

**ADVANCED GCE
GEOGRAPHY A**

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

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Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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.
- Use blue or black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- 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 for each question 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 document consists of **4** printed pages.

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

Option 1: Geographical Aspects of the European Union

Either:

- 1 To what extent have the intentions of the EU's regional policy been met? [60]

Or:

- 2 'The EU has responded effectively to the problem of pollution in transnational drainage basins.' Consider the validity of this statement. [60]

Or:

- 3 For **either** a former mining area **or** a declining manufacturing region in the EU evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used to regenerate the area. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either:

- 4 'The rapid growth of large cities in LEDCs creates more problems than benefits.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 5 Discuss the implications of the changing demand for housing in MEDCs. [60]

Or:

- 6 'Traffic congestion is the greatest threat to the urban environment in the 21st Century.' Consider the validity of this statement with reference to **either** LEDCs **or** MEDCs. [60]

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

- 7 'Modern intensive farming has a greater impact than traditional farming on rural landscapes.' How far do you agree with this view? [60]

Or:

- 8 'The growth of second home ownership is a major threat to rural communities.' Consider the validity of this statement. [60]

Or:

- 9 'The designation of areas as National Parks causes more problems than it solves.' Discuss this viewpoint. [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments**Either:**

- 10 To what extent does the response to the perceived level of danger vary in hazardous environments? [60]

Or:

- 11 Evaluate the success of strategies used to reduce the impact of tectonic hazards. [60]

Or:

- 12 'The impact of hurricanes and tropical storms reflects an area's level of development more than the severity of the hazard's event.' Discuss this viewpoint. [60]

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