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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **all** questions.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

LICs = low income countries.

MICs = middle income countries.

HICs = high income countries.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. All questions carry 10 marks.

Population

- 1 Table 1.1 shows mothers' mean age at the birth of their first child for selected countries in 2016.
- (a) (i) Calculate the overall mean for the LICs/MICs shown in Table 1.1. [1]
- (ii) State the difference between the overall mean for HICs and the overall mean for LICs/MICs shown in Table 1.1. [1]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons for the difference in the mean age of mothers at the birth of their first child between HICs and LICs/MICs. [3]
- (c) Explain why birth rates are decreasing in many MICs. [5]

Migration

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows destination countries for Syrian refugees in 2017.
- (a) Describe the distribution of Syrian refugees shown in Fig. 2.1. [3]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons for the distribution of Syrian refugees shown in Fig. 2.1. [3]
- (c) Explain how the physical environment can act as an obstacle to international migration. [4]

Settlement dynamics

- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows the number of selected retail outlets in the central business district (CBD) of an urban area in the UK, an HIC, in 2000 and 2017.
- (a) Calculate the change in the number of retail outlets between 2000 and 2017 shown in Fig. 3.1. Show your working. [2]
- (b) Suggest **two** reasons for the changes in the types of selected retail outlets shown in Fig. 3.1. [4]
- (c) Explain the challenges caused by the changing central business district (CBD). [4]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. All questions carry 30 marks.

Population

- 4 For your case study of **one** country's population policy:
- (a) outline the difficulties that led to the policy [7]
 - (b) explain the attempted solution(s) to these difficulties [8]
 - (c) evaluate the success of the country's population policy. [15]

Migration

- 5 (a) Contrast the features of voluntary and forced (involuntary) international migration movements. [7]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain the causes of economic migration. [8]
- (c) 'It is the number of refugees that causes the greatest problem for receiving/destination areas.'
With the aid of examples, how far do you agree? [15]

Population/Migration/Settlement dynamics

- 6 (a) Explain why the population of some rural settlements in HICs is decreasing. [7]
- (b) Suggest why the provision of services may be difficult in many rural settlements in LICs. [8]
- (c) With the aid of examples, evaluate the extent to which improvements in transport and communications may make rural settlements more attractive for urban–rural migrants. [15]

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