

Edexcel GCE

Geography

Advanced

Unit 4: Geographical Research

Advance Information: Research Focus

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Paper Reference

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Instructions

- Select **one option**, based on the research you have carried out for Unit 4.
- You should use information contained in the research focus to prepare for the Unit 4 examination. The **research focus** will give you an idea of the sort of question you will need to answer in the examination for Unit 4. To help you narrow down your last minute research, the focus is divided into:
 - **Explore**, meaning the background concepts, processes, theories, models involved where relevant.
 - **Research**, meaning the geographical places, case studies and examples illustrating these.
- You will be expected to produce a **report**, with clear subsections and referencing.
- Please consult the accompanying generic mark scheme, also to be found on the Edexcel website.

Information

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OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards

- **Explore** the range of tectonic event profiles and how these and other factors affect the responses of people and governments.
 - **Research** contrasting locations and hazard events to draw out the range of tectonic activity, and the different responses generated.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- **Explore** a range of cold environments and why there is a need for a variety of management approaches.
 - **Research** different cold environments which demonstrate different management approaches and techniques.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- **Explore** the complex causes of food supply inequalities, both 'natural' and those generated by people and their lifestyles.
 - **Research** contrasting locations and scales showing different causes of inequalities in food supply.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- **Explore** the significance of local cultures and cultural landscapes and the role of players in valuing and protecting them.
 - **Research** contrasting locations and cultures which show the actions and outcomes of a range of players.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- **Explore** the varied causes of health risks, and the degree to which pollution strategies have played a significant part in reducing them.
 - **Research** health risks in contrasting locations and the contribution of pollution control in their management.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- **Explore** the range of management strategies used in rural leisure and tourism hotspots, and why these may have different outcomes.
 - **Research** contrasting rural landscapes experiencing pressure from leisure and tourism, and the range of strategies used to manage them.
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