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GEOGRAPHY

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Paper 2 Human Geography

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3 hours

Additional materials: Writing Paper
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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name and civics group on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs, or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighter, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Section B

Answer **two** questions, each from a different topic.

The Insert contains all the Figures referred to in the question paper.
Diagrams and sketch maps should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.
The world outline map may be annotated and handed in with relevant answers.
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

Questions 1, 2 and 3 carry 12 marks and Question 4 carries 14 marks.

You should allocate your time accordingly.

Globalisation of Economic activity

- 1 Fig. 1 shows Asia/Oceania's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecasts for 2013.
- (a) With reference to Fig. 1, explain the variations in GDP forecasts within the region of Asia/Oceania. [5]
 - (b) Provide possible reasons why these GDP growth forecasts may be inaccurate. [3]
 - (c) Suggest further information you would need to ascertain if China will be a hub of economic activity in the future. [4]

Population Issues and Challenges

- 2 Fig. 2 shows the major causes of disease burden in Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) in adolescents per 1000 population (10–24-year-olds).
- (a) With reference to Fig. 2,
 - (i) Compare the differences in DALYs across the specified regions.
 - (ii) Explain the differences you have identified in (a) (i). [6]
 - (b) Imagine that you are a worker for a leading charitable organisation devoted to improving world child health. Describe and explain the features you would include in a development plan for a less developed country (LDC) with high levels of child mortality and incidence of disease. [6]

Urban Issues and Challenges

- 3 Figs 3A, 3B and 3C illustrate the importance of cities as centres of economic activity across regions in 2010.
- (a) With reference to Fig. 3A, describe the regional trends in the percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) contributed by large cities. [2]
 - (b) With reference to Figs 3A, 3B and 3C, account for the percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) contributed by large cities in the United States. [5]
 - (c) With the help of example(s), describe the main characteristics and functions of primate cities. [5]

Population Issues and Challenges / Globalisation of Economic Activity

- 4** Fig. 4 shows the relationship between the Global Competitiveness Index 2012-2013 and the Global Gender Gap Index 2012.
- (a)** Suggest **two** sets of information you will need to derive the Global Gender Gap Index. **[2]**
- (b)** With reference to Fig. 4, describe the relationship between the Global Competitiveness Index 2012-2013 and the Global Gender Gap Index 2012. **[4]**
- (c)** How may improving the status of women influence a country's level of global competitiveness? **[4]**
- (d)** Suggest some key challenges in resolving inequalities within countries. **[4]**

Section B

Answer **two** questions, each from a different topic. Each question carries 25 marks.

Globalisation of Economic activity

5 EITHER

- (a) Describe and explain what is meant by *globalisation of economic activity*. [9]
- (b) "Developing countries require trade, not aid, to alleviate poverty." To what extent do you agree with this statement? [16]

5 OR

- (a) Suggest strategies that governments of developed economies can adopt to remain attractive to transnational corporations (TNCs). [9]
- (b) "Many transnational corporations (TNCs) and smaller firms have adopted a policy of outsourcing their production and services in the last 10 years." Why has this policy been adopted and with what consequences? [16]

Population Issues and Challenges

6 EITHER

- (a) Discuss the value and limitations of the demographic transition model. [9]
- (b) To what extent does demographic behaviour reflect economic development? [16]

6 OR

- (a) With the help of examples, describe and explain the ways in which cultural and political factors may serve as barriers to the acceptance and integration of immigrants. [9]
- (b) With reference to recent migration trends, explain the term *feminisation of migration*. Assess the social and economic impacts associated with the feminisation of migration flows. [16]

Urban Issues and Challenges**7 EITHER**

- (a)** Distinguish between greenfield and brownfield development. **[9]**
- (b)** Outline the challenges associated with the re-imaging of urban areas and assess the extent to which such efforts have resulted in urban regeneration. **[16]**

7 OR

- (a)** Discuss the factors contributing to socio-economic polarisation in cities. **[9]**
- (b)** Describe how cities may evolve in the next 30 years under the current levels of technology. Do these changes contribute to or impede the sustainability of cities? **[16]**

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