

# GCE AS/A level

1201/01

# GEOGRAPHY – G1 Changing Physical Environments

P.M. TUESDAY, 14 May 2013

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need **one** 12 page answer book.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the answer book.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

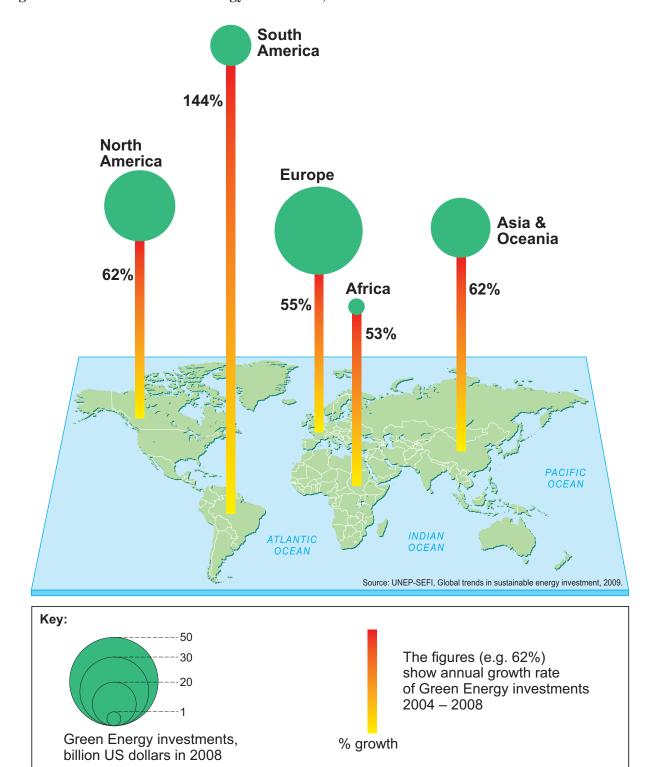
THIS PAPER REQUIRES THAT YOU MAKE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF APPROPRIATE EXAMPLES IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWERS. SKETCH-MAPS AND DIAGRAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WHERE RELEVANT.

# **G1 – CHANGING PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS**

Answer all questions.

Make the fullest possible use of examples in support of your answers.

Figure 1: Variations in Green Energy investments, 2008



Source: adapted from Riccardo Pravettoni, UNEP/GRID-Arendal

(a) Use Figure 1 to describe global variations in Green Energy investments. [5]
 (b) Explain two environmental causes of climate change. [10]
 (c) Outline the possible effects of rising sea levels on people. [10]

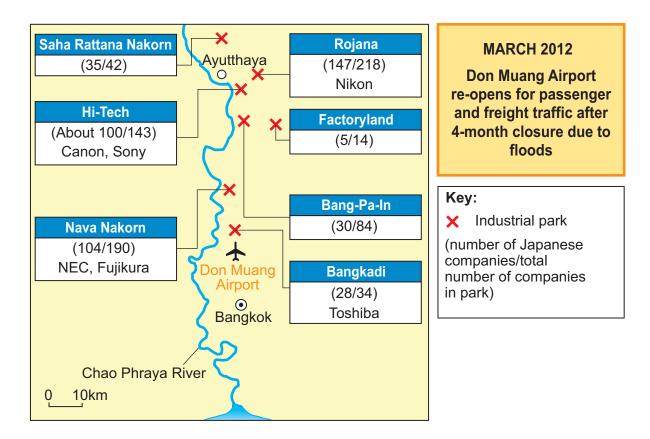
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Figure 2a: The effects of flooding on Japanese companies located in Thailand, October 2011

| Type of industry | Company | Impact                                 | Outcome  |
|------------------|---------|--|--|
| Vehicles         | Toyota  | Parts not supplied due to flood damage | Production suspended in Japan and USA                    |
|                  | Nikon   | Digital camera factory submerged       | Production suspended                                     |
|                  | Sony    | Digital camera factory submerged       |  |
| Electronics      | Canon   | Printer factory submerged              | Considering moving production to other parts of Thailand |
|                  | Nidec   | Electronic parts factory submerged     | Considering moving production to China                   |

Source: adapted from http://www.nationmultimedia.com

Figure 2b: Flooded industrial parks in Thailand



Source: adapted from http://www.yomiuri.co.jp

- 2. (a) Use Figure 2 to describe the effects of flooding in Thailand on Japanese companies. [5]
  - (b) Outline how the drainage basin operates as a system. [10]
  - (c) Suggest why perceptions of **either** flood hazards **or** tectonic hazards may vary between different groups of people. [10]

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Figure 3: Volcanic Explosivity Index (VEI)

| VEI | Volume of material ejected  | Height of ash cloud | Approximate frequency | Eruptions in last 10,000 years | Examples                            |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0   | <10,000 m <sup>3</sup>      | < 100 m             | constant              | many                           | Kilauea, Piton de la<br>Fournaise   |
| 1   | $> 10,000 \mathrm{m}^3$     | 100 - 1000 m        | daily                 | many                           | Stromboli, Nyiragongo               |
| 2   | >1,000,000 m <sup>3</sup>   | 1-5km               | weekly                | 3477                           | Galeras, Mount Sinabung             |
| 3   | $> 10,000,000 \mathrm{m}^3$ | 3-15km              | few months            | 868                            | Nevado del Ruiz,<br>Soufrière Hills |
| 4   | > 0.1 km <sup>3</sup>       | 10-25 km            | ≥1 year               | 421                            | Mount Pelée,<br>Eyjafjallajökull    |
| 5   | >1 km <sup>3</sup>          | 20 - 35 km          | ≥ 10 years            | 166                            | Mount Vesuvius,<br>Mount St. Helens |
| 6   | $> 10 \mathrm{km}^3$        | >30 km              | ≥ 100 years           | 51                             | Krakatoa,<br>Mount Pinatubo         |
| 7   | >100 km <sup>3</sup>        | >40 km              | ≥1,000 years          | 5                              | Thera (Minoan Eruption),<br>Tambora |
| 8   | >1,000 km <sup>3</sup>      | > 50 km             | ≥ 10,000 years        | 0                              | Yellowstone, Toba                   |

 $Source: adapted from \ http://blog.fitb.itb.ac.id$ 

- **3.** (a) Use **Figure 3** to describe how volcanic activity varies. [7]
  - (b) Outline **two** ways of presenting information from **Figure 3**. [8]
  - (c) Discuss the methods used to collect data in an investigation into a changing physical environment that you have completed. [10]

You should state clearly the question that you have investigated.