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## SAMPLE PAPER

# GEOGRAPHY

## SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 16+

Candidate Number:

**Time:** 1 ½ hours

### Information for Candidates:

- MEDC stands for More Economically Developed Country
- LEDC stands for Less Economically Developed Country

### Instructions to Candidates:

- Include sketch diagrams where appropriate.
- Use real examples where relevant.
- Answer **EITHER** Q1 or Q2 in Section 1: Geographical Skills and Knowledge
- Answer **EITHER** a question on Rivers or a question on Coasts in Section 2: Physical Topics
- Answer **EITHER** a question on Settlement or a question on Population in Section 3: Human Topics

**Writing and punctuation are important. Poor presentation or failure to pay attention to spelling and punctuation may lose marks.**

## SECTION 1 Geographical skills and Knowledge

Answer **EITHER** Q1 or Q2

Q1

- a) For a piece of fieldwork that you have undertaken, discuss the theory that was relevant to your enquiry. (6)
- b) Describe and justify **three** methods of data presentation relevant to your fieldwork enquiry. State the limitations of **one** of your data presentation methods. (8)
- c) Describe **one** technique that you used, or could have used, to analyse more scientifically some of your fieldwork data. (5)
- (d) Evaluate the validity of the conclusions in your fieldwork enquiry. (6)

**OR**

- Q2 Discuss the advantages and/or disadvantages of using electronic books (Kindle/iBooks) over traditional textbooks to research geographical topics. Suggest some other ways of investigating geographical topics, and their advantages and/or disadvantages. (25)

## **SECTION 2 Physical Topics**

Answer **EITHER** the question on Rivers or the question on Coasts

### **Q3 Rivers**

- a) Explain the formation of floodplains and meanders. (7)
- b) Outline the pros and cons of floodplain zoning, restoring wetland areas and afforestation as forms of flood management. (8)
- c) “Flooding is becoming more frequent and more serious in the UK”. Why might this be the case? Discuss two floods from the last 20 years that might support this view. (10)

### **Q4 Coasts**

- a) Choose one landform of coastal erosion. Draw a sketch of the landform, describe its shape and characteristics and explain its formation. (7)
- b) Explain why the East Coast of England is eroding faster than the West Coast. Why might the government decide not to protect some areas threatened by coastal erosion? (8)
- c) Groynes are a commonly used method for coastal management. Discuss the pros and cons of groynes, and outline the types of coastline where the use of groynes would be appropriate and inappropriate. (10)

## **SECTION 3 Human topics**

Answer **EITHER** the question on Settlement or the question on Population

**Q5 Settlement**

- a) Describe the characteristics of **two** of the following areas that make up the urban environment in MEDC cities: (7)
  - i. The Inner City
  - ii. The CBD
  - iii. The Outer Suburbs
  - iv. The Inner Suburbs
- b) To what extent do you agree that the existence of squatter settlements/slums is a serious problem for LEDC cities? (8)
- c) Evaluate the attempts to improve urban living in one named LEDC or MEDC city. (10)

**Q6 Population**

- a) Describe and draw the population structure of a country in stage 5 of the Demographic Transition Model. How is the population structure likely to change in 30 years time? (7)
- b) More than 50 million people were forced to flee their homes during 2013. Define the terms 'refugees' and 'internally displaced people', and explain why their numbers have reached record levels. (8)
- c) China and India are the only countries with more than a billion people. Discuss the ways in which the two countries have tried to control their population growth, and comment on the success of their policies. (10)

**END OF EXAMINATION**