

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 and 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 sub-sections 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 factors that make tectonic activity hazardous.
 - **Research** contrasting locations to draw out the scale of impacts from tectonic hazards and disasters.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- **Explore** the variety of periglacial processes and their characteristic landforms and landscapes.
 - **Research** a range of relict and present locations which show evidence of periglacial processes.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- **Explore** the processes leading to food insecurity, including desertification.
 - **Research** contrasting locations which show food insecurities, making particular reference to drylands.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- **Explore** the concept of cultural diversity and varying views about globalisation's impact on cultures and their diversity.
 - **Research** the contrasting influences of globalisation on cultural diversity at a range of locations and scales.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- **Explore** how far health risks can be linked to factors such as transport, environment and others.
 - **Research** the links between different types of health risks and human and physical features at a range of locations.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- **Explore** a variety of measures to assess significance and fragility such as environmental and ecological value and nature and intensity of use.
- **Research** a range of rural locations deemed to be of high value and under threat from leisure and tourism.