

# 3.4 Trade Unions

## Question Paper

Course	CIEIGCSE Economics
Section	3. Microeconomic Decision Makers
Topic	3.4 Trade Unions
Difficulty	Medium

**Time allowed:** 30  
**Score:** /24  
**Percentage:** /100

### **Question 1**

**Explain**, using information from the extract, **two** reasons why the power of trade unions may decline in the future

Refer to the [source material](#) in your answers

**[4 marks]**

### **Question 2**

In 2016, Argentina's annual inflation was 20%, down from 40% in 2015. Inflation had been high since 2003. Wages were constantly adjusted upwards. In addition, some employees demanded more non-wage benefits. Industrial action, often in the form of strikes called by trade unions, became more common in Argentina.

**Analyse** the impact of strikes on an economy.

**[6 marks]**

### **Question 3**

The government of Slovenia has introduced a range of supply-side policy measures to influence the country's inflation rate. Among other factors affecting the economy is a change in trade union membership and strength.

**Discuss** whether or not increasing the strength of trade unions will benefit an economy.

**[8 marks]**

### **Question 4**

In 2016, the trade union representing doctors in the UK was involved in collective bargaining with the government over proposed changes to doctors' contracts. The trade union considered that the aim of the changes was to reduce the cost to the government of providing healthcare. It may also result in fewer individuals training to become doctors in the future.

**Identify two** influences on the strength of a trade union's collective bargaining power.

**[2 marks]**

**Question 5**

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**Explain** the likely impact of trade unions on the welfare of their members.

**[4 marks]**