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Sir, A chancellor is ultimately judged on how well the economy performed during his term in office. Under Nigel Lawson's tenure (June 1983 to October 1989) the economy recorded an average GDP growth rate of 3.5 per cent per annum. This was well above the historical post-1955 average GDP growth rate of 2.2 per cent per annum. Lawson's tenure also recorded average inflation (based on the CPI measure) of 4.1 per cent per annum, which was lower than the historical post-1955 average inflation rate of 4.8 per cent per annum. Quite an achievement in historical terms.

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