



GCE A level

1203/01-A

New A2

GEOGRAPHY

**G3 – CONTEMPORARY THEMES AND
RESEARCH IN GEOGRAPHY**

SECTION A

CONTEMPORARY THEMES

A.M. TUESDAY, 26 January 2010

1½ hours

**Section B will be given out when Section A is completed
and collected in after 1½ hours.**

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** from **each of the two** selected themes.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

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

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will assess your ability to draw on your understanding of the connections between the different aspects of the subject represented in the geography specification.

THIS PAPER REQUIRES THAT YOU MAKE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF EXAMPLES IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWERS. SKETCH-MAPS AND DIAGRAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WHERE RELEVANT.

SECTION A: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY

Answer two questions, one from each of the two selected themes.

Make the fullest possible use of examples in support of your answers.

Answer one question from Questions 1 to 8.

Theme 1 Extreme Environments

1. Examine the characteristics of the arctic and alpine tundra environment that make it extreme. [25]
2. Assess the effectiveness of strategies used to manage human activities in desert environments. [25]

Theme 2 Landforms and their Management**Glacial Environments**

3. Examine the role of erosional processes in the development of glacial landforms. [25]
4. Examine how human activities are influenced by glacial environments. [25]

Coastal Environments

5. Examine the role of erosional processes in the development of coastal landforms. [25]
6. Examine how human activities are influenced by coastal environments. [25]

Theme 3 Climatic Hazards

7. Account for the distinctive characteristics of **one** climatic type chosen from **either** a tropical **or** a temperate region. [25]
8. Assess the success of strategies used to reduce the impact of either low-pressure or high-pressure climatic hazards. [25]

Answer **one** question from Questions 9 to 16.

Theme 4 Development

9. Account for the uneven nature of world development. [25]
10. Assess the effectiveness of attempts to close the *development gap*. [25]

Theme 5 Globalisation

11. Examine the factors responsible for globalisation. [25]
12. Examine the causes and effects of political and cultural globalisation. [25]

Theme 6 Emerging Asia

China

13. Examine the factors responsible for recent changes in China's economy. [25]
14. Discuss the economic and social challenges facing **urban** communities in China. [25]

India

15. Examine the factors responsible for recent changes in India's economy. [25]
16. Discuss the economic and social challenges facing **urban** communities in India. [25]