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**GEOGRAPHY**

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Paper 2 Global Environments

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Section A and **one** from Section B.

Candidates are encouraged to support their answers with appropriate examples, sketch maps and diagrams.



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**Section A**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Arid and Semi-Arid Environments**

- 1 Examine the relative importance of ocean currents in determining the distribution of arid environments. [25]
- 2 Examine the extent to which the world is regarded as less arid at present than in the past. [25]

**Glacial and Periglacial Environments**

- 3 To what extent should basal sliding be considered the most significant form of ice movement? [25]
- 4 Examine the extent to which periglacial environments can be managed in a sustainable way. [25]

**Coastal Environments**

- 5 To what extent does the economic development of coastal environments produce as many problems as it does benefits? [25]
- 6 Choose **two** coastal landforms of depositional origin and discuss the conditions under which they develop. [25]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Tropical Environments**

- 7 Examine the role of climate in determining the current distribution of tropical rainforests. [25]
- 8 Outline the nature of soils found in tropical rainforests and how they relate to the nutrient cycling found in such environments. [25]

**Temperate Grassland and Forest Environments**

- 9 Discuss the relative importance of the factors influencing the distribution of temperate grassland environments. [25]
- 10 Assess the extent to which agriculture has been the main economic motivation for the clearance of temperate deciduous woodland. [25]

**The Atmospheric Environment**

- 11 To what extent are mid-latitude storms the main hazard associated with the polar front? [25]
- 12 Examine the causes of El Niño and its impacts on people around the Pacific and beyond. [25]

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