

## NOVEMBER 2022 EXAMINATION SESSION THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 – MORNING

## ECONOMICS OF SEA TRANSPORT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Time allowed – three hours

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks

Please read the questions carefully before answering

- 1. Consider and discuss the impact of high crude oil and energy prices on world economic recovery and shipping.
- 2. Within the dry bulk market, describe **ALL** of the following:
  - a) The uses of grain;
  - b) The main import and export nations for this cargo;
  - c) The impact of current geopolitical issues, on global grain production, trade and food prices.
- 3. Explain the concept of "the production possibility frontier", as it relates to international trade and shipping. Use suitable graphs to support your answer.
- 4. Using a diagram to support your answer, explain how the "break even model" is used to determine the minimum freight rate.
- 5. Within the tanker market, describe **ALL** of the following:
  - a) LNG Market;
  - b) the main importing and exporting countries of LNG;
  - c) THREE factors that impact the LNG market, in the short and long term.
- 6. Identify and comment on the factors that influence an owner's/operator's choice of flag.

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- 7. Discuss the continued impact of the Russia Ukraine conflict on world economic recovery, growth and development.
- 8. Define **ALL** of the following topics:
  - a) Derived demand elasticity;
  - b) Long run cost;
  - c) Supply elasticity;
  - d) Opportunity cost.