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Paper 2 Core Human Geography

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed) Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer four questions in total:
 Section A: answer all questions.
 Section B: answer one question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

LICs = low income countries. MICs = middle income countries. HICs = high income countries.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. All questions carry 10 marks.

Population

- 1 Table 1.1 shows mothers' mean age at the birth of their first child for selected countries in 2016.
 - (a) (i) Calculate the overall mean for the LICs/MICs shown in Table 1.1. [1]
 - (ii) State the difference between the overall mean for HICs and the overall mean for LICs/ MICs shown in Table 1.1. [1]
 - (b) Suggest two reasons for the difference in the mean age of mothers at the birth of their first child between HICs and LICs/MICs. [3]

(c) Explain why birth rates are decreasing in many MICs. [5]

Migration

- **2** Fig. 2.1 shows destination countries for Syrian refugees in 2017.
 - (a) Describe the distribution of Syrian refugees shown in Fig. 2.1. [3]
 - (b) Suggest two reasons for the distribution of Syrian refugees shown in Fig. 2.1. [3]
 - (c) Explain how the physical environment can act as an obstacle to international migration. [4]

Settlement dynamics

- **3** Fig. 3.1 shows the number of selected retail outlets in the central business district (CBD) of an urban area in the UK, an HIC, in 2000 and 2017.
 - (a) Calculate the change in the number of retail outlets between 2000 and 2017 shown in Fig. 3.1.
 Show your working.
 - (b) Suggest two reasons for the changes in the types of selected retail outlets shown in Fig. 3.1. [4]
 - (c) Explain the challenges caused by the changing central business district (CBD). [4]

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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. All questions carry 30 marks.

Population

4	For your case study of one country's population policy:			
	(a) outline the difficulties that led to the policy	[7]		
	(b) explain the attempted solution(s) to these difficulties	[8]		
	(c) evaluate the success of the country's population policy.	[15]		

Migration

5	(a)	Contrast the features of voluntary and forced (involuntary) international migration movements	
	(b)	With the aid of examples, explain the causes of economic migration.	[8]
	(c)	'It is the number of refugees that causes the greatest problem for receiving/destination areas	
		With the aid of examples, how far do you agree?	[15]

Population/Migration/Settlement dynamics

6	(a)	Explain why the population of some rural settlements in HICs is decreasing.	[7]
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- (b) Suggest why the provision of services may be difficult in many rural settlements in LICs. [8]
- (c) With the aid of examples, evaluate the extent to which improvements in transport and communications may make rural settlements more attractive for urban–rural migrants. [15]

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