

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**GEOGRAPHY A**

**2684**

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

Friday

**17 JUNE 2005**

Morning

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.

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**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 'Geographical isolation is the principal obstacle to regional development'. Comment on the accuracy of the statement, using examples from the EU. [60]

**Or:**

- 2 'The exploitation of commonly-owned international resources brings ruin to all'. Discuss with reference to the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. [60]

**Or:**

- 3 To what extent does the EU's global trade benefit it at the expense of its trading partners? [60]

**Option 2: Managing Urban Environments**

**Either**

- 4 'Urban areas present a major threat to the physical environment at different scales'. Consider the accuracy of this statement. [60]

**Or:**

- 5 'Social exclusion in urban areas in MEDCs is most strongly influenced by location'. Discuss this viewpoint. [60]

**Or:**

- 6 To what extent can self-help solve the social and economic problems of cities in LEDCs? [60]

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

- 7 To what extent can a modern, efficient farming industry and a habitat-rich, biodiverse countryside co-exist in MEDCs today? [60]

**Or:**

- 8 How important is a sustainable hierarchy of rural service centres to the economic and social well being of rural communities in MEDCs? [60]

**Or:**

- 9 'The future of the countryside in MEDCs is for recreation rather than for food production'. How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

**Option 4: Hazardous Environments****Either:**

- 10 'Prediction is more successful for some natural hazards than for others'. Discuss this statement. [60]

**Or:**

- 11 To what extent do the causes of mass movement hazards depend more on human than on physical factors? [60]

**Or:**

- 12 Assess the relative impact of primary and secondary hazards caused by hurricane and tropical storm events. [60]

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