



**GEOGRAPHY**

**9696/03**

Paper 3 Advanced Physical Geography Options

**For Examination from 2018**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

In this paper there are four Physical Geography options.

**Tropical environments**

**Coastal environments**

**Hazardous environments**

**Hot arid and semi-arid environments**

Answer questions from **two** different options.

Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

You should make reference to appropriate examples studied in the field or the classroom, even where such examples are not specifically requested by the question.

All the resources referred to in the questions are contained in the Insert.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 60.

This document consists of **3** printed pages, **1** blank page and **2** Inserts.

Answer questions from **two** different options.

### Tropical environments

If answering this option, answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 1 Photograph A shows a tropical limestone (tower karst) landscape.
- (a) With the aid of a labelled diagram, describe the landforms shown in Photograph A. [4]
- (b) Explain the roles of rock type and rock structure in the development of the landforms you described in (a). [6]
- 2 'Sustainable management in tropical environments is difficult.'
- For **either** the rainforest ecosystem **or** the savanna ecosystem, how far do you agree? [20]
- 3 For **one** tropical ecosystem, describe the nature of the vegetation and assess how far factors other than climate have influenced the nature of the vegetation. [20]

### Coastal environments

If answering this option, answer Question 4 and **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 4 Fig. 1 shows a stretch of coastline before and after disturbance of a sediment cell. Fig. 1A shows an undisturbed sediment cell and Fig. 1B shows the sediment cell after disturbance.
- (a) Describe the changes shown in Fig. 1B. [4]
- (b) Explain how the changes you have identified in (a) have affected the operation of the sediment cell shown in Fig. 1A. [6]
- 5 Assess the relative importance of marine erosion and sub-aerial processes in shaping the landforms of rocky coastlines. [20]
- 6 With the aid of one or more examples, assess the extent to which soft engineering approaches have more advantages than hard engineering approaches when managing a coastline sustainably. [20]

### Hazardous environments

If answering this option, answer Question 7 and **either** Question 8 **or** Question 9.

- 7 Fig. 2 shows the vertical drop and horizontal travel distance of two volcanic hazards.
- (a) Compare the relationship between vertical drop and horizontal travel distance of the volcanic hazards shown in Fig. 2. [4]
- (b) Outline how the information shown in Fig. 2 can be used to predict the potential impacts of the **two** hazards on lives and property. [6]
- 8 'Hazard mapping is the most effective way of reducing the impact of earthquakes on lives and property.'
- How far do you agree with this view? [20]
- 9 Assess the extent to which the hazardous effects of tornadoes are different from those of tropical cyclones. [20]

### Hot arid and semi-arid environments

If answering this option, answer Question 10 and **either** Question 11 **or** Question 12.

- 10 Fig. 3 shows areas at high risk from desertification.
- (a) Describe the distribution of areas with high risk of desertification shown in Fig. 3. [4]
- (b) Outline possible reasons for the distribution of areas with a high risk of desertification that you have described in (a). [6]
- 11 Evaluate the importance of the role of Pleistocene pluvials in the development of desert landforms. [20]
- 12 'Humans can effectively manage arid environments.'
- How far do you agree? [20]

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Question 7                   © A J Gerrard; *Mountain Environments: An Examination of the Physical Geography of Mountains*; The MIT Press; 1990.

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