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Paper 4 Advanced Human Geography Options

For examination from 2020

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
Answer questions from **two** options.
For **each** option, follow the instructions inside on which questions to answer.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.
- You should make reference to appropriate examples studied in the field or the classroom, even where such examples are not specifically requested by the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

LICs = low income countries.

MICs = middle income countries.

HICs = high income countries.

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Answer questions from **two** different options.

Production, location and change

If answering this option, answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 1 Fig. 1 shows models of two agricultural systems.
 - (a) Compare the systems shown in Figs. 1.1 and 1.2. [4]
 - (b) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of extensive subsistence farming. [6]
- 2 With reference to one or more examples, evaluate the role of the government in promoting agricultural change. [20]
- 3 How far do you agree that the informal sector of manufacturing and services has an important part to play in the economy of LICs/MICs? [20]

Environmental management

If answering this option, answer Question 4 and **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 4 Fig. 4.1 is a photograph which shows construction of an oil pipeline through the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador, an MIC in South America, in 2003.
 - (a) Outline **two** ways in which indigenous people living in the rainforest might be impacted by the construction work, giving evidence from Fig. 4.1. [3]
 - (b) Explain the ways in which the rainforest environment may be at risk of being degraded by construction of the pipeline. [7]
- 5 To what extent do the ideas of sustainability and energy security form part of the electrical energy strategy of **one** country that you have studied? [20]
- 6 With reference to one or more examples, evaluate why it is difficult to improve the quality of a polluted environment. [20]

Global interdependence

If answering this option, answer Question 7 and **either** Question 8 **or** Question 9.

- 7** Fig. 7.1 shows government aid from HICs, 2000–09.
- (a) Describe the changes in government aid shown in Fig. 7.1. [4]
- (b) Suggest reasons for the changes in government aid you identified in (a). [6]
- 8** ‘Trade has proven to be instrumental to poor countries’ development. Aid has not.’
Fredrik Erixon (International Policy Network, 2005)
- With reference to examples, how far do you agree with this statement? [20]
- 9** Assess the view that, for tourist destinations, the impacts of tourism on the environment are greater than its impacts on society. [20]

Economic transition

If answering this option, answer Question 10 and **either** Question 11 **or** Question 12.

- 10** Fig. 10 shows foreign direct investment (FDI) into China, an MIC in Asia, in 1992 and 2006.
- (a) Describe the changes in FDI shown in Fig. 10.1 and 10.2. [4]
- (b) Suggest reasons for the changes you described in (a). [6]
- 11** Assess why the activity of transnational corporations (TNCs) is greater in some countries than in others. [20]
- 12** ‘Overall, GDP is the best way to measure social and economic wellbeing.’
- How far do you agree? [20]

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