



GCE A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025 – MORNING

GEOGRAPHY – A level component 3

Contemporary Themes in Geography

2 hours 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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.

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]

OR

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

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]

OR

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

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]

OR

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

China

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

OR

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

Development in an African Context

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

OR

10. To what extent have political factors hindered development? Discuss with reference to **two or more** Sub-Saharan African countries. [45]

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]

OR

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

Theme 5: Weather and Climate

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

OR

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

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