



**GCE A level**

1203/01-A

**GEOGRAPHY**

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

**SECTION A**

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES**

P.M. TUESDAY, 14 June 2011

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 a 12 page answer book.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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. 'The impact of human activity on the desert environment is always negative'. Discuss. [25]
2. Examine the factors that make the tundra an extreme environment. [25]

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

3. Examine the effects of deglaciation on the landscape. [25]
4. Examine how glacial processes and landforms impact on human activity. [25]

**Coastal Environments**

5. Examine the role of geology in the development of coastal landforms. [25]
6. Examine how coastal processes and landforms impact on human activity. [25]

**Theme 3 Climatic Hazards**

7. Explain the formation of low-pressure systems in **either** a tropical **or** temperate region. [25]
8. Discuss the effects on human activity of hazards associated with high-pressure systems. [25]

*Answer one question from Questions 9 to 16.*

#### **Theme 4 Development**

9. Assess the advantages and disadvantages of different measures of development. [25]
10. 'Strategies for reducing the development gap are not always effective.' Discuss. [25]

#### **Theme 5 Globalisation**

11. Discuss the main factors responsible for globalisation. [25]
12. Assess the costs and benefits of the global shift in the service sector. [25]

#### **Theme 6 Emerging Asia**

##### **China**

13. Describe and account for the increasing inequalities between rural and urban areas in China. [25]
14. Discuss the sustainability of rural communities in China. [25]

##### **India**

15. Describe and account for the increasing inequalities within urban areas in India. [25]
16. Discuss the sustainability of rural communities in India. [25]