



**GCE A LEVEL**

**A110U30-1**



**FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025 — MORNING**

**GEOGRAPHY – A LEVEL COMPONENT 3**

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY**

**2 hours 15 minutes 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.**

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part-question; you are advised to divide your time accordingly.**

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

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## **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 'Social factors are the most important human factor influencing risk from, and vulnerability to, tectonic hazards.' Discuss. [38 marks]**

**OR**

- 2 'Both short- and longer-term responses are equally important for the effective management of tectonic hazards.' Discuss. [38 marks]**

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## **SECTION B**

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

### **THEME 2: ECOSYSTEMS**

**3 To what extent is temperature the greatest influence on the functioning of ecosystems? [45 marks]**

**OR**

**4 Evaluate the factors that decision makers need to consider when developing strategies to conserve biodiversity. [45 marks]**

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

**INDIA**

**5 ‘Government plays the dominant role in the location and development of economic activity in India.’  
Discuss. [45 marks]**

**OR**

**6 To what extent are sustainable strategies essential for the future of urban communities in India? [45 marks]**

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**CHINA**

- 7 'Government plays the dominant role in the location and development of economic activity in China.'  
Discuss. [45 marks]**

**OR**

- 8 To what extent are sustainable strategies essential for the future of urban communities in China?  
[45 marks]**

**DEVELOPMENT IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT**

- 9 'Both free and fair trade are equally important in the development of Sub-Saharan African countries.'  
Discuss. [45 marks]**

**OR**

- 10 To what extent have political factors hindered development? Discuss with reference to TWO OR MORE Sub-Saharan African countries. [45 marks]**

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**THEME 4: ENERGY CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS**

- 11 To what extent is the uneven distribution of oil and gas reserves the main challenge to their effective management? [45 marks]**

**OR**

- 12 'Alternative energy sources are completely sustainable.' Discuss. [45 marks]**

**THEME 5: WEATHER AND CLIMATE**

- 13 Evaluate the view that impacts of hazards associated with low-pressure systems are increasingly difficult to manage. [45 marks]**

**OR**

- 14 To what extent do all urban areas create distinctive local climates? [45 marks]**

**END OF PAPER**