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# Geography

# GEO4A

## Unit 4A Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Tuesday 19 June 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

You will need no other materials.  
You may use a calculator.

### Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Use pencil only for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on **Section A** and about 30 minutes on **Section B**.



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**Section A**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

**All** your answers must relate to the geography fieldwork investigation that you undertook in preparation for this examination.

State the aim(s) of your fieldwork investigation.

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**1** Explain the geographical reasons for carrying out your investigation in the area chosen.

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**2** Describe and justify the steps taken to minimise the risks involved in collecting data for your investigation.

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**3** Assess the usefulness of **one** method of data presentation that you used in your investigation.

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### Section B

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 5** A student collected data on vegetation species in an area of sand dunes in south-east England. The hypothesis to be tested ( $H_1$ ) was 'Species diversity will be higher in a managed area than in an unmanaged area of dune'. The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) was that there would be no difference in species diversity between the two areas.

Ten samples were taken in each area and it was decided to apply the Mann Whitney U Test to the data, as shown in **Figure 1**.

**Figure 1**

Unmanaged area ( $n_1 = 10$ )		Managed area ( $n_2 = 10$ )	
Number of species	Rank ( $R_1$ )	Number of species	Rank ( $R_2$ )
2	8.5	2	8.5
3	14	3	14
0	1.5	6	20
1	4	4	17.5
2	8.5	5	19
1	4	3	14
2	8.5	3	14
2	8.5	2	8.5
1	4	4	17.5
0	1.5	3	14
$\Sigma R_1 = 63$		$\Sigma R_2 = 147$	

$n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the number of samples in the unmanaged and managed areas respectively.

The Mann Whitney U calculations were:

$$U_1 = (n_1 n_2) + \frac{1}{2} n_1 (n_1 + 1) - \Sigma R_1 = (10 \times 10) + 5(11) - 63, \text{ so } U_1 = 92$$

$$U_2 = (n_1 n_2) + \frac{1}{2} n_2 (n_2 + 1) - \Sigma R_2 = (10 \times 10) + 5(11) - 147, \text{ so } U_2 = 8$$

The value for U in the table of critical values is 27 at the 0.05 significance level.





**5 (a)** Interpret the result of the Mann Whitney U Test in **Figure 1**.

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**5 (b)** Suggest why the Mann Whitney U Test is suitable to interpret this set of data.

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**5 (c)** Explain how the use of statistical techniques may help in the analysis of data and increase geographical understanding.

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