

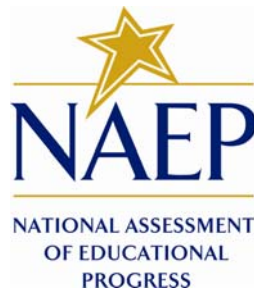
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**Part 3b**

***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS  
FOR 2011 ASSESSMENT***

**Student Grade 12 Economics Questions**



*Part 3b contains:*

Student Grade 12 Economics Questions

*The amount of time estimated to complete this form is 10 minutes.*

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# SECTION 4

This section has 14 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Unless directed otherwise, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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1. Which **economics-related courses** have you taken from ninth grade to the present? Count each course only once. Include courses you are currently taking as well as courses taken in summer school. Fill in **one or more ovals** on each line.

	Not taken	Taken/taking in Grade 12	Taken in Grade 11	Taken in Grade 10	Taken in Grade 9	
a. Economics course (general course <b>other than</b> Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or honors economics)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595240
b. Government and economics course (combined course)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595241
c. Consumer economics or personal finance course	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595662
d. Advanced Placement Economics course	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595663
e. International Baccalaureate Economics course	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595664
f. Honors economics course ( <b>other than</b> Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Economics)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595665
g. Business course such as entrepreneurship or business principles	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595666
h. Any other economics course (specify) _____	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595667
i. Any other course that includes an extended (at least 8-week long) unit on economics (specify) _____	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB595668

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2. Which of the following statements best describes your overall course-taking in economics?

- Ⓐ I have **taken at least one** of the courses listed in Question 1. → *Go to Question 3.*
- Ⓑ I have **not taken any** of the courses listed in Question 1. → *Skip to Question 7.*

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3. For the course(s) you marked “Taken/taking in Grade 12” in **Question 1**, which of the following is true for you? Fill in **all ovals** that apply.

- Ⓐ I am not taking any of these courses in grade 12.
- Ⓑ I am currently enrolled in a year-long course.
- Ⓒ I completed a semester-long course this school year.
- Ⓓ I just started a semester-long course.

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4. Think about the course(s) in **Question 1**. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about those courses that you took? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	
a. Taking the course(s) helped me understand the U.S. economy.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB595671
b. Taking the course(s) helped me understand the international economy.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB595672
c. Taking the course(s) helped me understand what I hear on the news about current events and public policy.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB595673
d. Taking the course(s) helped me understand how to manage my personal finances, now and in the future.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB595674
e. Taking the course(s) helped me make choices about my future education and career.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB595675

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5. In your current or most recent course that included economics, how often are you or were you asked to write long answers to questions or assignments?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once or twice a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

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6. In your current or most recent course that included economics, how often do you or did you use the Internet to get economic data or information? Include both class work and homework.

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once every few weeks
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Two or three times a week
- Ⓔ Every day

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7. **Not including things you do for school**, how often do you watch, read about, or listen to information on the following topics? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. The local economy (unemployment in your area, job opportunities, prices of goods and services, taxes, public budgets, etc.)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595680
b. The U.S. economy (unemployment, inflation, economic growth, national economic policy, interest rates, the stock market, etc.)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595681
c. The international economy (the state of economies in other countries, trade agreements and restrictions, globalization, etc.)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595962
d. Personal finance (saving, investment, taxes, credit cards, etc.)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595963

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8. To what extent do you use the following sources to learn about **economic issues**? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Newspapers and magazines	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595965
b. Radio and television	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595966
c. Internet	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595967
d. Family and friends	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595968
e. Personal experiences (such as having a job or keeping a budget)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB595969

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9. Since the beginning of ninth grade, have you ever participated in any of the following **economics-related activities**? Fill in **one or more** ovals on each line.

	Yes, did this for a class	Yes, did this, but <u>not</u> for a class	No, never did this	
a. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595972
b. DECA (an association of marketing students)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595973
c. Junior Achievement	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595974
d. Club (includes such things as an economics, entrepreneurship, or investment club)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595975
e. Academic competition (includes such things as Fed Challenge, Economics Challenge, or Academic Decathlon)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595976
f. Stock market game/simulation	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595979
g. Student-managed school store	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595980
h. Student-managed credit union or bank	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB595981
i. Other (specify) _____	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB607182

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10. **Last summer**, how much did you work? Include work you did for pay or for a family business.
- Ⓐ Did not work at all
  - Ⓑ Worked once in awhile or less than 5 hours a week
  - Ⓒ Worked between 5 and 10 hours a week
  - Ⓓ Worked between 11 and 20 hours a week
  - Ⓔ Worked more than 20 hours a week

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11. **Currently**, how much do you work? Include work you do for pay or for a family business.
- Ⓐ Do not work at all
  - Ⓑ Work once in awhile or less than 5 hours a week
  - Ⓒ Work between 5 and 10 hours a week
  - Ⓓ Work between 11 and 20 hours a week
  - Ⓔ Work more than 20 hours a week

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12. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?
- Ⓐ Easier than other tests
  - Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
  - Ⓒ Harder than other tests
  - Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

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13. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?
- Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
  - Ⓑ About as hard as on other tests
  - Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
  - Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests



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14. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

- Ⓐ Not very important
- Ⓑ Somewhat important
- Ⓒ Important
- Ⓓ Very important

