – gaps between rich & poor / Asia = industrialised |
| • Africa = |
| 3) Integration |
| Outward looking policies (low and Lower poverty |
| Inward looking policies (state owned companies, protectionism) = stagnation & poverty |
| 4) Key effects |
| Trade – < world share / / raw materials < |
| = employment / skills transfer |
| Information exchange = sharing exporting) |
| 5) Conclusion |
| G. Creates better needs to help less developed countries. BUT international community needs to help less developed countries. |



Summary

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Why international Trade is the Key to development

Model Answer

Task: Write a 150-200-word summary on the key elements of Globalisation

Summary

| According to Wilson et al. (2017), g | lobalisation is the process o | of integrating economies | | |
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| through mainly trade and | . This p | progression is not always | | |
| positive and creates difference between the rich and poor within and between countries. | | | | |
| prosp | perity through ' | reduce | | |
| taxes and trade barriers. However, less developed countries with 'inward looking polices' | | | | |
| that have | state-owned companie | es | | |
| economies and more poverty (Kobayashi-Hillary cited in Wilson et al. 2017). Globalisation | | | | |
| can have three main | a bi | gger world share and better | | |
| exporting opportunities. Secondly, | 'movement' | skills transfer | | |
| Thirdly, 'information ' | shares important knowledg | ge on economics, production | | |
| and business | . Overall, | and | | |
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| invest in less developed countries. | | | | |

Approx 170 words





| Critical thinking Questions | |
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| 2) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why? | |
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| 3) Highlight four key parts of information in the text you would use for an essay on 'Globalisation is having a negative impact on the world'. | |
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[2 points]



Critical thinking Questions

1) What's the stance of the author? Does he think that globalization good or bad? Highlight where?

Why? Very descriptive text highlighting the key areas of globalization. BUT the authors stress more needs to be done to make it fairer for developing countries. [2 points]

2) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why?

Yes, good source choice.

But who is the author? Not published or supported by a journal publication. Probably a good idea to use the key sources [2 points]

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