

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GEOGRAPHY A

2684

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

Friday

16 JUNE 2006

Morning

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 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 'The free international movement of people, capital and goods brings economic benefit to all regions.' Discuss with reference to the EU. [60]

Or:

- 2 'Exploitation of fish stocks is unsustainable and has caused irreversible damage to marine ecosystems.' Discuss with reference to the EU. [60]

Or:

- 3 To what extent does location in the geographical core result in economic advantage? Discuss with reference to the EU. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either:

- 4 Discuss the statement that cities will never be free of slums. [60]

Or:

- 5 To what extent have policies of decentralisation solved the environmental problems of cities? [60]

Or:

- 6 'Despite government policies, spatial inequalities in wealth within urban areas remain as wide as ever.' Discuss this statement. [60]

Option 3: Managing Rural Environments

Either:

- 7 'The management of remote rural areas in MEDCs presents a greater challenge than managing less remote rural areas.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 8 To what extent are population changes the cause as well as the consequence of rural economic and social problems? [60]

Or:

- 9 To what extent should the rural environment be allowed to change in national parks and other protected landscapes? [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments

Either:

- 10 Discuss the view that in hazardous environments the real killer is poverty, not the forces of nature. [60]

Or:

- 11 To what extent are storm surges the most hazardous aspect of hurricanes? [60]

Or:

- 12 Discuss the view that rapid urbanisation in the past 50 years has significantly increased the vulnerability of populations to earthquake hazards. [60]

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