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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
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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 are worth 10 marks.

Population/Migration

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows natural increase for selected countries from 1980 to 2020.
- (a) Using Fig. 1.1:
- (i) state the year when the natural increase for Finland was zero [1]
 - (ii) compare the main changes in natural increase for Kenya and for Niger from 1980 to 2020. [3]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons why natural increase may be declining in a country. [2]
- (c) Explain **two** difficulties for a government in managing an ageing population structure. [4]

Population/Migration

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows net internal migration in Italy, an HIC in Europe, in 2017.
- (a) Describe the pattern of net internal migration shown in Fig. 2.1. [4]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons why some areas of a country may have a **negative** net migration balance. [2]
- (c) Explain the impact of **positive** net migration on the population structure in receiving/destination areas. [4]

Settlement dynamics

- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows land values in the city of Richmond, Virginia, USA, an HIC in North America, in 2018.
- (a) Describe the pattern of land values shown in Fig. 3.1. [3]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons for the pattern of land values shown in Fig. 3.1. [3]
- (c) Explain the **concept** of bid rent. [4]

Section B

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

Population

- 4 (a) (i) Define the term *infant mortality rate*. [3]
- (ii) Outline **two** factors which may lead to a reduction of infant mortality rate in an area. [4]
- (b) For your case study of **one** country's population policy, explain why there was a need to manage natural increase. [8]
- (c) For your case study in (b), assess the success of the attempts to manage natural increase. [15]

Migration

- 5 (a) Compare the processes of chain migration and stepped migration. [7]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain the advantages of international economic migration for receiving/destination areas. [8]
- (c) 'Age has a major impact on the patterns of migration.'
- With the aid of examples, how far do you agree with this statement? [15]

Settlement dynamics

- 6 (a) (i) Define the term *counterurbanisation*. [3]
- (ii) Describe **two** problems for urban areas caused by counterurbanisation. [4]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain why the provision of services is an issue in rural settlements in HICs. [8]
- (c) 'Activities within urban areas are constantly changing in location.'
- With the aid of examples, how far do you agree with this statement? [15]

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