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Where statements are assigned levels by the examiner this should be indicated by the use of L1 and L2 next to the statements. Ticks should **not** be used on answers that are marked using levels of response marking. L1 annotation should be removed once a L2 is awarded for an answer. L3 annotation is not used. There is no need for a summary level at the end of a response.

Summary:

Level 1 (1 to 3 marks):

- 1 simple statement (1 mark)
- 2 simple statements (2 marks)
- 3 simple statements (3 marks)

Level 2 (4 to 6 marks):

- 1 developed statement (4 marks)
- 2 developed statements (5 marks)
- 3 or more developed statements with eg (6 marks)

Level 3 (7 marks)

- 3 or more developed statements + named example with at least one piece of place specific detail.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	32 million Note: Accept circle or tick as well	1 1 mark
1(a)(ii)	Young dependents – decrease/gone down Old dependents – increase/gone up Do not accept statistics.	2 2 @ 1 mark
1(a)(iii)	Ideas such as; High birth rates/high fertility rate; Lack of education about family planning/sex education/contraception/problems of having a large family/for females; <u>Lack of/cost of/access</u> to/contraception/family planning/unprotected sex/no contraception for religious reasons; Economic reasons for large families/children needed to work/earn money; <u>High</u> infant mortality; Traditional/in their culture/part of their religion to have large families/keep having children until produce a male child/status of having a large family; To look after parents in old age/no pensions; Get married young/start having children at a young age; Lack of availability/cost of abortions;	3 3 @ 1 mark
1(a)(iv)	Ideas such as MEDCs are likely to have: Lower percentage/less young dependents; Smaller numbers of babies/under 5s etc. Higher percentage/more economically active; More people at e.g. 45 – 49; Higher percentage/more old dependents; More people at 80+; Higher average age Note: Accept percentages or idea of more/less people Note: No reference to shape or any credit for reasons Can accept reference to LEDC if stated and comparative	4 4 @ 1 mark
1(b)(i)	2000 to 2012 – gentle/small/slow/steady/gradual; 2012 to 2039 – steep/large/quick/rapid/faster/major/high/great amount/rate increased; 2039 to 2048 – gentle/levels off/slows down/low/decrease;	3 3 @ 1 mark

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1(b)(ii)	<p>Ideas such as:</p> <p>Low or decreasing death rates/long life expectancy/less elderly dying /people live longer;</p> <p>Better/investment in health care/hospitals/clinics etc.;</p> <p>More doctors/nurses;</p> <p>Better/access to medicines/vaccinations/treatment/can cure disease;</p> <p>Good water supply;</p> <p>Sanitation/hygiene;</p> <p>Improved food supplies/nutrition/better diet;</p> <p>Provision of pensions;</p> <p>Care provision for elderly/elderly homes;</p> <p>Education about diet/exercise/hygiene/AIDS;</p> <p>Healthy lifestyle/take more exercise;</p> <p>Safer working environments/ better health and safety;</p> <p>Reduction in birth rates/having less children/having smaller families = MAX 1 with no DEV mark</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 @ 1 mark or development</p>	5

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which describe problems caused by an increasing percentage of young or old dependents.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example. More developed statements which describe problems caused by an increasing percentage of young or old dependents.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Uses named example. Comprehensive and accurate statements including some place specific reference.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Answers are likely to refer to: Problems of providing pensions/child allowances; Increased pressure on hospitals/health services; Need to invest more in health/welfare services; Increased dependency ratio; Lower earnings through taxation/need to increase taxes; Increased need for old people’s homes/nursery services/schools; Difficulty of recruitment for armed forces; Less innovative workforce ; Need for foreign workers; etc.</p> <p><u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u> Named parts of the chosen country, Population data etc</p> <p>Note: If candidate refers to both young and old dependents in their answer then accept better of the two.</p>	7

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2(a)(i)	Housing/houses/residential/places to live 1 mark	1
2(a)(ii)	In X: Cost of land is likely to be high(er); High(er) demand for land /lots of people want to live there; Lack of space; Terraced/high rise/Victorian/semi-detached in Y; Note: No need for comparison. Accept reference to reverse ideas for Area Y if this is stated. 2 @ 1 mark	2
2(a)(iii)	Ideas such as : Uneven/clustered; Close to river/estuary; Close to railway line; Close to road; Close to edge of city/rural-urban fringe/outskirts; NW/SE/South; Sectors/wedges/goes from CBD to edge of urban area; 3 @ 1 mark	3
2(a)(iv)	Ideas such as: Transport of materials/products; Transport of workers; Low transport cost; Import of raw materials/export; Water supply/cooling/for power; Flat land; Grants/enterprise zones; Note: Reasons <u>why</u> /for the location 4 @ 1 mark	4
2(b)(i)	A = Shopping Mall/shopping centre/shops/Mall/retail park/shopping park; B = Airport C = Golf course 3 @ 1 mark	3

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2(b)(ii)	<p>Ideas such as: large amount of space available/open space; e.g. For parking/storage (dev.) Low cost land; Easy road access/accessible/less congested/good transport; near both rural and urban customers ; Close to customers/close enough to areas which provide demand for products/services; Airport/shopping centre is away from residential areas to avoid noise/air pollution;</p> <p>Note: Do not allow 'nots'– e.g. not in the CBD to avoid congestion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 @ 1 mark or development</p>	5
2(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which describe the problems which are caused by urban sprawl.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example.</p> <p>More developed statements which describe the problems which are caused by urban sprawl.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Uses named example. Comprehensive and accurate statements, with some place specific reference.</p> <p>Note:Development of problem not reason e.g. water pollution makes people ill, not the explanation of the cause of the water pollution.</p> <p>Not urban problems in general e.g. not enough hospitals/schools etc.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Favelas – but not problems for the residents there Loss of agricultural land Deforestation Loss of habitats Atmospheric pollution Water pollution Noise pollution Need for more road transport/congestion on routes into centre Loss of recreational areas Visual impact etc.</p> <p><u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u> Locational details/named areas within/around the urban area, Specific details of impacts etc.</p>	7

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3(a)(i)	Shield volcano 1 mark	1
3(a)(ii)	X = Magma <u>chamber</u> Y = Crater 2 @ 1 mark	2
3(a)(iii)	Ideas such as a strato-volcano: Has steep(er) slopes/more steep; Has (alternative layers of) ash and lava/more ash; Has a narrow(er) base; Higher/taller; More viscous/sticky/thick/lava; More destructive/explosive/violent eruptions; Secondary/parasitic cones or vents; Note: Assume answer is about strato-volcano, can refer to shield volcano but must make this clear in their answer. No need for comparison 3 @ 1 mark	3
3(a)(iv)	Ideas such as: Uneven/clustered/in belts; On/near plate boundaries/where plates meet; On destructive margins/where plates move towards each other; E.g. <u>Pacific Ring of Fire</u> /W.coast of Americas; On constructive margins/where plates move apart; e.g. mid Atlantic Ridge; Hot spots/few in middle of plate; 4 @ 1 mark	4
3(b)(i)	Ideas such as: <u>Natural environment</u> Landslides/avalanches <u>Infrastructure</u> Damaged roads/communications/power networks/airports closed <u>Economy</u> Unable to plant crops/damage to tourist sites/people unable to work/reduces trade or tourism Note: Answers need to be under the correct headers 3 @ 1 mark	3

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3(b)(ii)	<p>Ideas such as:</p> <p>Build 'earthquake proof' buildings/strong buildings;</p> <p>With deeper/flexible foundations;</p> <p>Stronger/flexible bridges;</p> <p>Pyramid shape</p> <p>Shatterproof glass;</p> <p>Reinforced walls;</p> <p>Earthquake drills;</p> <p>Educate people about what to do in an earthquake;</p> <p>Food/water kits or storage/first aid kits/emergency bag</p> <p>Leave areas of <u>empty land</u> to use during an evacuation;</p> <p>Do not build high rise buildings;</p> <p>Hazard mapping;</p> <p>Avoid building strategic buildings on plate boundaries e.g. hospitals/power stations;</p> <p>Evacuation <u>routes</u>;</p> <p>Improve medical care;</p> <p>Rescue teams/trained medical staff on standby;</p> <p>International rescue/aid/donations of blankets/food/water/tents</p> <p>Tsunami warning system</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 @ 1 mark or development</p>	5
3(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which explain the causes of an earthquake.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example</p> <p>More developed statements which explain the causes of an earthquake e.g. plate names, direction of movement of plates etc.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Comprehensive and accurate statements including some place specific reference.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Answers are likely to refer to: Plate boundaries Plate movement Convection currents Friction Build up of pressure Pressure release etc.</p> <p>Note: Must be an area and not a country, unless a small relevant country such as Haiti</p>	7

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	Width × depth × speed of flow 1 mark	1
4(a)(ii)	15 mm 15.30 2 @ 1 mark	2
4(a)(iii)	Ideas such as: Most of the rain does not fall on the channel; Takes time for overland flow to reach river; Water has to travel downstream; Much of the water gets to the river slowly through soil/rocks/ percolation/groundwater/throughflow; 3 @ 1 mark	3
4(a)(iv)	Ideas such as: River flows faster/with more force/energy/pressure; More erosion is likely to occur/more materials worn away; Reference to specific named erosional processes or description; More transportation will occur/more load moved/more material carried; Reference to specific named transportation processes or description; Larger materials can be moved; Greater wetted perimeter 4 @ 1 mark	4
4(b)(i)	<u>Drainage Basin</u> Area of land drained by a river/catchment area of river. <u>Watershed</u> Area of land/a line which surrounds a drainage basin/area of land / (line which) separates adjacent drainage basins. <u>Tributary</u> A river/stream which joins/flows into/leads into the main/bigger river. 3 @ 1 mark	3
4(b)(ii)	Ideas such as: Loss of habitat; Destroys food chains; Species may have to migrate/face extinction/die; Soil erosion (may increase); Silt/soil washed into rivers; Makes soil infertile/increases leaching/removes nutrients from the soil; Eutrophication DEV mark; Air pollution; e.g. acid rain/asthma DEV mark; Reduces drinking water quality; Increased cost of purification/water treatment; Increased flooding risk; Loss of amenity value/less tourists go there; Reduce fuel supplies/less wood for building/ 5 @ 1 mark or development	5

Question	Answer	Marks
4(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which describe opportunities of living near a river.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example.</p> <p>More developed statements which describe opportunities of living near a river.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Comprehensive and accurate statements including some place specific reference.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Answers are likely to refer to: Fertile soil High yields of crops Land is flat so easy to build on Communications on land are easy along flood plain River can sometimes be used for navigation Fishing/food supply Water supply Irrigation Leisure HEP Industry</p> <p><u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u> Locational details, named places close to the river etc.</p>	7

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	Dairy farming/market gardening/plantations/ranching/any named crop or animal. 1 @ 1 mark	1
5(a)(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship is negative/inverse/the higher the percentage GNP from commercial farming the lower the GNP per person (or reverse) • statistics (no need for units) for GNP and percentage from commercial farming for two countries (i.e. 4 stats in total). 2 @ 1 mark	2
5(a)(iii)	<p>Ideas such as:</p> <p><u>Quality of soil</u> for example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poor soil will be used for grazing sheep • good soils used to grow crops; <p><u>Relief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crops can be grown on flat land • steeper areas may be used for grazing/pasture; <p><u>Hours of sunshine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crops will grow if there is enough sun for ripening; <p><u>Temperature</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in cold areas it may only be possible to graze sheep; • crops will not grow in cold areas; • some crops need a tropical climate; • warm temperatures for the growth of crops; • mild climate for cattle; <p><u>Precipitation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large amount of rainfall is needed for rice growing; <p><u>Aspect</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vines will be grown on south facing slopes; <p>Note: 'How' not 'why'.</p> 3 @ 1 mark	3
5(a)(iv)	<p>Ideas such as:</p> <p>Overgrazing;</p> <p>Overcultivation/monoculture;</p> <p>Removal of/clearance of vegetation/deforestation/slash and burn;</p> <p>Soil is bare/not protected;</p> <p>It can be washed away by rain;</p> <p>It can be blown away by wind;</p> <p>Roots of vegetation no longer hold the soil together;</p> <p>Soil exhaustion/ nutrient content decreased;</p> <p>Tractors/cattle compacting the soil;</p> <p>Ploughing up and down hill;</p> 4 @ 1 mark	4

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)(i)	<p>Ideas such as: There is a greater percentage/higher in sub-Saharan Africa/more in sub Saharan Africa; Statistics to support above idea (e.g. X% sub-Saharan Africa but X% in southern Asia) Note: stats have to be for same year but year does not need to be identified; The percentage is decreasing more rapidly/consistently in sub-Saharan Africa; Statistics to support above idea etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 @ 1 mark</p>	3
5(b)(ii)	<p>Ideas such as: Emergency famine relief/food aid; Improve road/distribution network (for international aid); Use land for food crops for local people rather than export of crops/production of non-food crops; Provide irrigation; Government grants/(low interest) loans to farmers/loans to buy seeds/machinery etc./subsidise cost of; better quality seeds/HYVs/GM; fertilisers; herbicides/pesticides; (charities) send in experts to demonstrate/advise/work with farmers; educate farmers about crop rotation/use of fertilisers/contour ploughing; TNC/foreign investment to create jobs to people can buy food; Mechanisation/donation of machines from abroad; Better storage; Reduce corruption; Crop rotation/avoid monoculture; Anti-natalist policy/give free contraception etc. Greenhouses/glasshouses; Hydroponics; aeroponics (Note: No reserve on short term/long term)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 @ 1 mark or development</p>	5

Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which describe the farming system.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example. More developed statements which describe the farming system. (Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Uses named example. Comprehensive and accurate statements including some place specific reference. <u>Content Guide:</u> Answers are likely to refer to: Inputs – labour/seeds/soils/sunshine/rain etc. Processes – harvesting/sowing/ploughing etc. Outputs – meat/wool etc.</p> <p>Note: Farming system needs to be described – imagine a systems diagram and credit what would be on that</p>	7

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	Secondary	1 1 mark
6(a)(ii)	Ideas such as: Tall/high; Concrete/cement; Cylindrical/circular/tube like/round; Grey/beige/cream/light coloured; Close together/tightly packed;	2 2 @ 1 mark
6(a)(iii)	Ideas such as: Government/local authorities want industries to locate in areas of high unemployment/to create employment/enterprise zones; Government incentives/grants available to locate in some areas; Rent free/rate free sites; Tax incentives; Easy/difficult to obtain planning permission from local authorities/protected land/not allowed to build/laws preventing industry near houses; Strict/lenient legislation about pollution in some areas; Strong trade unions discourage industrial development in some areas; Political instability/political conflict/wars discourage (or vice versa); Government investment in infrastructure;	3 3 @ 1 mark
6(iv)	Ideas such as: Road/rail transport (1) for transport of raw materials/goods (1); Proximity to ports/sea/coast (1) to import/export (1); Near river (1) for cooling/water to use in processes (1); Proximity to airports (1) for business travel abroad (1); Availability of resources/raw materials (1) to reduce transport costs/as bulky (1); Location of markets (1) to reduce transport costs (1); Labour supply (1) as processes will require workforce (1); Cost of land (1) as large area will be needed (1); Availability of electricity (1) to operate machinery (1) etc.; Flat land (1) factories easily constructed (1); Large areas of land (1) for construction/expansion (1); Cost of labour (1) as NICS are low cost (1); Agglomeration (1) for economies of scale (1); Near University (1) for skilled labour (1); In area which are not likely to flood (1) so factories will not be damaged/production halted (1)etc. Note: One mark for identification of appropriate factors and a further mark for simple explanation.	4 2 @ 2 marks

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6(b)(i)	Ideas such as: <u>Drinking</u> water is contaminated; It is difficult to breathe; Crops are killed; Buildings are damaged 3 @ 1 mark	3
6(b)(ii)	Ideas such as: Costs too much/solutions are expensive; Costs too much to <u>treat</u> people; Legislation would be too complex; Government are more concerned about development than the people; Government do not want to risk industry moving out of the country; Creates many jobs/causes unemployment; Wealth/money lost/makes money/it would reduce trade; Corruption is likely/government ministers may be receiving bribes from owners of industry; (negative) multiplier effect Etc. 5 @ 1 mark or development	5

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6(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p>Note: Landscapes – physical and human</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> (1–3 marks) Statements including limited detail which describe why the physical and/or human landscapes attract tourists.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> (4–6 marks) Uses named example. More developed statements which explain why the physical and/or human landscapes attract tourists.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example – not country unless is small and relevant.)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> (7 marks) Uses named example. Comprehensive and accurate statements which explain why the physical and/or human landscapes attract tourists including some place specific reference.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Answers are likely to refer to: Scenic attractions Historical buildings Theme parks Cultural attractions Restaurants/bars/clubs Hotels/resorts Wildlife Vegetation</p> <p><u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u> Locational details; Names of places/species/attractions (e.g. Disneyworld) Specific details/names of attractions</p> <p>Note: 1. Do not credit named attractions at L1 unless the name indicates what the attraction is. E.g. Big Ben = 0 Windsor <u>Castle</u> = L1</p> <p>2. Level 2 requires explanation which will usually be expressed by candidates writing about what tourists will do. E.g. mountains (description L1) attract people to hike/ski (explanation L2) Sea (L1) to swim/boating/diving (L2) Beach (L1) to sunbathe (L2) Museums (L1) attract people who are interested in history (L2)</p>	7

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	<p>However do not credit explanation at L2 which simply states the obvious E.g. beaches for <u>relaxation</u>, restaurants to <u>eat/drink</u>, clubs to <u>play in</u>, art galleries to <u>visit</u>, forest to <u>look at</u>, explore the desert etc.</p> <p>These could be elaborated for L2 credit Eg art galleries to <u>look at</u> famous paintings (L2). Restaurants to eat a variety of local seafood.(L2)</p>	