



**GCE A level**

1203/01

**GEOGRAPHY – G3**

**Contemporary Themes and Research in Geography**

**SECTION A**

**CONTEMPORARY THEMES**

A.M. THURSDAY, 12 June 2014

1 hour 30 minutes

**Answer books for Section A will be collected in after 1 hour 30 minutes. Section B Research will then be given out.**

#### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need **one** 12 page answer book.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** from **each of the two** selected themes.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of the front page of the answer book.

#### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 25 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

**You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will assess your ability to draw on your understanding of the connections between the different aspects of the subject represented in the geography specification.**

**THIS PAPER REQUIRES THAT YOU MAKE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF EXAMPLES IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWERS. SKETCH-MAPS AND DIAGRAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED, WHERE RELEVANT.**

**SECTION A: CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN GEOGRAPHY**

Answer **two** questions, **one** question from questions 1 to 8  
and **one** question from questions 9 to 16.

**Make the fullest possible use of examples in support of your answers.**

Answer **one** question from questions 1 to 8.

**Theme 1 Extreme Environments**

1. Assess the effectiveness of strategies used to manage human activity in desert environments. [25]
2. Examine the characteristics that make the tundra environment extreme. [25]

**Theme 2 Landforms and their Management****Glacial Environments**

3. Describe, and assess the role of, depositional processes in the development of **one or more** glacial landforms. [25]
4. Describe the landforms and examine the processes associated with deglaciation. [25]

**Coastal Environments**

5. Describe, and assess the role of, depositional processes in the development of **one or more** coastal landforms. [25]
6. Assess the importance of geology in the development of coastal landforms. [25]

**Theme 3 Climatic Hazards**

7. Describe and explain the global patterns of surface pressure and winds. [25]
8. Discuss the effects on human activity of hazards associated with high-pressure systems. [25]

*Answer one question from questions 9 to 16.*

#### **Theme 4 Development**

9. Describe how and explain why development patterns are changing. [25]
10. 'Making the world more equal is hindered by the operation of trade blocs.' Discuss. [25]

#### **Theme 5 Globalisation**

11. Describe how and explain why companies globalise and shift locations. [25]
12. Examine the causes and effects of **cultural** globalisation. [25]

#### **Theme 6 Emerging Asia**

##### **China**

13. Describe and account for variations in economic growth in China between coastal areas and the interior. [25]
14. 'Achieving a balance between economic growth and sustainable development in China is problematic.' Discuss. [25]

##### **India**

15. Describe and account for changes in India's economy. [25]
16. 'Achieving a balance between economic growth and sustainable development in India is problematic.' Discuss. [25]

**END OF PAPER**