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GEOGRAPHY – A2 unit 4
Contemporary Themes in Geography

2 hours

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.

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.

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. 'Ash falls are the most serious volcanic hazard.' To what extent do you agree? [20]

OR

2. Evaluate the relative success of short-term and long-term responses to the effects of earthquakes. [20]

Section B

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

Theme 2: Ecosystems

3. Evaluate the relative influence of precipitation on the structure and functioning of different ecosystems. [22]

OR

4. 'Human factors exert the most significant influence on succession in local scale ecosystems.' To what extent do you agree? [22]

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

India

5. 'Economic development in India is influenced more by political factors than the physical environment.' Discuss. [22]

OR

6. To what extent do the greatest environmental threats in India result from urbanisation? [22]

China

7. 'Economic development in China is influenced more by political factors than the physical environment.' Discuss. [22]

OR

8. To what extent do the greatest environmental threats in China result from urbanisation? [22]

Development in an African Context

9. 'Quantitative measures are the most effective way of measuring development.' With reference to selected African countries, to what extent do you agree? [22]

OR

10. 'Tourism is the most important economic factor influencing development.' Discuss with reference to selected African countries. [22]

Theme 4: Energy Challenges and Dilemmas

11. 'Fossil fuels and alternative energy sources are both vital for a sustainable future.' Discuss. [22]

OR

12. Evaluate the factors influencing energy mixes at a national scale. [22]

Theme 5: Weather and Climate

13. 'Seasonal variations in the position of the ITCZ are the most important influence on the characteristics of tropical climates.' Discuss. [22]

OR

14. Evaluate the impacts of hazards associated with high-pressure systems. [22]

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