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GEOGRAPHY

(GGY315115)

Time allowed for this paper

- Working time: 3 hours
- Plus 15 minutes recommended reading time

Pages:	8
Questions:	12
Attachments:	World Population Data Sheet Information Sheet (Coloured World Map)

Candidate Instructions

1. You **MUST** make sure that your responses to the questions in this examination paper will show your achievement in the criteria being assessed.
2. There are **FOUR** sections to this paper. You must answer **EIGHT** questions in total.
3. You must answer:
 - **EACH** question in **Section A** in **separate** booklets
 - **EACH** question in **Section B** in **separate** booklets
 - **ALL** questions for **Section C** in a **separate** booklet
 - **ONE** question from **Section D** (in essay form) in a **separate** booklet
4. It is strongly recommended that you note the time allocations given for each question.
5. All written responses must be in **English**.

On the basis of your performance in this examination, the examiners will provide results on each of the following criteria taken from the course statement:

Criterion 3 Communicate geographical ideas and information.

Criterion 4 Identify and apply geographical concepts to geographical phenomena.

Criterion 5 Identify geographical processes and their relation to geographical change.

Criterion 6 identify geographical issues or challenges and possible solutions.

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SECTION A

Answer **ALL** questions from this section.

Use a **separate** answer booklet for **each question** in **this section**.

It is recommended that you spend approximately **45 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 4 and 6**.

Question 1 (25 minutes)

Refer to the Information Sheet (Coloured World Map) and the Data Sheet: World Population (2015) when answering this question.

- (a) Identify the most densely populated regions of the world and explain the key factors, **both** physical **and** human, that contribute to this high density.
- (b) Name some other regions of the world that are sparsely populated and explain the reasons for this lower density.

Question 2 (20 minutes)

'Building sustainable communities in rural and remote Australia is a major challenge facing the nation in the 21st century.'

- (a) Identify and explain **two** challenges facing rural and remote places in Australia.
- (b) Describe **one** strategy that is being implemented in response to **each** of these challenges.
- (c) Evaluate the likely success of these responses over time.

SECTION B

Answer **ALL** questions from this section.

Use a **separate** answer booklet for **each question** in **this section**.

It is recommended that you spend approximately **45 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 4 and 5**.

Question 3 (25 minutes)

'Anthropogenic climate change is affecting the livelihood of millions of people around the world.'

Outline the causes of anthropogenic climate change and, using examples from both More Developed Countries (MDCs) and Less Developed Countries (LDCs), describe some of the consequences of this process for the world's people and environments.

Question 4 (20 minutes)

'Human activity is changing the world's land cover in a variety of ways.'

With reference to an example from a More Developed Country (MDC) and a Less Developed Country (LDC), describe the nature and consequence of **one** form of human action on land cover.

SECTION C

Answer **ALL** questions from this section.

Use a **separate** answer booklet for **this section**.

It is recommended that you spend approximately **45 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 3 and 5**.

Question 5 (15 minutes)

Explain the concept of 'globalisation' and briefly discuss how **two** factors have driven this process.

Question 6 (15 minutes)

With reference to:

- **one** transnational corporation
- or
- **one** international trade/security agreement

describe the nature of that organisation and the impact of its operation for Less Developed Countries (LDCs), both positive and negative.

Question 7 (15 minutes)

With reference to specific regions and/or countries, describe the shift in global economic power that has been occurring in recent decades.

SECTION D

Answer **ONE** question in **essay form** from this section.

Use a **separate** answer booklet for **this section**.

All questions are of equal value.

It is recommended that you spend approximately **45 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 3 and 6**.

Question 8

Explain the causes of urbanisation in **one** megacity in a developing country. Describe some of the environmental and social impacts that urbanisation is having on that city and some of the strategies that are being implemented in response to those impacts. Evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies in improving the quality of life for its inhabitants.

Question 9

Choose **one** of the following:

Either glacier and ice sheet retraction **or** rising sea levels leading to land cover loss **or** cropland/pasture loss and/or degradation **or** desertification **or** coral reef loss and/or degradation.

Explain how anthropogenic climate change is contributing to your chosen topic and describe some of the impacts it is having on people and their environments. Discuss some of the strategies that are being implemented to address these consequences and assess the probable outcome of these actions over time.

Question 10

Choose **one** of the following:

Either deforestation **or** the expansion/intensification of agriculture **or** rangeland modification **or** land and soil degradation **or** irrigation **or** land drainage **or** land reclamation **or** urban expansion **or** mining.

Explain the negative environmental impacts of **one** form of human induced land cover change. Describe **one** program designed to reduce these impacts on the land affected and evaluate the effectiveness of that program in terms of future sustainability.

Section D continues.

Section D (continued)

Question 11

Choose **one** of the following:

Either a mineral ore or fossil-based energy resource **or** a food or fibre-based commodity **or** a complex manufactured commodity **or** a commodity typical of the 'weightless' or service based economy.

Discuss the changing distribution of production and consumption of your chosen activity and the reasons for that change. With reference to specific examples, describe the social, economic and political implications of the changes and how these might develop in the future.

Question 12

With reference to **one** cultural element such as, fashion, sport, music, religion, language, architecture or political ideas, describe the geographical extent and pattern of distribution of that element. Using specific examples, explain how this pattern has been influenced by advances in technology and the media and how this might develop in the future.



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