

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GEOGRAPHY A

2684

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

Tuesday **1 FEBRUARY 2005** Afternoon 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer paper/booklet

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and Candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.
- Where relevant, you should include sketch maps and diagrams and **make use of examples of places you have studied**.
- This is the synoptic paper. In your answers you must show **understanding of the connections between the different aspects of geography** represented in the whole of the A level specification.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication.

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.

Option 1: Aspects of the Geography of the EU

Either:

- 1 To what extent are regional disparities in wealth determined by the uneven geographical distribution of resources? Illustrate your answer with examples from the EU. [60]

Or:

- 2 Assess the value of the ecosystem concept to understanding transnational environmental issues. Illustrate your answer with examples from the EU. [60]

Or:

- 3 Discuss the view that, in recent years, government policies have become the most important influence on agriculture. Illustrate your answer with examples from the EU. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either

- 4 'Squatter settlements in urban areas in LEDCs are a positive phenomenon'. How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 5 Discuss the view that cities have a disproportionate impact on the physical environment. [60]

Or:

- 6 How and with what success have sustainable urban management policies been implemented in cities in MEDCs? [60]

Option 3: Managing Rural Environments**Either:**

- 7 'The current use of environmental resources in national parks and other conservation areas in MEDCs is unsustainable.' How far do you agree with this view? [60]

Or:

- 8 'The impact of agriculture on the countryside in MEDCs owes more to physical than to human factors.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 9 To what extent is the migration of population between urban and rural areas responsible for the social and economic issues which affect the countryside in MEDCs today? [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments**Either:**

- 10 To what extent does the impact of volcanic eruptions on human activities depend on the scale of the eruption? [60]

Or:

- 11 Discuss the view that the impact of earthquake hazards is usually greater in urban than in rural areas. [60]

Or:

- 12 'The effectiveness of hazard mitigation depends on the type of natural hazard.' Discuss and illustrate this statement. [60]

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