

Economics summer work 2026

Economics A Level is a fascinating and fun course which involves both mathematical skills and communication skills. You will practice these over the two years so don't worry!

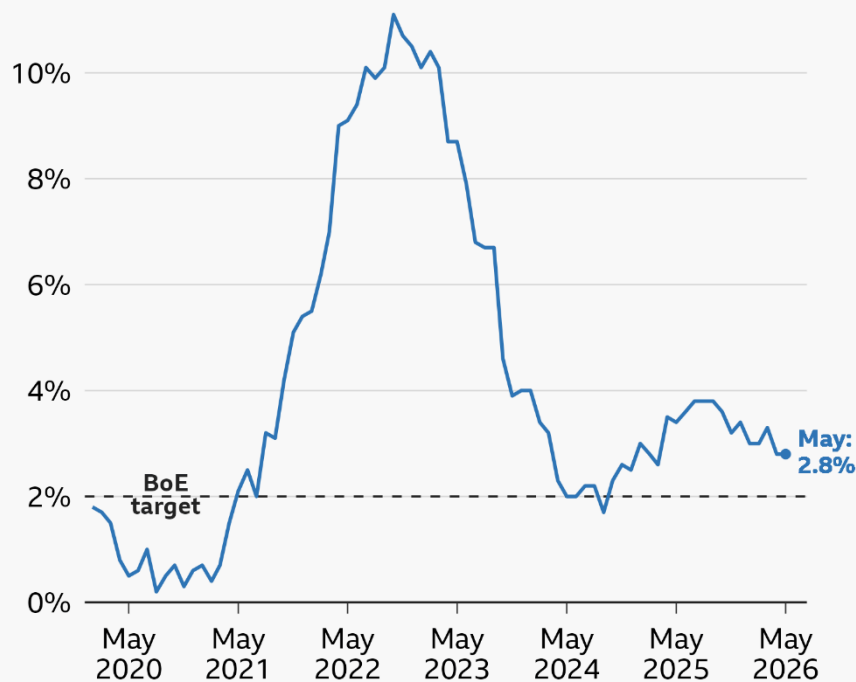
Being interested in what is happening in the UK can be really helpful and so this is what your summer work is designed to help you with. Please answer the following questions and then write or type your answers. We will take this work in at the end of the first week in September.

Choice (20 marks)

1. Economics is all about choices. When you buy something, you choose what to buy; when the government spends money, it decides what to spend the money on. Pick a choice that you have made recently when you made a purchase. What did you buy? Why did you buy it? Did you consider other options? (4 marks)
2. Go online (or look in a newspaper or magazine) and find some articles about choices the UK government has made recently. Pick **one** choice that the government has made recently. Write down its heading (or web address) and date. Then summarise it in a couple of sentences and add a sentence explaining why you choose it. (4 marks)
3. We also need to think about choices made by firms. Go on to the BBC news website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/companies> and look at some of the articles about firms. Choose **one article** about a firm making a choice and write down its heading and date. Then summarise it in a couple of sentences and add a sentence explaining why you choose it. (4 marks)
4. The graph below (source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-12196322>) shows UK inflation over time. Use the article to help answer the questions below

Inflation unchanged in May

Annual UK inflation rate



Inflation measure is the Consumer Prices Index (CPI)

Source: Office for National Statistics

BBC

- (a) What is inflation? (b) what does the graph show? (c) what does this mean for people and/or firms? (8 marks)