



GCE A level

1203/01

GEOGRAPHY – G3

Contemporary Themes and Research in Geography

SECTION A

CONTEMPORARY THEMES

A.M. MONDAY, 15 June 2015

1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

Answer books for Section A will be collected in after 1 hour 30 minutes. Section B Research will then be given out.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need ONE 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer TWO questions.

Answer ONE question from questions 1 to 8 and ONE question from questions 9 to 16.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the front page of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will assess your ability to draw on your understanding of the connections between the different aspects of the subject represented in the Geography specification.

This paper requires that you make the fullest possible use of appropriate examples in support of your answers. Sketch-maps and diagrams should be included, where relevant.

SECTION A: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY

Answer TWO questions, ONE question from questions 1 to 8 and ONE question from questions 9 to 16.

Make the fullest possible use of examples in support of your answers.

Answer ONE question from QUESTIONS 1 TO 8.

THEME 1 EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS

- 1. Examine positive and negative outcomes of human activity on the desert environment. [25]**
- 2. Discuss strategies used to manage human activity in tundra environments. [25]**

THEME 2 LANDFORMS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

GLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS

- 3. Examine processes and the resultant landforms of glacial erosion. [25]**
- 4. Discuss how human activities are affected by glacial processes and landforms. [25]**

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS

- 5. Examine processes and the resultant landforms of coastal erosion. [25]**
- 6. Discuss how human activities are affected by coastal processes and landforms. [25]**

THEME 3 CLIMATIC HAZARDS

- 7. Account for EITHER seasonal variations OR periodic changes in climate. [25]**
- 8. Discuss effects of hazards associated with low-pressure systems. [25]**

Answer ONE question from QUESTIONS 9 TO 16.

THEME 4 DEVELOPMENT

- 9. Examine reasons for contemporary differences in development. [25]**
- 10. Discuss trade and aid as strategies for reducing the development gap. [25]**

THEME 5 GLOBALISATION

- 11. 'Technology is the prime factor responsible for economic globalisation.' Discuss. [25]**
- 12. 'The advantages of being a NIC outweigh the disadvantages.' Discuss. [25]**

THEME 6 EMERGING ASIA

CHINA

13. Examine reasons for economic change in China. [25]
14. 'The impact of globalisation on China has been mostly negative.' Discuss. [25]

INDIA

15. Examine reasons for economic change in India. [25]
16. 'The impact of globalisation on India has been mostly negative.' Discuss. [25]

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