

MAY 2023 EXAMINATION SESSION WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 – MORNING

ECONOMICS OF SEA TRANSPORT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Time allowed – three hours

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks

Please read the questions carefully before answering

- 1. Examine the critical role that deep sea trades play in world economic development.
- 2. Within the dry bulk market, describe **ALL** of the following:
 - a) Coal market
 - b) The main importing and exporting countries of coal
 - c) Major factors that impact the coal market in the short and long term
- 3. Explain why the understanding of the supply demand model is critical to ship management success. Use a diagram to support your answer.
- 4. Critically analyse the liner trade, commenting on the types of ships and routes used with the associated fixed, variable, and capital costs.
- 5. Discuss the main factors which affect the global supply of ships.
- 6. Examine the critical role of ports in the global transport system.
- 7. Define **ALL** of the following:
 - a) Macroeconomics
 - b) Absolute Advantage
 - c) Economies of Scale
 - d) Price Discrimination
- 8. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

Exchange rates between countries adjust continuously. With the aid of a diagram, explain:

- a) How these adjustments occur
- b) Their impact on the shipping industry