A-Level Economics Evaluation Guide

Level: A-Level **Subject:** Economics

A guide to improving evaluation in A-Level Economics essays and data-response answers.

What Evaluation Means

- Judging the strength of an argument.
- Considering assumptions and limitations.
- Explaining short-run and long-run effects.
- Discussing who is affected and how much.
- Comparing alternative policies or outcomes.

Evaluation Prompts

- It depends on...
- In the short run...
- In the long run...
- This may be limited because...
- A stronger policy might be...

Practice Task

Evaluate whether a government should use subsidies to reduce the price of public transport.

Answer Guidance

Use this section for self-marking or tutor-led feedback. Award partial credit for correct method, clear reasoning and accurate use of terminology.

Answer Guidance

1. Discuss lower prices and increased demand.
2. Consider cost to government and opportunity cost.
3. Evaluate elasticity, capacity, external benefits and long-term behavioural change.