



**GCE A level**

1203/01

**GEOGRAPHY – G3**

**Contemporary Themes And Research in Geography**

**SECTION A**

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES**

P.M. FRIDAY, 7 June 2013

1 ½ hours

**Answer books for Section A will be collected in after 1½ hours. Section B Research will then be given out.**

#### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

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

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from questions 1 to 8 and **one** question from questions 9 to 16.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the front page of the 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** question from questions 1 to 8 and **one** question from questions 9 to 16.

*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. Assess the threats to the desert environment posed by human activity. [25]
2. Examine the characteristics of the tundra environment that make it extreme. [25]

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

3. Examine the processes responsible for the production of **one or more** glacial landforms. [25]
4. Explain why glacial environments are important. [25]

**Coastal Environments**

5. Examine the processes responsible for the production of **one or more** coastal landforms. [25]
6. Explain why coastal environments need to be managed. [25]

**Theme 3 Climatic Hazards**

7. Describe seasonal variations in climate and explain why they occur. [25]
8. Discuss the inter-relationships between human activity and climate. [25]

*Answer one question from questions 9 to 16.*

**Theme 4 Development**

9. Assess different indicators used to measure development. [25]
10. Discuss the effectiveness of attempts to reduce the development gap. [25]

**Theme 5 Globalisation**

11. Examine the factors responsible for economic globalisation. [25]
12. Assess the costs and benefits of the global shift. [25]

**Theme 6 Emerging Asia**

**China**

13. 'Rural communities in China are not sustainable.' Discuss. [25]
14. Examine the effects of globalisation on China. [25]

**India**

15. 'The major challenge facing rural communities in India is hunger.' Discuss. [25]
16. Examine the effects of globalisation on India. [25]