

## **ECONOMICS**

arbitrage : buying of shares, currencies and

commodities for quick resale at a

higher price

arbitrageur : one who buys up shares in

companies threatened by take

over bids

**bear** : speculator who anticipates falling

prices

**bull** : speculator who anticipates rising

prices

an association of similar companies grouped together to

prevent competition

collateral : property pledged as security for a

loan

cartel

comprehensive

conglomerate : business corporation made up of

diverse companies

debenture : fixed interest security issued by a

company

dow Jones Index: daily average of prices on the

New York Stock Exchange

flotation : launching of a business venture

through issue of shares

gilt edged

securities : low risk fixed-interest securities

issued by the government

## **INSURANCE TERMS**

actuary : an employee of an insurance

company who calculates the amount to be paid as premium

annuity : an investment or insurance

policy that pays someone a

fixed sum of money each year

an insurance policy that covers many areas

endorsement : amendment to a policy

endowment policy: a life insurance policy which

matures on the death of an individual or on a set date,

whichever is earlier

loading : the amount paid in addition to

the premium to cover special

risks or expenses

moral hazard : risk to the insurer as a result

of carelessness or dishonesty

of the insured

mortality Table : table showing average life -

expectancy and death rates of

personal liability

pluvius insurance

reversion

surrender value

tontine

underwriter

people from various segments of society

risk of a person causing death

injury or loss to others

insurance against bad weather by people who organise outdoor events

the money paid by the insurance company on the death of a life insurance policy

holder

amount calculated when a policy is voluntarily terminated

before its maturity

insurance scheme in which a member's shares or benefits pass to the other members when he dies or defaults

a company or agent that accepts part of an insurance

risk