

Candidate Style Answers

GCSE Geography A

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Unit: A673 Foundation Tier

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3a ii) Is your non UK location an MEDC or an LEDC? On what evidence is your answer based? (5)	
<i>Candidate style answer</i>	<i>Examiner's commentary</i>
<i>My non UK location is Manzini in Swaziland. It is part of an LEDC. Most of the people are poor and a lot of them are farmers. The life expectancy is low and AIDS is a big problem.</i>	<p>Medium level answer.</p> <p>The candidate has identified a suitable non UK location and correctly stated that it is an LEDC, supporting this by using a number of correct basic statements.</p> <p>The answer could be improved by including greater detail/statistics about the poverty, the employment structure and the life expectancy, or other measures of quality of life.</p>

4c) For a change which is happening in either `your place` or your non UK location:	
- describe the change. (2)	
- explain why the change occurred (3)	
- describe the impacts of the change on people and the environment. (6)	
<i>Candidate style answer</i>	<i>Examiner's commentary</i>
<p><i>- On the edge of my place, Forest Town, an area of farmland has been sold to developers. A few years ago they built an ASDA superstore with a large car park. In the last year they have built a new pub next to it and a KFC.</i></p> <p><i>- The change was made because many local farmers were not making enough profit from growing crops so they sold land to make money. Developers built superstores on land at the edge of the town because it was cheaper than in the centre. The pub and KFC have been built next to ASDA because they will get lots of customers after they have been shopping.</i></p> <p><i>- There are people living in large detached houses along the road to the development. They used to have good views over the farmland, now they overlook a superstore and car park. There is much more traffic along the road so it is noisier and more dangerous for their pets and children. It is easier for them to go shopping though and they can walk home from the pub rather than driving.</i></p>	<p>High level answer. The area has been named and the change clearly and precisely described.</p> <p>High level answer. A precise explanation is given for the change, both for the sale of the land by farmers and for the development of the superstore and other services on the land.</p> <p>Medium quality answer. An excellent understanding of the impacts on the local people, both positive and negative, is shown. But there is no consideration of the impacts on the environment.</p>