

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GEOGRAPHY A

2684

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

Wednesday **1 FEBRUARY 2006** Afternoon 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
8 page Answer 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: Geographical Aspects of the European Union

Either:

- 1 'Core regions have environmental as well as economic advantages over peripheral regions.' Discuss with reference to examples from the EU. [60]

Or:

- 2 'International environmental resources are the most difficult to manage.' Discuss with reference to examples from the EU. [60]

Or:

- 3 'Agriculture policies often serve only to increase existing differences in wealth between rural communities.' Discuss with reference to examples from the EU. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either:

- 4 To what extent does the increasing suburbanisation of the countryside in MEDCs matter? [60]

Or:

- 5 'The advantages of urbanisation in LEDCs outweigh the disadvantages.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 6 How, and with what success, have planners tackled the problems of urban traffic congestion and urban traffic pollution? [60]

Option 3: Managing Rural Environments

Either:

- 7 Discuss the view that the current exploitation of rural environmental resources in MEDCs is no longer sustainable. [60]

Or:

- 8 To what extent have planning policies influenced the economic, social and demographic revival of many rural areas in MEDCs in the past 30 years? [60]

Or:

- 9 To what extent can rural management policies compensate for limitations imposed by harsh physical environments in rural areas in MEDCs? [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments

Either:

- 10 To what extent are human factors to blame for disasters caused by landslides and other mass movement events? [60]

Or:

- 11 How far do you agree with the assertion that people living in urban areas are at greater risk from natural hazards than people living in rural areas? [60]

Or:

- 12 Discuss the view that the impact of natural hazards depends on their predictability. [60]

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