# POVERTY & INEQUALITY

**RESEARCH TASK**

**Subject:** Economics

**Task No.**  8

**Final date for submission:** ***Friday Term 4, week 2***

**Task: Folio – Research Task** *(approx 1500 words)*

**PART A (500 words max + any accompanying research)**

You will research composite and individual economic and social indicators for **6 countries** which are at different stages of economic development according to the United Nations Development Report.

*Using these findings, write a 500 word report to evaluate the usefulness of these indicators.*

**PART B (1000 words max)**

* Select **one** of the countries that you identified in Part A as a low development country from the latest United Nations Development Report
* Research the possible causes of poverty *and* inequality for this country. Briefly explain each of these
* Suggest possible ways and means of promoting economic development for your selected country. Justify your reasons.
* Research data about the amount and type of foreign aid that your selected country has received or currently receives
* With reference to the above research and any other relevant information, assess whether or not foreign aid is the best way to promote economic development in your selected country.

**Remember**

* Reference your work appropriately (footnote or in text) and include a bibliography
* Include accurate and labeled diagrams where necessary
* Make sure you use appropriate and correct economic terminology

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|  | Knowledge and Understanding | Analysis and Evaluation | Communication |
| A | Comprehensive knowledge, in-depth understanding, and focused application of complex economic concepts, principles, models, and skills.Comprehensive and well-informed understanding of the role of economic systems in dealing with the economic problem of scarcity. | Astute and logical analysis and evaluation of economic issues and events (past and current) using economic models and the skills of economic inquiry.Perceptive evaluation of the effects of interdependence on individuals, business, and government locally, nationally, and globally.Incisive analysis and evaluation of the impact of economic change locally, nationally, and globally. Insightful and well-informed evaluation of the way in which economic decisions involve costs and benefits. | Sophisticated communication of economic principles and models, and complex concepts.Consistent, clear, and appropriate use of correct economic terminology.  |
| B | Some depth of knowledge and understanding, and focused application, of a variety of economic concepts, principles, models, and skills.Well-informed understanding of the role of economic systems in dealing with the economic problem of scarcity. | Well-considered analysis and evaluation of economic issues and events (past and current) using economic models and the skills of economic inquiry.Well-considered evaluation of the effects of interdependence on individuals, business, and government locally, nationally, and globally.Well-informed analysis and evaluation of the impact of economic change locally, nationally, and globally. Well-informed evaluation of the way in which economic decisions involve costs and benefits. | Clear and accurate communication of economic principles and models, and a variety of concepts. Clear and appropriate use of economic terminology. |
| C | Considered knowledge and understanding, and competent application, of economic concepts, principles, models, and skills.Informed understanding of the role of economic systems in dealing with the economic problem of scarcity. | Considered analysis and evaluation of economic issues and events (past and current) using economic models and the skills of economic inquiry.Considered evaluation of the effects of interdependence on individuals, business, and government locally, nationally, and globally.Informed analysis and evaluation of the impact of economic change locally, nationally, and globally. Informed evaluation of the way in which economic decisions involve costs and benefits. | Competent communication of some economic principles, models, and concepts.Appropriate use of economic terminology. |
| D | Superficial understanding and partial application of some basic economic concepts, principles, models, and skills.Some recognition of the role of economic systems in dealing with the economic problem of scarcity. | Basic consideration and description of one or more economic issues and/or events (past and current) using some skills of economic inquiry.Basic consideration and description of one or more of the effects of interdependence on individuals, business, and government locally, nationally, and globally.Recognition of aspects of the impact of economic change locally, nationally, and globally.Some awareness of the way in which economic decisions involve costs and benefits. | Communication of some basic economic principles, models, and concepts.Some appropriate use of some economic terminology, with inconsistencies. |
| E | Identification and attempted application of one or more basic economic concepts, principles, models, or skills.Limited recognition of the role of economic systems in dealing with the economic problem of scarcity. | Emerging awareness of one or more economic issues or events (past and current), with limited use of skills of economic inquiry.Limited recognition of one or more of the effects of interdependence on individuals, business, and government locally, nationally, and globally.Emerging recognition of an aspect of the impact of economic change locally, nationally, and globally.Limited awareness of the way in which economic decisions involve costs and benefits. | Attempted communication of one or more simple economic principles, models, or concepts.Limited use of economic terminology. |