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GCSE GEOGRAPHY A

A673/02 Similarities and Differences (Higher Tier)



Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:

- An Insert (A673/01/02/I – inserted)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- You will be awarded marks in questions 1(d), 1(e), 2(b) and 3(e) for the quality of written communication in your answers.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **50**.
- These abbreviations are used throughout the paper:
UK – United Kingdom
EU – European Union
- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 You will have studied a UK location that is 'your place'.

Name 'your place'

- (a) Identify **one** source of information that you found useful when studying 'your place'. Explain how it helped your understanding of 'your place'.

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- (b) Migration is an issue affecting many places in the UK.

Study Fig. 1 below, which refers to immigration to the UK.

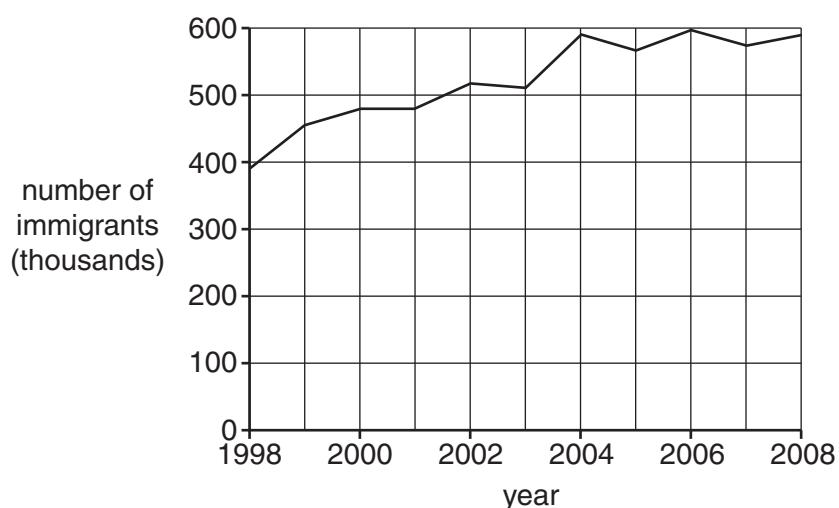


Fig. 1 Immigration to the UK 1998–2008

Describe the overall trend of immigration shown. You should include data in your answer.

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- (c) Study Fig. 2 below, an article about migration to the UK.

600 000 arrive from new EU countries

Almost 600 000 people from the newest EU countries have applied to work in the UK, and have been given full work rights. Each morning in Stratford, east London, many Polish people gather to look in a shop window at adverts for work.

"I'm not here to claim benefits," says Radek, 25. "I'm here to earn as much money as I can and then go home. At home in Poland unemployment is higher and the wages are very low." He notes down the number of a builder looking for electricians.

"I can do this", he says "I trained at technical college in Warsaw as an electrician". Some newly-arriving migrants are doing the work that Britons seemingly no longer want to do. For example, when Tesco needed 140 new lorry drivers recently, it hired Polish drivers, because of the lack of British people applying.

Fig. 2 An article about migration to the UK

Explain why the UK might be attracting migrants from countries like Poland.

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(d) Study Fig. 3 below.

I am studying for a Geography degree in Poland,
and want to learn about the UK.



Fig. 3 Kasia, aged 20, a Geography student from Poland

In the box provided, draw a sketch map of 'your place'.

Add annotations to your map to explain why **three** different types of feature of 'your place' may be of interest to a Geography student such as Kasia.

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- (e) For an important geographical issue affecting the UK, explain why **two** different groups of people will have different opinions about it.

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2 'Your place' may change in the future.

- (a) Describe **one** way 'your place' might change, other than by migration, and explain why you think this change might take place.

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- (b) What is your view about how the change you have identified in 2(a) above will affect people and the environment? Explain and justify your point of view.

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- 3 In June 2010, South Africa was the first African country to host the football World Cup. Study Fig. 4 below.



Fig. 4 Location of South Africa

- (a) Describe the location of South Africa.

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Fig. 5 An article about the football World Cup arriving in South Africa

African country	Development Indicators		
	Life expectancy (years)	GDP* per person (US \$)	Number of airports
South Africa	49.2	10 100	148
Algeria	74.3	7000	57
Cameroon	54.0	2300	11
Ghana	60.6	1500	7
Ivory Coast	56.1	1700	7
Nigeria	47.2	2400	38

*GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is a measure of the wealth in a country.

Fig. 6 Development indicators for African countries that qualified for the 2010 football World Cup

- (b) Study Fig. 5 and Fig. 6. Choose **one** development indicator that suggests South Africa was a good choice to host the football World Cup. Explain your choice.
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- (c) Study Fig. 7 in the separate Insert.

What messages about development levels in South Africa might these photographs communicate?

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- (d) Name your non-UK location

Describe and explain the level of development of your non-UK location.

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- (e) Describe and explain the similarities and differences that exist between 'your place' and the non-UK location that you have studied. You should include place-specific detail in your answer.

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