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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.

This document has 4 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. All questions are worth 10 marks.

Population

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows the birth rate and death rate for selected countries from 1990 to 2019.
- (a) Using Fig. 1.1:
- (i) name the country with a negative natural increase in 2019 [1]
 - (ii) compare the changes in birth rates and death rates for Nepal with the changes for Tanzania. [3]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons why birth rates are high in some countries. [2]
- (c) Explain the issues in managing a youthful population structure. [4]

Migration/Settlement dynamics

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows internal migration in Canada, an HIC in North America, 2015–19.
- (a) Describe the pattern of internal migration shown in Fig. 2.1. [4]
 - (b) Suggest **two push** reasons for rural depopulation in LICs/MICs. [3]
 - (c) Explain why some rural areas may have an increasing population. [3]

Settlement dynamics

- 3 Fig. 3.1 is a pair of photographs which show urban renewal in Tbilisi, Georgia, an MIC in Europe/Asia.
- (a) Using Fig. 3.1, describe the evidence for urban renewal. [4]
 - (b) Suggest **two** benefits for the local economy of the changes shown in Fig. 3.1. [2]
 - (c) Explain the disadvantages of urban renewal for the inhabitants of an area. [4]

Section B

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

Population

- 4 (a) Describe the role of constraints in relation to sustaining a population. [7]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain how technology and innovation can increase food production in HICs. [8]
- (c) With the aid of examples, assess the extent to which economic development leads to changes in infant mortality. [15]

Migration

- 5 (a) (i) Define the term *economic migrant*. [3]
- (ii) Explain **two** negative impacts on the source area of the loss of economic migrants. [4]
- (b) Using a case study, explain the causes of **one** international migration stream. [8]
- (c) For your case study in (b), assess the extent to which the impacts on the receiving/destination areas were positive. [15]

Settlement dynamics

- 6 (a) Describe how the concept of bid rent results in the functional zonation of land use in urban areas. [7]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain the issues in the provision of services in rural settlements. [8]
- (c) 'The consequences of urban growth on rural settlements are mostly negative.'
- With the aid of examples, how far do you agree with this statement? [15]

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