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Paper 3 Analysis and Critical Evaluation

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1 hour 30 minutes

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The extract 'The global water crisis' will be needed for this question.

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1 (a) What is meant by a finite resource?

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(b) Explain, using a demand and supply diagram, the effect of setting the price of water too low.

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(c) (i) Define opportunity cost.

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(ii) Using the extract, calculate the opportunity cost in terms of wheat of using the water needed to produce one kilogram of beef.

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(d) Explain **two** possible reasons why the world's demand for water may **not** grow as rapidly as the extract suggests.

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The extract 'Economic challenges facing Brazil' will be needed for this question.

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2 (a) What is meant by the exchange rate?

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(b) Using the extract:

(i) calculate the percentage of Brazil's output accounted for by the tertiary sector

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(ii) identify a Brazilian industry that operates in the secondary sector.

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(c) What is meant by a relatively self-sufficient economy?

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(d) What has attracted investment into Brazil?

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(e) (i) Explain what happened to the price level in Brazil over the period shown in Table 1.

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(ii) Explain **one** consequence of inflation referred to in the extract.

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