

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR PART I ECONOMICS

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Reading List - Introduction

This reading list is designed to provide information about the scope and content of Part I of the Economics Tripos at Cambridge. It aims to help potential candidates who are thinking of applying to read Economics at Cambridge, and to allow schools to advise such candidates. Directors of Studies may also find it useful to send copies of this reading list to candidates holding conditional or firm offers of admission. The books on the list have been chosen to be widely available (for example, in school or public libraries) and where possible to be relatively inexpensive. Books marked with an asterisk are recommended texts for the course concerned, and are therefore more advanced than most of the other material on this list. However candidates may find it useful to obtain these books before coming to Cambridge in October.

You will find it easier to understand many of the issues covered in the course if you have a basic familiarity with key developments in Britain, Europe and the world in the 20th century. For this reason the list also includes a number of books on historical topics. These are not assigned to any specific Tripos paper.

General Introduction

Dasgupta, P. Economics: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press

Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

Begg, D K H, S Fischer and R Dornbusch, Economics (latest edition), McGraw-Hill

Greenaway, D and G K Shaw, Macroeconomics: Theory and Practice in the UK (latest edition), Blackwell

Heilbroner, R, The Worldly Philosophers (latest edition), Penguin

*Mankiw, N G, and M.P. Taylor, Macroeconomics (European edition), Freeman

*Varian, H, Intermediate Microeconomics (latest edition), Norton

*Morgan, W, Katz, M and S Rosen, Microeconomics (latest edition), Irwin McGraw-Hill

*Dixit, A and S Skeath, Games of Strategy (2nd edition), Norton

Quantitative Methods in Economics

*Lind, D, W Marchal and R Mason, Statistical Techniques in Business and Economics (latest edition), Irwin, Homewood

*Aczel, A D, Complete Business Statistics (latest edition), Irwin, Homewood

Sawyer, Malcolm, The UK Economy : A Manual of Applied Economics (16th edition), Oxford University Press

Thomas, R L, Using Mathematics in Economics, Longman

*Bradley, T Essential Mathematics for Economics and Business (latest edition), Wiley

*Pemberton, M and N Rau, Mathematics for Economists (2nd edition) , Manchester University Press

Political and Sociological Aspects of Economics

Dunleavy, P and others, Developments in British Politics (latest edition), Macmillan

Hutton, W, The World We're In, Abacus

Donkin, R, Blood, Sweat and Tears: the Evolution of Work, Texere

Toynbee, P, Hard Work, Bloomsbury, 2003

Easterlin, R, The Reluctant Economist, CUP, 2004

British Economic History

*Floud, R and P Johnson (eds), The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain, Cambridge University Press (3 vols)

Hudson, P, The Industrial Revolution, Arnold

Mathias, P, The First Industrial Nation, Routledge

Broadberry, S, and S Solomou, The British Economy Between The Wars, Blackwell

Background reading on UK, European and World History

Clarke, P, Hope and Glory, Penguin

Mazower, M, Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century, Penguin

Vinen, R, A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth-Century, Little Brown

Hobsbawm, E, Age of Extremes: the Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991, Abacus

Judt, T, PostWar, Pimlico

Landes, D S, The Wealth and Poverty of Nations: Why Are Some So Rich and Others So Poor?, Norton

Diamond, J, Guns, Germs and Steel, Vintage