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# Employment and unemployment

- 1** What is the name given to the situation when people of working age are both willing and able to work but cannot find employment?

**A** classical unemployment      **C** unemployment rate  
**B** unemployment      **D** voluntary unemployment

**2** Which type of government policy is best suited to deal with imperfections in the labour market?

**A** fiscal policies      **C** protectionist policies  
**B** monetary policies      **D** supply-side policies

**3** Which is generally regarded as the most severe form of unemployment?

**A** cyclical unemployment      **C** structural unemployment  
**B** real wage unemployment      **D** voluntary unemployment

**4** The table below gives population data for a particular country.

<b>Population:</b>	<b>66 million</b>
Aged 0-14:	17 million
Aged 15-64:	38 million
Aged over 65:	11 million

If the unemployment rate is 7%, the number of unemployed people is

- A** 2.66 million                           **C** 10 million  
**B** 4.62 million                           **D** 28 million

**5** What is the main cause of frictional unemployment?

**A** changes in demand for certain goods and services  
**B** people changing jobs  
**C** people choosing not to work  
**D** wages set higher than the market equilibrium

**6** Explain what is meant by the unemployment rate. [2 marks]

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- 7 Calculate the unemployment rate in a country that has a population of 46.6 million people, of which 30 million are employed and 2.7 million are unemployed. [2 marks]

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- 8 Explain which type of unemployment is most associated with a downturn in the business cycle. [2 marks]

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- 9 Explain how the International Labour Organization measures unemployment. [2 marks]

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- 10 Explain **two** economic advantages of a fall in unemployment. [4 marks]

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