

Grade 9 EMS Worksheet

How does the national budget influence sustainable growth and development?

Discuss the questions below in your groups and write down your answers in your workbooks.

- a) What is sustainable growth? [1 mark]
- b) What is the main indicator showing that growth takes place in an economy? [1 mark]
- c) How does the national budget influence sustainable growth? [2 marks]
- d) What are the aims of economic development? [2 marks]
- e) What is the aim of effective service delivery? [1 mark]
- f) How does effective service delivery help to achieve the aims of economic development? [1 marks]
- g) Name three ways in which Government can influence economic growth and development. [4 marks]

[Total: 12 marks]

Group assessment checklist

Criteria	Yes	No
Our group could explain what sustainable growth is.		
Our group could identify the main indicator showing that growth takes place in an economy.		
Our group could explain how the national budget influences sustainable growth.		
Our group could identify the aim of effective service delivery.		
Our group could identify four ways in which Government can influence economic growth and economic development.		
Everybody in our group knows how to interpret information and formulate structured answers.		
Our group worked well together.		

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	12	<p>a) Sustainable growth is growth that can be maintained over a long time. [1 mark]</p> <p>b) The GDP (gross domestic product) measures the total production of goods and services and is the main indicator of economic growth. When the GDP increases, growth has taken place. [1 mark]</p> <p>c) Economic growth takes place when more money is available to produce more goods and services. The national budget allocates money to its departments for infrastructure and other developments. The budget therefore increases the flow of money in the economy. [2 marks]</p> <p>d) Economic development aims to bridge the gap between rich and poor by creating better living standards for people. It focuses on fighting poverty and creating employment opportunities. [2 marks]</p> <p>e) The aim of effective service delivery is to improve the living standards of citizens. [1 mark]</p> <p>f) Effective service delivery creates better living standards for people who suffer as a result of inequalities in our society. [1 mark]</p> <p>g) Government can influence economic growth and development in many different ways. Below are a few examples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government can instil confidence and attract foreign investment by maintaining good governance and fighting corruption. • Budget policies can be applied to reduce any budget deficit. • Incentives can be created for small business, which, in turn, create job opportunities and reduce unemployment. • Increased capital investment by Government. • Incentives can be created for big business enterprises to make capital investments in the country. • Government can introduce development programmes to improve the standard of living of people. (any four valid examples) [4 marks]

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Criteria	Yes	No
Our group could explain what sustainable growth is.		
Our group could identify the main indicator showing that growth takes place in an economy.		
Our group could explain how the national budget influences sustainable growth.		
Our group could explain how the public measures the effectiveness of Government.		
Our group could identify the aim of effective service delivery.		
Our group could identify two ways in which Government can influence economic growth and economic development.		
Everybody in our group knows how to interpret information and formulate structured answers.		
Our group worked well together.		