

GEOGRAPHY

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A LEVEL

EXAM PRACTICE AND SKILLS

This book is presented in two distinct sections:

- On Your Marks is a step-by-step guide to improve your exam techniques for answering the extended Edexcel A Level Geography exam-style questions
- Geographical Skills explains, illustrates and allows you to practise the key skills central to the A Level Geography exams.

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Assess the strengths and weaknesses of sample answers

Understand how an examiner might mark the same answer

2.10 20-mark questions on Shaping Places

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Examiner feedback

This is a strong answer. The descriptor for Level 4 applies to all parts:

- Demonstrates accurate and relevant geographical knowledge and understanding throughout (AC10). The candidate's knowledge is wide ranging and accurate about economic changes
- Applies knowledge and understanding of geographical information/ideas logically, making relevant connections/relationships (AC2). The candidate's argument about the relative importance of local versus national government is excellent.
- Applies knowledge and understanding of geographical information/ideas to produce a full and coherent interpretation that is relevant and supported by evidence (AC3). There is strong use of evidence of economic changes and who introduced these to support the arguments. Social changes are less of a focus.
- Writes knowledge and understanding of geographical information/ideas to make supported arguments about the significance of factors throughout the response, leading to a balanced coherent argument (AC5). Strong and coherent links are made back to the question, to shape a final answer.

Using the Level 4 descriptors fully, the answer earns 18 marks. To reach full marks, the candidate needs to have distinguished more between economic and social changes – economic changes are strongly evidenced but social changes need greater relevance.

On your marks

Graphical skills

Now practise...

Study Figure 6

Continent (ranked by order of population)	Population (mil. 2016)	Population (%)	Cumulative population (%)
Asia	4 436 224 000	59.68	59.68
Africa	1 216 130 000	16.36	
Europe	738 649 000	9.95	
N. America	579 024 000	7.79	
S. America	422 535 000	5.68	
Oceania	39 901 000	0.54	100.00
Total	7 432 953 000	100.00	

Figure 6 Population data by continent

Questions

- Complete the table. (2 marks)
- Construct a Lorenz curve by plotting cumulative population (%) against cumulative area (%). (3 marks)
- Explain your graph. (3 marks)

Strengths of the answer

Ways to improve the answer

Graphical skills

Skills covered include cartographic (working with maps), graphical (graphs, charts and diagrams) and statistical (understanding, measuring and presenting data)

Learn how and when to use each skill and carry out engaging tasks to reinforce learning

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