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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit F761: Managing Physical Environments

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Question		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
Section	n A		·	
1 (a)	Study Fig. 1, a photograph of part of the valley of the River Rhine in Germany.			
	(i) Identify four different types of human activities shown in Fig. 1.	Indicative content: Categories include - transportation agriculture/farming recreation/leisure tourism residential/housing conservation  Point mark	[4]	Credit any valid, evident <b>activity</b> , not features alone.  Example <b>activity</b> eg viticulture =1 Valid example activities alone can be credited up to 4. But example <b>feature</b> eg vineyard = 0  Credit can be given for different activities within the same category. Category eg transport(ation) = 1 for each Category plus one example activity eg transport by road = 1 Category plus two distinctly different example activities eg transport by road, and water = 2 Category plus three distinctly different example activities eg transport by road, rail and water = 3. Answer may be in list form.

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Qu	estio	n		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
		(ii)	Suggest two reasons why there is such a range of human activities in this area.	Indicative content: river/valley provides natural routeway, attractive scenery and history attract tourists, fertile soil/south-facing slopes ideal for viticulture, climate, flat land and water supply access for settlement, flat/calm flow of river.	[6]	One explained well and one other with a stated link = 4+1. One explained well and one other with partial explanation = 4+2.
				Level 2: Suggests two valid reasons. Causal links clearly explained. Good use of technical language. (5 – 6 marks)		Range must be explicitly addressed for max. 6.
				Level 1: Suggests at least one valid reason. Links may be stated rather than explained. Gaps in technical language. One explained well may reach the top of this level.  (0 – 4 marks)		
	(b)		Outline two effects of sea-level change on the development of fluvial landforms.	Indicative content: Submergence due to a rise leading to estuaries, rias. Emergence due to a fall leading to waterfall, knick point, terraces. Effect on rate/location of erosion/deposition also acceptable.	[6]	Accept answers referring to economic development, although these may be self-limiting.
				Level 2: Outlines two effects on landforms with explicit links to direction of sea level change.  (5 – 6 marks)		One outlined well and one other with a stated link = 4+1. One outlined well and one other with partial outlining = 4+2.
				<b>Level 1:</b> Identifies at least one effect but links to sea level change are implicit and landforms may not be named. Or may focus on changes to process(es) without linking to landforms.		F-3
				One outlined well may reach the top of this level.  (0 – 4 marks)		

Qι	estior	1	Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(c)	With reference to one or more river basins, examine the economic impacts of flooding.	Indicative content: Impacts include costs of rebuilding damaged property/transport links, disruption to trade and transport, loss of business to industries, cost of insurance claims, loss of employment if businesses close or tourism declines, cost of building flood defences. May also have positive impacts, such as deposition of sediment on floodplains increasing soil fertility and crop yields for market.  Level 3: Uses a clearly identified example to	[9]	Impact of floodwater explicit.
			explain the range of economic impacts. Cause-effect links are stated and clearly explained. Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology.  (8 – 9 marks)		Clearly explained links eg floods cause damage to bridges, which may then collapse. This disrupts transportation of goods and raw materials for local businesses.
			Level 2: Gives a clearly identified example and explains at least two economic impacts. Cause-effect links are stated but explanation may not be clear. Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology.  (5 – 7 marks)		Impact of floodwater may be implicit. Links stated eg flood disrupts transportation for local businesses.
			Level 1: Limited or no example. Descriptive observations of economic impact(s) may be little or no reference to cause-effect links. Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology.		No links established eg local businesses lose trade.
			If no located example then top of Level 1 Max. (0 – 4 marks)		
			Total	[25]	

Qı	Question			Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
2	(a)	Study Fig. 2, a photograph showing the coastline at Budleigh Salterton, Devon.				
		(i)	Identify four different types of human activities shown in Fig. 2.	Indicative content: Categories include - transportation agriculture/farming recreation/leisure tourism residential/housing conservation  Point mark	[4]	Credit any valid, evident <b>activity</b> , not features alone.  Example <b>activity</b> eg housing =1  Valid example activities alone can be credited up to 4.  But example <b>feature</b> eg houses = 0  Credit can be given for different activities within the same category.  Category eg recreation = 1 for each Category plus one example activity eg recreation walking/sitting = 1  Category plus two distinctly different example activities eg recreation walking/sitting and boating = 2  Category plus three distinctly different example activities eg recreation walking/sitting, boating and playing on beach = 3  Answer may be in list form.

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Question			Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(ii)	Suggest two reasons why there is such a range of human activities in this area.	Indicative content: Attractive scenery, access to water, lower/flatter land, wide beach, climate, available resource eg fish, sheltered location.	[6]	One explained well and one other with a stated link = 4+1. One explained well and one other with partial explanation = 4+2.
			Level 2: Suggests two reasons. Causal links clearly explained. Good use of technical language. (5 – 6 marks)		Range must be explicitly addressed for max 6.
			<b>Level 1:</b> Suggests at least one reason. Links may be stated rather than explained. Gaps in technical language.		
			One explained well may reach the top of this level. (0 – 4 marks)		
(b)		Outline two effects of sea-level change on the development of coastal landforms.	Indicative content: Submergence due to a rise leading to rias, fjords. Emergence due to a fall leading to raised beaches, abandoned/relict cliffs. Effect on rate/location of erosion/deposition also acceptable. Delta development also relevant in terms of changing relationship between marine and fluvial processes.	[6]	Accept answers referring to economic development, although these may be so limiting.  One outlined well and one other with a stated link = 4+1.  One outlined well and one other with partial outlining = 4+2.
			Level 2: Outlines two effects on landforms with explicit links to direction of sea level change.  (5 – 6 marks)		Two different landforms are required fo Level 2.
			Level 1: Identifies at least one effect on landform(s) but links to sea level change are implicit. Or may focus on changes to process(es) without linking to landforms.		
			One outlined well may reach the top of this level.  (0 – 4 marks)		

Qı	estio	n	Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(c)	With reference to one or more coastal areas, examine the need for protection from natural processes.	Indicative content: Protection may be needed due to high energy of waves leading to potentially high erosion rates, frequent oblique waves leading to significant longshore drift, weak geology prone to erosion, high value of land/levels of economic activity, rare/fragile ecosystems, rising sea level. Likely to be a combination of reasons.	[9]	
			Level 3: Uses a clearly identified example to explain why protection is needed. Cause-effect links are stated and clearly explained. May comment on the combination of reasons or refer to cost/benefit analysis. Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology. (8 – 9 marks)		Clear links to examine need eg businesses on the cliff top in need of protection from erosion and collapse to prevent loss of jobs/trade.
			Level 2: Gives a clearly identified example and explains why protection is needed. Cause-effect links are stated but explanation may not be clear. Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology.  (5 – 7 marks)		Links stated eg businesses on the cliff top that need protection from erosion and collapse
			Level 1: Limited or no example. Descriptive observations of reason(s). There may be little or no reference to cause-effect links. Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology.  If no located example then top of Level 1 Max.		No links established eg there are businesses on the cliff top. May focus on management methods rather than need.
			(0 – 4 marks)	[25]	
			Total	[25]	

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Q	uestio	n		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
3	(a)	Study Fig. 3, a rose diagram showing the orientation of cirques in an area of the Lake District.				
		(i)	Describe the pattern of cirque orientation shown in Fig. 3.	Indicative content: Uneven, mainly orientated north/north-east, some recorded in each direction.  Level 2: Clear identification of general pattern. Uses data from diagram. Recognises variation. (3 – 4 marks)  Level 1: Identifies at least one element of the pattern. May not use data as evidence. (0 – 2 marks)	[4]	Credit answers referring to location rather than orientation.
		(ii)	Explain how two natural processes influence cirque formation.	Indicative content: Processes include accumulation/diagenesis, erosion (plucking/quarrying, abrasion), nivation, rotational movement, mass movement (rockfalls) and weathering (freeze-thaw), deposition (to form lip).  Level 2: Accurate explanation of two processes with specific mechanisms likely to be addressed. Makes effective links to the landform.  (5 – 6 marks)	[6]	One explained well and one other with a stated link = 4+1. One explained well and one other with partial explanation = 4+2.
				Level 1: Basic explanation with process(es) dealt with at a generic level. Unlikely to be linked to the landform.  One explained well may reach the top of this level.  (0 – 4 marks)		Credit for named generic process only if linked to mechanism or landform.

Qı	Question		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(b)	Describe the climatic characteristics of a cold environment.	Indicative content: Data depends on type of cold environment chosen. Characteristics may include low temperature regime, although may have seasonal variation. Annual precipitation, mainly as snowfall (amount depends on location). Other relevant characteristics may include winds, low evaporation rates, high pressure.	[6]	Different types acceptable eg high altitude, high latitude, periglacial but description must be linked to type in that case.
			<b>Level 2:</b> Accurate description of a range of climatic characteristics. Appropriate approximate data used as evidence. (5 – 6 marks)		Temperature max/min and total ppt likely.
			Level 1: Valid description of climatic characteristic(s). Data, if used, likely to be inaccurate or inappropriate. (0 – 4 marks)		May only offer temperature. Do not credit low temperature, cold or sub-zero unless clarified in terms of extent or timing.

Que	estion		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(c)	With reference to one or more located examples, show how cold environments provide economic opportunities.	Indicative content: Opportunities include resource exploitation, agriculture, recreation and tourism. The potential availability of these opportunities depends on the local conditions.  Level 3: Uses a clearly identified example to show how the environment provides economic opportunities. Cause-effect links are stated and clearly explained. Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology.  (8 – 9 marks)	[9]	Clearly explained links to economy eg high, steep mountains provide beautiful scenery which attracts tourists who create a demand for tertiary employment in hotels leading to a multiplier effect.
			Level 2: Gives a clearly identified example with description of characteristics provided. At least one opportunity identified. Cause-effect links are stated but explanation many not be clear. Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology. (5 – 7 marks)		Stated links eg high, steep mountains provide beautiful scenery which attracts tourists. Or Cold environments are used for ski-ing which creates a demand for tertiary employment in hotels leading to a multiplier effect.
			Level 1: Limited or no example. Descriptive statement(s) about environment OR opportunities. There may be little or no reference to cause-effect links. Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology.  If no located example then top of Level 1 Max. Max 2 marks for generic list. (0 – 4 marks)		No links established eg high, steep mountains, beautiful scenery Or Lots of people use the environment for ski-ing, walking, climbing Or Tourism provides jobs/money.
			Total	[25]	

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Qι	ıestio	n		Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
4	4 (a) Study Fig. 4, a triangular graph showing the relative importance of factors influencing sand dune formation.		oh showing the relative ortance of factors lencing sand dune			
		(i)	Using Fig. 4, describe the relative importance of the factors influencing the formation of longitudinal dunes.	Indicative content: strong winds most important (min 65), low level of sand supply (max 35), low level of vegetation cover (max 30).  Level 2: Accurate description of the relative importance of each factor. Some quantification provided.  (3 – 4 marks)  Level 1: Basic description of factor(s) in terms of value or importance.  (0 – 2 marks)		Two factors accurately described in terms of value and relative importance = 3 marks.  One factor accurately described in terms of value and importance = 2 marks
		(ii)	Explain how two natural processes influence sand dune formation.	Indicative content: Transportation of sand grains by aeolian processes such as saltation, suspension and traction. Deposition of grains when energy is lost, possibly due to increased surface friction or soft surface. Initial weathering/erosion/entrainment of sand particles. Role of stabilisation by vegetation. Movement of particles down the face.  Level 2: Accurate explanation of two processes with specific mechanisms likely to be addressed. Makes effective links to the landform.  (5 – 6 marks)	[6]	One explained well and one other with a stated link = 4+1. One explained well and one other with partial explanation = 4+2.
				Level 1: Basic explanation with process(es) dealt with at a generic level. Unlikely to be linked to the landform.  One explained well may reach the top of this level.  (0 – 4 marks)		Credit for named generic process only if linked to mechanism or landform.

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Question	on Expected Answer M		Marks	Rationale
(b)	Describe the climatic characteristics of a hot arid/semi-arid environment.	Indicative content: Key characteristics are temperature regime and low annual precipitation. Other relevant characteristics may include strong winds, high evaporation rates, high diurnal range, sand storms, convectional storms, unreliable rainfall. Data depends on type of environment chosen.	[6]	May refer to arid or semi-arid but description must be linked to type in that case.
		Level 2: Accurate description of a range of climatic characteristics. Appropriate approximate data used as evidence. (5 – 6 marks)		Temperature max/min and total ppt likely.
		Level 1: Valid description of climatic characteristics. Data, if used, likely to be inaccurate or inappropriate. (0 – 4 marks)		May only offer temperature.  Do not credit high temperature or dry unless clarified in terms of extent or timing.

Qι	estion	1	Expected Answer	Marks	Rationale
	(c)	With reference to one or more located examples, show how hot arid/semi-arid environments provide economic opportunities.	Indicative content: Opportunities include resource exploitation, agriculture, recreation and tourism, film industry. Presence of water (oases or exogenic rivers) may be relevant. The potential availability of these opportunities depends on the local conditions.  Level 3: Uses a clearly identified example to show how the environment provides economic opportunities. Cause-effect links are stated and clearly explained. Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology.  (8 – 9 marks)	[9]	Clearly explained links to economy eg deep canyons provide beautiful scenery which attracts tourists who create a demand for tertiary employment in hotels leading to a multiplier effect.
			Level 2: Gives a clearly identified example with description of characteristics provided. At least one opportunity identified. Cause-effect links are stated but explanation may not be clear. Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographic terminology. (5 – 7 marks)		Stated links eg canyons provide beautiful scenery which attracts tourists. Or Arid environments attract tourists which creates a demand for tertiary employment in hotels leading to a multiplier effect.
			Level 1: Limited or no example. Descriptive statement(s) about environment OR opportunities. There may be little or no reference to cause-effect links. Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology.		No links established eg canyons provide beautiful scenery which tourists come to see Or Lots of people use the environment for walking, climbing, off-roading.
			If no located example then top of Level 1 Max.  Max 2 marks for generic list. (0 – 4 marks)		
			Total	[25]	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
Section B			
With reference to one or more located examples, examine the management challenges associated with the developmen of river landscapes.	Indicative content: Management may refer to flooding, conflicting land uses/human activities, development issues. Challenges may arise from the increasing density of population, difficulties of quantifying social and environmental costs/benefits, urbanisation, international rivers and conflicts between human uses, possibly upstream/downstream. Management needs to be careful and balance socio-economic and environmental needs if it is to be sustainable.	[25]	Reference could be made to locations not immediately adjacent to a river.
	AO1 Knowledge and understanding		
	Level 3: Detailed knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing management. Cause-effect links are clearly explained. There is effective use of detailed exemplification of management challenges. (11 – 13 marks)  Level 2: Some knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing management. Cause-effect links are stated but not clearly explained. There is		
	use of exemplification of management challenges.  (7 – 10 marks)		
	Level 1: Limited knowledge and understanding of challenges and management. Cause-effect links are limited or absent. There is limited exemplification of management challenges.		The focus may be on management strategies.
	If no located example then top of Level 1 Max. (0 – 6 marks)		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
	AO2 Analysis and application		
	Level 3: Clear analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (5 marks)		Explicit references to development.
	Level 2: Some analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (3 – 4 marks)		Implicit references to development.
	Level 1: Limited analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (0 – 2 marks)		No reference to development.
	AO3 Skills and communication		
	Level 3: Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology. Clear conclusion(s) are drawn.  (6 – 7 marks)		
	Level 2: Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology.  Conclusion(s) are attempted. (4 – 5 marks)		
	Level 1: Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology. No conclusion(s) are attempted. (0 – 3 marks)		
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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
With reference to one or more located examples, examine the management challenges associated with the development of coastal areas.	Indicative content: Management may refer to coastal protection, conflicting land uses/human activities, development issues. Challenges may arise from the increasing density of population, urbanisation, growth of tourism, difficulties of quantifying social and environmental costs/benefits, international coastlines and conflicts between human uses, possibly updrift/downdrift. Rising sea level and increased wave erosion may also be considered. Management needs to be careful and balance socio-economic and environmental needs if it is to be sustainable.  AO1 Knowledge and understanding  Level 3: Detailed knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing management. Cause-effect links are clearly explained. There is effective use of detailed exemplification of management challenges. (11 – 13 marks)  Level 2: Some knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing management. Cause-effect links are stated but not clearly explained. There is use of exemplification of management challenges. (7 – 10 marks)	[25]	Reference could be made to locations not immediately adjacent to a coastline. Some challenges may arise from development of coastal defences.
	Level 1: Limited knowledge and understanding of challenges and management. Cause-effect links are limited or absent. There is limited exemplification of management challenges.		The focus may be on management strategies.
	If no located example then top of Level 1 Max. (0 – 6 marks)		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
	AO2 Analysis and application		
	Level 3: Clear analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (5 marks)		Explicit references to development.
	Level 2: Some analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (3 – 4 marks)		Implicit references to development.
	Level 1: Limited analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of how and why development causes management challenges.  (0 – 2 marks)		No reference to development.
	AO3 Skills and communication		
	Level 3: Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology. Clear conclusion(s) are drawn.  (6 – 7 marks)		
	Level 2: Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology.  Conclusion(s) are attempted. (4 – 5 marks)		
	Level 1: Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology. No conclusion(s) are attempted. (0 – 3 marks)		
	Total	[25]	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
With reference to located examples, examine strategies to manage cold environments sustainably.	Indicative content: Management should balance socio-economic and environmental needs. Careful management is required to ensure sustainability. The fragility of cold environments needs to be considered. Cold environments do provide opportunities for development and these need to be managed. Sustainable tourism in locations such as Antarctica and Nepal may provide good exemplification, as can sustainable management of resource exploitation in Alaska.  AO1 Knowledge and understanding  Level 3: Detailed knowledge and understanding of the concept of sustainability and the management strategies that can be used. Cause-effect links are clearly explained. There is effective use of detailed exemplification to provide evidence of sustainable management strategies.  (11 – 13 marks)  Level 2: Some knowledge and understanding of the concept of sustainability and the management strategies that can be used. Cause-effect links are stated but not clearly explained. There is use of exemplification to provide some evidence of sustainable management strategies.  (7 – 10 marks)  Level 1: Limited knowledge and understanding of the concept of sustainability and the management strategies that can be used. Cause-effect links are limited or absent. There is limited evidence of sustainable management strategies.	[25]	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
	AO2 Analysis and application		
	Level 3: Clear analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. (5 marks)		Explicit references to how the management is sustainable.
	Level 2: Some analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. (3 – 4 marks)		Implicit references to how the management is sustainable.
	Level 1: Limited analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. (0 – 2 marks)		Lacks references to how the management is sustainable.
	AO3 Skills and communication		
	Level 3: Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology. Clear conclusion(s) are drawn.  (6 – 7 marks)		
	Level 2: Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology. Conclusion(s) are attempted. (4 – 5 marks)		
	Level 1: Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology. No conclusion(s) are attempted. (0 – 3 marks)		
	Total	[25]	

Question Expe	ected Answer	Mark	Rationale
With reference to located examples, examine strategies to manage hot arid/semi-arid environments sustainably.  AO1  Leve conditions that clear exeminants  Leve conditions that state exeminants  Leve conditions tha	rative content: Management should balance socionomic and environmental needs. Careful agement is required to ensure sustainability. The lity of hot arid/semi-arid environments needs to be sidered. Hot arid/semi-arid environments needs to be sidered. Hot arid/semi-arid environments do ide opportunities for development and these need e managed. Sustainable tourism in locations such rches NP and Uluru may provide good inplification, as can sustainable management of urce exploitation in Saudi Arabia.  Knowledge and understanding  13: Detailed knowledge and understanding of the rept of sustainability and the management egies that can be used. Cause-effect links are rely explained. There is effective use of detailed inplification to provide evidence of sustainable agement strategies.  11 - 13 marks)  12: Some knowledge and understanding of the rept of sustainability and the management egies that can be used. Cause-effect links are red but not clearly explained. There is use of inplification to provide some evidence of aninable management strategies.  12: Limited knowledge and understanding of the rept of sustainability and the management egies that can be used. Cause-effect links are red or absent. There is limited evidence of aninable management strategies.  13: Limited knowledge and understanding of the rept of sustainability and the management egies that can be used. Cause-effect links are red or absent. There is limited evidence of aninable management strategies.	[25]	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
	AO2 Analysis and application		
	Level 3: Clear analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. (5 marks)		Explicit references to how the management is sustainable.
	<b>Level 2:</b> Some analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. (3 – 4 marks)		Implicit references to how the management is sustainable.
	<b>Level 1:</b> Limited analysis and application of knowledge and understanding of sustainable management strategies. <b>(0 – 2 marks)</b>		Lacks references to how the management is sustainable.
	AO3 Skills and communication		
	Level 3: Answer is well structured with accurate grammar and spelling. Good use of appropriate geographical terminology. Clear conclusion(s) are drawn.  (6 – 7 marks)		
	Level 2: Answer has sound structure but may have some errors in grammar and spelling. Some use of appropriate geographical terminology.  Conclusion(s) are attempted. (4 – 5 marks)		
	Level 1: Answer has little structure and has some errors in grammar and spelling. Little use of appropriate geographical terminology. No conclusion(s) are attempted. (0 – 3 marks)		
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