IB Economics

Current Events Commentary #1 Checklist

Did you...

**Diagrams**
- Accurately draw and explain one to two (1-2) diagrams?
- Title and label the diagrams in detail?
- Put real-world price and quantity data on axes, if available?

**Terminology**
- Incorporate five (5) relevant terms in **bold**?

**Application**
- Make meaningful connections to the source article?
- Choose relevant economic theories to apply to the article?

**Analysis**
- Identify specific determinants of supply, demand, or elasticities?
- Explicitly describe changes from P1 to P2 and Q1 to Q2 as increases or decreases?
- Correctly distinguish between movements along curves versus shifts in the curves?
- Accurately distinguish between “demand” versus “quantity demanded”?
- Accurately differentiate between “supply” versus “quantity supplied”?

**Evaluation**
- Compare impacts on different groups, such as sellers, competitors, and consumers?
- Assess the overall positive or negative impact of events described in your article?
- If relevant, weight the pros and cons of a company’s or government’s decision?
- If relevant, weigh the accuracy of relevant economic theories?

**Writing**
- Use the words “fewer” versus “less” correctly?
- Proofread for grammar and writing mechanics?

**Presentation**
- Keep the word count under 750 words? (**VERY IMPORTANT!**) *(Note: This instruction is important for the context of a commentary, but it may not be applicable to all contexts.)*
- Upload your commentary to Turnitin.com?
- Make a second, identical copy if you are taking the IB Economics test?
- Highlight key pieces of information in the news article?
- Label as IB syllabus section 1, microeconomics?
- Include the elements of the commentary in the correct order?

**Formatting order:**
1. Cover page
2. Body of commentary
3. Works cited page
4. Copy of article