

The Changing Economy of the UK Revision Checklist

1. How and why is the economy changing?

A. There have been many changes in the industrial structure of the UK economy in the past 50 years as a consequence of government policies and external forces such as globalisation.

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<p>Investigate the changes in primary and secondary sectors to explain why:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment has declined in many Sectors • changes in output are more variable, with some growth areas, e.g. vehicle manufacturing, but decline in other areas, e.g. footwear and clothing. 			
<p>Examine changes in the tertiary and quaternary sectors, including the growth of retail, finance and business services and IT-related research.</p>			

B. There have been significant changes in the structure of the workforce in the past 50 years which vary from place to place within the UK.

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<p>Explore different methods of classifying employment and investigate why the balance of types of employment has changed in terms of average wages, full time/part time, temporary or permanent, male and female.</p>			
<p>Investigate two contrasting regions of the UK, e.g. the North East and the South East, to explain the differences in their industrial structure and workforce.</p>			

2. What is the impact of changing work on people and places?

A. Changing employment has environmental impacts, some of which are positive and some negative.

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Assess the environmental impacts of de-industrialisation and economic diversification in one UK urban area.			
Examine alternative proposals for economic development by comparing the costs and benefits of a greenfield development and the regeneration of a brownfield site.			

B. Employment is changing and will continue to change.

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<p>Examine the increasing contribution of the digital economy, education and research, the 'green' employment sector and foreign workforce to the growth of the UK economy.</p>			
<p>Consider the impact of changing working practices, including home working, teleworking, self-employment, flexible working and the impact of IT.</p>			

