



GCE A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025 – MORNING

GEOGRAPHY – A2 unit 4

Contemporary Themes in Geography

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

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

Answer ONE question in Section A.

Answer TWO questions in Section B, ONE from each of your TWO selected themes.

(Turn over)

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.

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

(Turn over)

CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY

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

SECTION A

Answer ONE question.

THEME 1: TECTONIC HAZARDS

- 1. 'Ash falls are the most serious
volcanic hazard.' To what extent do
you agree? [20 marks]**

OR

- 2. Evaluate the relative success of
short-term and long-term responses
to the effects of earthquakes.
[20 marks]**

(Turn over)

SECTION B

Answer TWO questions, ONE only from each of your TWO selected themes.

THEME 2: ECOSYSTEMS

- 3. Evaluate the relative influence of precipitation on the structure and functioning of different ecosystems. [22 marks]**

OR

- 4. ‘Human factors exert the most significant influence on succession in local scale ecosystems.’ To what extent do you agree? [22 marks]**

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**THEME 3: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
CHALLENGE: INDIA OR CHINA OR
DEVELOPMENT IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT**

INDIA

- 5. 'Economic development in India is influenced more by political factors than the physical environment.' Discuss. [22 marks]**

OR

- 6. To what extent do the greatest environmental threats in India result from urbanisation? [22 marks]**

CHINA

- 7. 'Economic development in China is influenced more by political factors than the physical environment.' Discuss. [22 marks]**

OR

- 8. To what extent do the greatest environmental threats in China result from urbanisation? [22 marks]**

DEVELOPMENT IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT

- 9. 'Quantitative measures are the most effective way of measuring development.' With reference to selected African countries, to what extent do you agree? [22 marks]**

OR

- 10. 'Tourism is the most important economic factor influencing development.' Discuss with reference to selected African countries. [22 marks]**

(Turn over)

THEME 4: ENERGY CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS

- 11. 'Fossil fuels and alternative energy sources are both vital for a sustainable future.' Discuss.**

[22 marks]

OR

- 12. Evaluate the factors influencing energy mixes at a national scale.**

[22 marks]

(Turn over)

THEME 5: WEATHER AND CLIMATE

- 13. 'Seasonal variations in the position of the ITCZ are the most important influence on the characteristics of tropical climates.' Discuss.**
- [22 marks]**

OR

- 14. Evaluate the impacts of hazards associated with high-pressure systems. [22 marks]**

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