

**ADVANCED GCE
GEOGRAPHY A**

2684

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2008

Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.
- Use blue or black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.

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 Discuss the view that the single European market has intensified the problems of peripheral regions in the E.U. [60]

Or:

- 2 Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies to regenerate a named rural region experiencing decline in the E.U. [60]

Or:

- 3 'The problem of transnational pollution in the E.U. has largely been solved.' Assess the accuracy of this statement. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either:

- 4 To what extent has the redevelopment of brownfield sites in MEDCs been successful? [60]

Or:

- 5 Evaluate the success of strategies used to revitalise inner city areas. [60]

Or:

- 6 'Cities can never be sustainable.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Option 3: Managing Rural Environments

Either:

- 7 To what extent do you agree with the view that the main role of farmers is to manage the countryside? [60]

Or:

- 8 'Modern intensive farming is the main cause of habitat loss.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 9 'Rural communities and cultures are undergoing rapid change.' Evaluate this statement. [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments

Either:

- 10 To what extent are the impacts of natural hazards determined by human rather than physical factors? [60]

Or:

- 11 'The nature of volcanic hazards is difficult to predict.' Evaluate this statement. [60]

Or:

- 12 Evaluate the effectiveness of hazard mitigation strategies for hurricanes and tropical storms. [60]

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