



ADVANCED GCE

GEOGRAPHY A

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

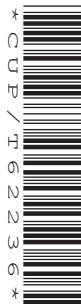
Other Materials Required:

None

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Morning

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- Where relevant, you should include sketch maps and diagrams and **make use of examples of places you have studied.**
- This is the synoptic paper. In your answers you must show **understanding of the connections between the different aspects of geography** represented in the whole of the A level specification.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **120**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.

Option 1: Geographical Aspects of the European Union

Either:

- 1 'Economic development in peripheral areas of the EU has been at the expense of the core.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]

Or:

- 2 Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies used to manage issues arising from rapid growth in **one** named region in the EU. [60]

Or:

- 3 Assess the view that the negative impacts of the Common Agricultural Policy on rural environments in the EU have outweighed the benefits. [60]

Option 2: Managing Urban Environments

Either:

- 4 'Shanty towns are areas of hope and potential rather than depressing slums.' How far do you agree with this view? [60]

Or:

- 5 'Counterurbanisation has brought more benefits than problems to urban areas in MEDCs.' Evaluate this viewpoint. [60]

Or:

- 6 Assess the effectiveness of strategies to manage air and water pollution in urban areas. [60]

Option 3: Managing Rural Environments**Either:**

- 7 'Farming is of decreasing importance in rural environments.' To what extent do you agree with this view? [60]

Or:

- 8 To what extent does sustainable forestry impact on rural environments? [60]

Or:

- 9 Assess the effectiveness of schemes to plan and manage national parks. [60]

Option 4: Hazardous Environments**Either:**

- 10 To what extent is the distribution of hazardous events a reflection of tectonic plate boundaries? [60]

Or:

- 11 To what extent can the impacts of hazards be reduced? [60]

Or:

- 12 To what extent has the growth of coastal populations increased the impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms? [60]

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