

2019 Summer Highlights



Things that went well

- For component 01 - understanding the structure of the paper and candidates planning their time accordingly.
- Understanding the command terms and what the questions required candidates to include.
- Evidence of revision with some high levels of knowledge and understanding demonstrated throughout candidates answers.



Exam Tips

- Take note of key words in the question and ensure these are addressed in candidate's answers e.g. most effective, most significant influence, role of, contrast, impact or influenced by.
- When place specific detail is included particularly in essays, ensure it is sufficiently developed and relevantly used e.g. it could be used as evidence when making an analytical or evaluative point.
- Analyse and evaluate throughout answers. Not forgetting to include time and scale in answers, as this shows a higher level of understanding.
- Synoptic questions in Component 03 - It is the quality of the links made by the candidate that determine the outcome in terms of the assessment. Examples can be used concisely and nearly always add conviction and authority to a response.



Areas for improvement

- Handwriting legibility so that candidates answers are clearly communicated. It is challenging for examiners to credit answers they cannot read.
- Avoid writing lengthy answers for lower tariff questions, so that candidates have enough time to plan and answer essay questions.
- Candidates need to practice geographical skills including the evaluation of sources and identification of landforms from photographs.
- Strategies to help candidates develop their points and avoid generalisations could be: identification and 'mind mapping' of key words / phrases in a past question; establishing links between these essential elements of the question; use of mark schemes to check answers.