
**GCSE
GEOGRAPHY**

PAPER 2 CHALLENGES IN THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Mark scheme

Specimen Assessment Material

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Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation events which all associates participate in and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for standardisation each associate analyses a number of students' scripts. Alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed and legislated for. If, after the standardisation process, associates encounter unusual answers which have not been raised they are required to refer these to the Lead Assessment Writer.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Assessment of spelling, punctuation, grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPGST)

Accuracy of spelling, punctuation, grammar and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed via the indicated 9 mark questions. In each of these questions, three marks are allocated for SPGST as follows:

- **High performance** – 3 marks
- **Intermediate performance** – 2 marks
- **Threshold performance** – 1 mark

NOTE: The exam boards and Ofqual are working together to determine the marking expectations for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPGST) which will apply to all GCSE specifications in History, Geography and Religious Studies. The agreed wording will be included in the mark schemes for accredited sample assessment materials.

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Question 1 Urban issues and challenges

01	1	<p>One mark for each correct answer:</p> <p>B The population of the suburbs grew more rapidly than the core between 1931 and 2011.</p> <p>D The total population of Kolkata, including its suburbs, was just over 14 million in 2011.</p> <p>No credit if three or more statements are shaded.</p> <p>AO4 = 2 marks</p>	2
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01	3	<p>Must refer to two problems, eg</p> <p>poor building materials make homes unsafe (1), lack of open spaces for recreation (1), no roads making communication difficult (1), high density of settlement/small buildings making living conditions overcrowded (1), open drains/sewers run into river increasing risk of disease (1), waste/garbage/pollution in river creating eyesore and health problems (1).</p> <p>No credit for simple description without link to problems of living in this area, eg dirty water, houses made of bamboo.</p> <p>AO4 = 2 marks</p>	2

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	<p><u>Indicative content</u></p> <p>Emphasis should be placed on how the method helps to reduce the number of cars on the road or ease congestion. Candidates should refer to the schemes shown in the photographs. Solutions to the problem might include improving public transport, eg the trams of Manchester; introducing park and ride schemes, eg Oxford; pedestrianisation, eg Exeter and Oxford; encouraging people to share cars into work; building ring roads, eg Watford; introducing congestion charging, eg London, vehicle-exclusion zones and permit-only parking schemes; bus lanes; increasing car park charges; introducing flexitime and staggered working times.</p> <p>The case study is likely to refer to a named place but may be a single scheme. Credit only one case study or example, although the example could be a whole city or large urban area.</p> <p>Expect a range of strategies to be described in the context of the chosen city such as London, including the introduction of a congestion charge where drivers are now charged to drive into the centre of London. The idea is to discourage people from using cars and onto public transport. Bike hire means that people can borrow bikes for a short period at minimal cost. Bike lanes are being created to make using a bike safer and easier. Trams that run on train tracks in the road have been reintroduced to south London. They are environmentally good because they run on electricity and do not release greenhouse gases. In the underground system new lines have been recently built or upgraded. The Jubilee Line was the latest big extension and extends from central London out to east London. London is currently undertaking one of the biggest engineering projects in Europe by building a railway from east to west London under the city. This railway, called Crossrail, will decrease travel times and cut congestion as more people use public transport.</p> <p>No credit for simply describing the problems. Maximum one mark for a list of management methods.</p> <p>AO1 = 3 marks, AO2 = 3 marks, AO3 = 3 marks</p> <p>Spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology (SPGST)</p> <p>High performance In the context of the level of demand of the question, learners spell, punctuate and use grammar with consistent accuracy and also use specialist terminology with consistent accuracy.</p> <p>Intermediate performance In the context of the level of demand of the question, learners spell, punctuate and use grammar with considerable accuracy and also use specialist terminology with considerable accuracy.</p> <p>Threshold performance In the context of the level of demand of the question, learners spell, punctuate and use grammar with reasonable accuracy and also use specialist terminology with reasonable accuracy; any errors do not hinder meaning in the response.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>
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Question 2 The changing economic world

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Question 3 The challenge of resource management

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		<p><u>Indicative content</u></p> <p>Expect use of Figures 9 and 10, with heavy reliance at level 1. The focus of the question is on conflict, so responses should consider opposing points of view, with some development of the reasons for differences of opinion. The environmental versus economic debate causes much controversy and disagreement between different interest groups.</p> <p>Arguments in favour might include the idea that fracking allows drilling firms to access difficult-to-reach resources of oil and gas. In the USA it has significantly boosted domestic oil production and driven down gas prices. It is estimated to have offered gas security to the USA and Canada for about 100 years. Fracking of shale gas could contribute significantly to the UK's future energy needs. Reserves are thought to be enough to give the UK self-sufficiency for between 10 and 15 years. It appears from Figure 10 that there are extensive resources which can be tapped in the future. It is also possible to generate electricity at half the CO₂ emissions of coal. Shale gas, like natural gas is much cleaner than oil and has a smaller carbon footprint. It can also generate substantial amounts of energy relatively cheaply in contrast to some renewable sources as the technology is well tried and tested and so less investment is needed.</p> <p>Against fracking is that it uses huge amounts of water that must be transported to the fracking site, at significant environmental cost. Potentially carcinogenic chemicals used may escape and contaminate groundwater around the fracking site. There are also worries that the fracking process can cause small earth tremors. Two small earthquakes of 1.5 and 2.2 magnitude hit the Blackpool area in 2011 following fracking. Environmental campaigners say that fracking is simply distracting energy firms and governments from investing in renewable sources of energy, and encouraging continued reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>AO2 = 2 marks, AO3 = 2 marks, AO4 = 2 marks</p>	

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Question 4 Food resources

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04	3	<p>Two causes of food insecurity should be stated. These can be related to physical/environmental factors or to human/economic factors, eg</p> <p>Meteorological events such as droughts, floods, severe frosts, hurricanes (1); natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions (1); crop and animal diseases, locust swarms (1); human diseases, reducing ability to work (1); poorly organised farming systems (1); war, reducing food production (1) etc; over-cultivation as fields are not given fallow time (1); overgrazing due to keeping too many cattle (1);lack of investment in irrigation/fertilisers(1).</p> <p>AO1 = 2 marks</p>	2						
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1 (Basic)	1–3	<p>Simple statements, perhaps listed points, stating ways that food production can be increased or food security improved.</p> <p>Exhibits limited knowledge of ways of improving food security at different scales.</p> <p>Demonstrates simple understanding of the inter-relationships between environments and processes in the context of food security issues.</p>
<p><u>Indicative content</u></p> <p>An understanding of food security should be indicated in the answer (defined as when people have physical and economic access to enough safe, sufficient and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy lifestyle).</p> <p>Responses should focus on how improvements can be made to food security, eg</p> <p>Increased mechanisation including harvesters/tractors; greater use of fertilisers; more irrigation; increased yields; high yield variety (HYV) seeds such as IR8 rice; use of pesticides/herbicides; prevent destruction of crops by insects; terracing; draining soil/marshes; education about farming techniques; genetically modified (GM) crops. Expect some development of at least one strategy to improve food security.</p> <p>GM foods could change food production methods and improve food security. They allow more food to be produced in a smaller area using fewer resources. Some people are against the idea and question whether it will reduce hunger in developing countries.</p> <p>Limited irrigation is a practical solution to improve food security. Mulch and other cover crops can help retain water so the soil stays moist longer. It's also possible to set up a system that collects rainwater and feeds it into the irrigation system. Some farms even set up recycling systems so they can reuse municipal waste water for irrigation.</p> <p>Farming practices in the Sahel in West Africa have included the use of 'magic stones', where water and soil are trapped by stones placed regularly along the contours. Farmers have also introduced drought-resistant crops, which has led to an increase in food production, and has helped to conserve the soil.</p> <p>AO1 = 2 marks, AO2 = 4 marks</p>		

Question 5 Water resources

05	1	<p>One mark for the correct answer: B 1000–2500 cubic metres per person per year.</p> <p>No credit if two or more answers are shaded.</p> <p>AO4 = 1 mark</p>	1						
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1 (Basic)	1–3	Understands how improvements can help to provide a secure source of water. Points simple and separate. Limited development. Exhibits limited knowledge of ways of improving water security at different scales. Demonstrates simple understanding of the inter-relationships between environments and processes in the context of water security issues.

Indicative content
 Answers may focus on the effectiveness of one or more techniques in providing a reliable and long-lasting supply of water, ie improving water security. Likely to refer to large dam and reservoir schemes, desalination schemes, the building of wells and tanks, etc. A range of other techniques may be explored, eg increasing the use of rainwater harvesting, and grey water recycling for agriculture, industry and commercial use, making new homes more water efficient, installing water meters in all homes, reducing water leakage from pipes and reservoirs, considering the needs of the environment, wildlife, fisheries and recreation when allocating water resources, sharing water resources where there is a surplus, making appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers more efficient, charging more for water to encourage people to use it in a sustainable way.

Expect some development of at least one strategy to improve water security.

Small-scale sustainable solutions to managing water supply involve the work of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), such as WaterAid and Practical Action, in assisting small communities to improve water security. NGOs often use appropriate or intermediate technology that is simple, effective and can be maintained, repaired and renewed by local people using the water service (eg basic guttering and tank made of bamboo, a local resource that is easily grown and harvested).

Greywater systems filter water and recycle it for use in toilets or outdoors where small amounts of pollutants are safe. This can help to reduce problems of water insecurity, particularly in drought-stricken areas where clean water is scarce.

AO1 = 2 marks, AO2 = 4 marks

Question 6 Energy resources

06	1	<p>One mark for the correct answer: A 30–49% (1). No credit if two or more answers are shaded. AO4 = 1 mark</p>	1						
06	2	<p>The question focuses on distribution of areas where the percentage of electricity from hydroelectric sources is 85% or more. No credit for listing names of countries or for describing the areas with low hydroelectric power generation. Either two separate points regarding distribution or one developed observation based on the map, eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of countries with over 85% electricity from hydroelectric power are situated in Central and East Africa (1). • A group of countries extending from Ethiopia southwards to Mozambique, on either side of the equator, have a high percentage of electricity produced from hydroelectric sources (1). <p>Two countries in the western part of the continent have figures over 85%: Namibia and Cameroon (1). AO3 = 1 mark, AO4 = 1 mark</p>	2						
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