

7.6 Trade and the World Economy

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• complementarity 互补性 • free-trade agreement 自由贸易协定

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **trade** 贸易 and the world economy.

You must be able to:

- define **comparative advantage** 比较优势
- define a **tariff** 关税 and a **free-trade agreement** 自由贸易协定
- explain **complementarity** 互补性 in trade
- state one benefit and one cost of free trade

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Comparative advantage

Comparative advantage means a country should specialise in what it makes most efficiently and trade for the rest — raising total output.

■ Tariffs and free trade

A **tariff** is a tax on imports that protects home producers but raises prices. A **free-trade agreement** removes such barriers between member countries.

■ Complementarity

Trade thrives on **complementarity** — one country has what another wants and vice versa, giving both a reason to trade.

2 Practice

2.1 Define comparative advantage.

[2]

2.2 Explain what a tariff does and one effect it has. [2]

2.3 Country A has cheap oil; Country B has advanced electronics.

(a) Name the trade principle that encourages them to trade. [1]

(b) State one benefit each country gains. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A tax placed on imported goods is a [1]

A	B
C	D

A subsidy

B tariff

C remittance

D microloan

3.2 Comparative advantage suggests countries should [1]

A	B
C	D

A produce everything themselves

B specialise and trade

C ban all trade

D avoid manufacturing

3.3 Several countries form a free-trade agreement removing tariffs among them.

(a) State one benefit to consumers. [1]

(b) State one group that may be harmed. [1]
