

Quadrant II – Glossary

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Glossary of terms/words:

Economic system: An economic system is a means by which societies or governments organize and distribute available resources, services, and goods across a geographic region or country

Market mechanism: The market mechanism refers to the forces of demand and supply. These forces take the form of buyers and sellers in the market. Economists show that if left 'free' these forces use the self-interest of sellers and buyers to reach a point where welfare for all is maximized.

Public goods: Public goods are commodities or services that benefit all members of society, and which are often provided for free through public taxation. Examples of public goods include law enforcement, national defence, and the rule of law.