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ADVANCED GCE**

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GEOGRAPHY A

Synoptic Geography: People and Environment Options

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009: Morning

DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer TWO questions, each from a different option.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- Where relevant, you should include sketch maps and diagrams and MAKE USE OF EXAMPLES OF PLACES YOU HAVE STUDIED.
- This is the synoptic paper. In your answers you must show UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF GEOGRAPHY represented in the whole of the A level specification.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.

Answer TWO questions, each from a different option.

OPTION 1: GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

EITHER:

- 1 'Economic development in peripheral areas of the EU has been at the expense of the core.' How far do you agree with this statement? [60]**

OR:

- 2 Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies used to manage issues arising from rapid growth in ONE named region in the EU. [60]**

OR:

- 3 Assess the view that the negative impacts of the Common Agricultural Policy on rural environments in the EU have outweighed the benefits. [60]**

OPTION 2: MANAGING URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

EITHER:

- 4 'Shanty towns are areas of hope and potential rather than depressing slums.' How far do you agree with this view? [60]**

OR:

- 5 'Counterurbanisation has brought more benefits than problems to urban areas in MEDCs.' Evaluate this viewpoint. [60]**

OR:

- 6 Assess the effectiveness of strategies to manage air and water pollution in urban areas. [60]**

OPTION 3: MANAGING RURAL ENVIRONMENTS

EITHER:

- 7 'Farming is of decreasing importance in rural environments.' To what extent do you agree with this view? [60]**

OR:

- 8 To what extent does sustainable forestry impact on rural environments? [60]**

OR:

- 9 Assess the effectiveness of schemes to plan and manage national parks. [60]**

OPTION 4: HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS

EITHER:

10 To what extent is the distribution of hazardous events a reflection of tectonic plate boundaries? [60]

OR:

11 To what extent can the impacts of hazards be reduced? [60]

OR:

12 To what extent has the growth of coastal populations increased the impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms? [60]

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