



**GCE A level**

1203/01



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**GEOGRAPHY – G3**

**Contemporary Themes and Research in Geography**

**SECTION A**

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES**

P.M. THURSDAY, 9 June 2016

1 hour 30 minutes

**Answer books for Section A will be collected in after 1 hour 30 minutes. Section B Research will then be given out.**

#### **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 **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from questions 1 to 8 and **one** question from questions 9 to 16.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the front page 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.

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

**You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will assess your ability to draw on your understanding of the connections between the different aspects of the subject represented in the Geography specification.**

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

**SECTION A: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY**

Answer **two** questions, **one** question from questions 1 to 8  
and **one** question from questions 9 to 16.

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

Answer **one** question from questions 1 to 8.

**Theme 1 Extreme Environments**

1. 'Human activity in desert environments cannot be managed effectively.' Discuss. [25]
2. Discuss the costs and benefits of human activity on the tundra environment. [25]

**Theme 2 Landforms and their Management****Glacial Environments**

3. Examine processes of glacial deposition and the resultant landforms. [25]
4. Discuss how human activities affect glacial environments. [25]

**Coastal Environments**

5. Examine processes of coastal deposition and the resultant landforms. [25]
6. Discuss how human activities affect coastal environments. [25]

**Theme 3 Climatic Hazards**

7. Examine the distinctive characteristics of **one or more** climatic types. [25]
8. Examine the impacts of hazards associated with high-pressure systems on human activity. [25]

*Answer one question from questions 9 to 16.*

#### **Theme 4 Development**

9. Outline and evaluate indicators used to measure development. [25]
10. 'The most important factor preventing the closure of the development gap is Third World Debt.' Discuss. [25]

#### **Theme 5 Globalisation**

11. Examine impacts of outsourcing and offshoring. [25]
12. 'Globalisation creates more opportunities than threats.' Discuss. [25]

#### **Theme 6 Emerging Asia**

##### **China**

13. Examine challenges for urban communities in China. [25]
14. 'Finding solutions to the environmental challenges facing China is difficult.' Discuss. [25]

##### **India**

15. Examine challenges for urban communities in India. [25]
16. 'Finding solutions to the environmental challenges facing India is difficult.' Discuss. [25]

**END OF PAPER**