

## **Specific expectation**

Explain how the concepts of scarcity and opportunity costs influence economic decisions, at both the personal and societal levels.

### **Success Criteria**

### **Name**

These questions will help in dept thinking about the concept of opportunity costs and how it applies to various aspects of life and policy-making.

#### **1. Understanding Scarcity and Opportunity Costs:**

- a. Define scarcity and explain how it relates to the concept of opportunity costs.
- b. How do scarcity and opportunity costs influence decision-making in everyday life?

#### **2. Personal and Family Economic Decisions:**

- a. Reflect on a major decision you or your family made about education or career. What were the opportunity costs involved in making that decision?
- b. Describe an instance where you had to choose between spending your time on two different activities. What opportunity cost did you incur by making your choice?

#### **3. Opportunity Costs of Education vs. Workforce:**

- a. Discuss the opportunity costs of attending university or college immediately after high school versus entering the workforce. What are the potential benefits and drawbacks of each option?
- b. How might the opportunity cost of going to college change during an economic downturn?

#### **4. Government Resource Allocation:**

- a. Consider a government facing limited resources. What opportunity costs does it face when deciding to allocate funds to infrastructure instead of healthcare or education?

- b. Provide an example of a recent government decision where opportunity cost played a critical role. What were the alternatives, and why do you think the government chose one over the other?