



A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

COMPONENT 3

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN
GEOGRAPHY**

SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

2 hours 15 minutes



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need **one** 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question in Section A.

Answer **two** questions in Section B, **one** from each of your **two** selected themes.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.

This paper requires that you make the fullest possible use of appropriate examples and specialised concepts to support your answers. Sketch maps and diagrams should be included where relevant.

Component 3: 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. 'Volcanic activity results in only local hazards'. Discuss. [38]

OR

2. 'The economic impacts of earthquake activity are always greater than the social impacts'. Discuss. [38]

Section B

*Answer **two** questions, **one** only from each of your two selected themes.*

Theme 2: Ecosystems

3. Assess the significance of climate in influencing the nutrient cycle. Use **two** biomes to support your answer. [45]

OR

4. To what extent is the conservation of biodiversity achievable? [45]

Theme 3: Economic Growth and Challenge: India or China or Development in an African Context

India

5. 'India's natural resource base provides more opportunities than constraints for economic development'. Discuss. [45]

OR

6. Assess the importance of India's political and economic influence in the wider world. [45]

China

7. 'China's natural resource base provides more opportunities than constraints for economic development'. Discuss. [45]

OR

8. Assess the importance of China's political and economic influence in the wider world. [45]

Development in an African Context

9. 'Political factors hinder rather than promote development'. With reference to two or more Sub-Saharan African countries to what extent do you agree? [45]

OR

10. Evaluate the success of strategies used to promote development in selected Sub-Saharan African countries. [45]

Theme 4: Energy Challenges and Dilemmas

11. 'The environmental problems associated with fossil fuels are greater than political ones'. To what extent do you agree? [45]

OR

12. Discuss the view that a country's energy mix is mainly determined by its level of development. [45]

Theme 5: Weather and Climate

13. To what extent can the destructive effects of low-pressure systems be minimised? [45]

OR

14. To what extent do large cities affect local climates? [45]