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10. (a) Name a state-owned enterprise in the 'production' category:

(b) Explain **two** reasons for state involvement in this category:

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6. Outline **two** ways the Government could encourage business activity in Ireland.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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1. Outline **two** benefits of local business for a local community.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

Domestic Environment

Question 2

(A) Read the information supplied and answer the question which follows.

At your **credit union**, you are not just a customer, you are a member of a successful financial co-operative.
<https://www.creditunion.ie/whatweoffer/savings>

Discuss the advantages for a credit union of operating as a co-operative. (20 marks)

(B) Outline the benefits **and** challenges of increasing employment for the Irish economy. (25 marks)

(C) Evaluate the effectiveness of Enterprise Ireland in assisting indigenous Irish businesses. (15 marks)
(60 marks)

(A) *In the Government's Budget 2016, the national minimum wage was increased from €8.65 to €9.15, an increase of 50 cent per hour.*

Discuss the different ways in which the Irish Government affects the labour force in Ireland. (20 marks)

(C) Discuss the current role of the Industrial Development Authority (IDA Ireland) **and** Enterprise Ireland in the development of the Irish economy. (20 marks)
(60 marks)


(A) Outline the opportunities **and** challenges for the Irish economy of the privatisation of state owned enterprises. (20 marks)


(A) Discuss the opportunities **and** challenges of *Partnership* as a form of business ownership. (20 marks)

(B) Outline the role of the Irish Government in encouraging **and** in regulating business in Ireland. (20 marks)

(C) Discuss current trends affecting businesses in the services sector of the Irish economy. Provide examples to support your answer. (20 marks)

(60 marks)

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- (B)** Outline how the Irish Government's policy of increased taxation and decreased public expenditure is impacting on business. (20 marks)

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- (C)** Evaluate, using examples, the arguments in favour **OR** against the privatisation of commercial state enterprises in Ireland. (20 marks)

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- (A)** Using examples, analyse the role of the Irish Government in creating a suitable climate for business enterprises in the state. (20 marks)

