

Grade 7 EMS Worksheet

Assessment Task: Rights, Responsibilities and Government

The rights and responsibilities of Government (Group activity)

Read the information on a mixed economy below and answer the questions that follow.

A mixed economy incorporates features of both a demand (socialist) economy and a planned (capitalist) economy. South Africa has a mixed economy. This means that there are privately owned industries, as well as government regulation. A mixed economy provides certain freedoms, such as to possess the means of production. There are also state-owned factors of production, infrastructure and services, such as libraries, roads, schools, hospitals and electricity services.

a) Discuss the role of Government in South Africa's economy (a mixed economy). Write down a definition of Government as well as an explanation of the role of Government in the economy. [4marks]

b) In your groups, brainstorm the rights and responsibilities of Government in the economy. Copy the table below in your workbook and write down five rights and five responsibilities. One example has been filled in to assist you. Assess the performance of your group. [10 marks]

Rights of Government	Responsibilities of Government
To control the amount of money in the economy	To take sound economic decisions

Group assessment checklist

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Our group could brainstorm the rights and responsibilities of Government.		
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Suggested Solutions

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1	14	<p>a) Definition of Government: Government consists of the people and structures that rule the country, make the laws and make sure that the citizens follow the laws. Government is also called the state and the public sector. [2 marks] Role of Government in a mixed economy: Government writes the laws that ensure that each participant in economic activities is treated fairly; Government implements policies that determine how much money would go into the economy; Government controls how much money is in the economy by means of taxes, interest rates and inflation policy. [2 marks]</p> <p>b)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rights of Government</th> <th>Responsibilities of Government</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Example: To control the amount of money in the economy</td> <td>Example: To take sound economic decisions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To prescribe how much tax businesses and individuals will pay</td> <td>To ensure that its laws and taxes do not disadvantage the citizens of the country</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To receive a revenue from its citizens in the form of taxes</td> <td>To allocate its revenue in an annual budget to the advantage of the country's economy and citizens</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To determine the interest rate</td> <td>To ensure that the interest rate it determines benefits the economy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To create the rules within which businesses compete against each other and according to which they operate</td> <td>To protect its citizens against exploitation by business</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To implement decisions to steer the economy</td> <td>To ensure the decisions implemented benefit the economy</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>[10 marks]</p>	Rights of Government	Responsibilities of Government	Example: To control the amount of money in the economy	Example: To take sound economic decisions	To prescribe how much tax businesses and individuals will pay	To ensure that its laws and taxes do not disadvantage the citizens of the country	To receive a revenue from its citizens in the form of taxes	To allocate its revenue in an annual budget to the advantage of the country's economy and citizens	To determine the interest rate	To ensure that the interest rate it determines benefits the economy	To create the rules within which businesses compete against each other and according to which they operate	To protect its citizens against exploitation by business	To implement decisions to steer the economy	To ensure the decisions implemented benefit the economy
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Appendix of Assessment Tools

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