IQM3005

Economics

Assessment 2: Individual presentation

Candidate task and student guide

Duration
10–15 minutes

Total marks
10

Assessment window
To be assigned before issue

Assessment set
Set S of 2026

Audience
Students

Release timing
at coursework release

Task

Deliver an individual presentation lasting 10–15 minutes on one of the three options below. Select and read your own sources. Identify the economy and period, explain relevant concepts and develop clear chains of economic reasoning. Visual support is encouraged but not compulsory. Whichever option you choose, explain a relevant AD/AS mechanism and macroeconomic equilibrium, analyse a macroeconomic objective and a relevant cost or trade-off, explain how a related policy affects the economic mechanism or outcome, and explain an international relationship using evidence for the chosen economy and period.

Topic options · choose one

Option A: Household consumption and aggregate demand · Choose one national economy and a clearly identified period. Explain the components of aggregate demand. Analyse how one fiscal or monetary policy change and one other factor affected household consumption. Use AD–AS to trace the effects on at least two macroeconomic performance measures, including real output and the price level. Explain how imports affect transmission to domestic output and how the policy change affects household consumption and domestic output.

Option B: Cyclical and structural unemployment · Choose one national economy and a clearly identified period. Explain the difference between cyclical and structural unemployment. Analyse how a change in international trade contributed to one type. Use AD–AS to trace the effects on output, the price level and households. Explain how one policy affects the identified cause and relevant outcomes.

Option C: Imported costs and aggregate supply · Choose one national economy and a clearly identified period. Explain how an imported input price or exchange-rate change affected production costs. Use AD–AS to analyse effects on at least two macroeconomic performance measures, including real output and the price level. Explain how one fiscal or monetary response affects aggregate demand and the identified outcomes.

Presentation requirements

- Duration: 10–15 minutes. Presentation date: _____. Submission deadline: _____.
- Identify the topic option, country and period at the start.
- Explain the relevance of the sources you use. Give source titles, authors or organisations, dates and links in a reference list. Label units and periods when using figures. Specific statistics need not be memorised.
- An economic diagram can support the explanation but is not required for full marks. Explain any diagram you show. Visual design, accent, confidence and presentation style are not separate assessed criteria.
- Approved slides and presentation notes may be used during delivery; notes should support rather than replace the explanation. No live external assistance is permitted.
- The full presentation must be audio- or video-recorded for moderation.
- Brief clarification questions may follow; they are not assessed and must not affect the mark.

Items to submit

- Completed coursework cover sheet identifying the selected option. Submit the separate reference list described above to identify all sources.
- Any slides or other visual material used, the reference list, and presentation notes where used.
- Acknowledgement of any permitted AI planning use, or a declaration of no AI use.

Assessment focus

- Knowledge and Understanding: 3 (relative weighting)

- Application: 2 (relative weighting)
- Analysis: 3 (relative weighting)
- Communication and Organisation: 2 (relative weighting)
- Award separate KU /3, Application /2, Analysis /3 and Communication/Organisation /2 marks. Total /10. Policy evaluation is not assessed.

GenAI conditions

Level 2 — AI planning only. AI may support brainstorming, outlining and research orientation, including summarising sources you selected for orientation. Select, read and understand sources yourself. Final slides, speech, analysis, interpretation, conclusions and recommendations must be your own. AI must not select sources independently or generate final content. Verify references and acknowledge permitted use.