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# ADVANCED EXTENSION AWARD

## GEOGRAPHY

### SPECIMEN PAPER

**3 HOURS to include half an hour reading time**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE HANDED TO CANDIDATES UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF HALF AN HOUR READING TIME USING THE RESOURCE PACK.**

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

In addition to this paper you will require:

- the resource pack
- a 12 page answer book

Answer questions in the separate 12 page answer book.

Ensure you have completed the top of the answer book with your centre number, name and candidate number.

Answer all questions in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**.

All questions require you to demonstrate the geographical knowledge, understanding and skills you have acquired in your A level geography studies. In **Section A** you are asked to apply your knowledge, understanding and skills to answering questions based on the resource material.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

*This paper consists of two sections.*

*You may answer the questions in any order.*

### **Section A**

*Answer all questions in this section.*

***These relate to the Resource Pack on the Three Gorges Dam.***

1. (a) Critically evaluate the decision of the Chinese Government to build The Three Gorges Dam.

[30 marks]

[Suggested time, 45 minutes]

- (b) The Board of Directors of the 'Export/Import Bank of the US' has to make a decision on whether it should provide backing for US exporters of heavy plant machinery to be used in the building of the Three Gorges Dam. It wants to base its decision on a broad view of the issue, rather than just a financial perspective.

Taking the role of geographical consultant and drawing on your own knowledge and understanding:

- (i) What recommendation would you make to the Board?  
(ii) Justify your recommendation.

[10 marks]

[Suggested time, 15 minutes]

2. The dam has necessitated the resettlement of the people of the traditional settlement of Old Yungyang.

Design a research enquiry to determine the impact of the construction of the Dam on these people. You may show your research design diagrammatically.

[20 marks]

[Suggested time, 30 minutes]

**Section B**

*Answer **one** question only in this section.*

3. Discuss the importance of extreme events to the development of landforms.

[40 marks]  
[Suggested time, 1 hour]

4. The world's population is now over 6 billion. Assess the global implications of this population level.

[40 marks]  
[Suggested time, 1 hour]

5. The planet is often currently described as the 'Fragile Earth'. To what extent is this fragility due to people?

[40 marks]  
[Suggested time, 1 hour]

