

Edexcel GCE

Geography

Advanced

Unit 4: Geographical Research

Advance Information: Research Focus

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Paper Reference

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Instructions

- Select **one option**, based on the research you have carried out for Unit 4.
- You should use information contained in the research focus to prepare for the Unit 4 examination.
- The **research focus** will give you an idea of the sort of question you will need to answer in the examination for Unit 4.
- To help you narrow down your last minute research, the focus is divided into
 - **Explore**, meaning the background concepts, processes, theories and models involved where relevant.
 - **Research**, meaning the geographical places, case studies and examples illustrating these.
- You will be expected to produce a **report**, with clear sub-sections and referencing. Please consult the accompanying generic mark scheme, also to be found on the Edexcel website.

Information

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OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards

- Explore the different challenges posed by tectonic hazards both before and after the events.
 - Research the different impacts that tectonic hazards have on areas at different levels of development.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- Explore the range and nature of geomorphological processes operating in glacial environments.
 - Research a range of distinctive glacial landforms found in contrasting glacial environments.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- Explore a range of initiatives which have had varying effectiveness in increasing food security.
 - Research the differing food security strategies adopted in contrasting locations.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- Explore the attitudes and roles of a range of players towards cultural diversity, including its protection.
 - Research different attitudes to cultural diversity and why these may vary from place to place.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- Explore how a range of factors has led to differing management strategies aimed at reducing the severity of health risks.
 - Research different management strategies designed to cope with contrasting health risks in a range of locations.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- Explore the ways in which the changing nature and level of tourism and leisure have affected the pressures on rural areas.
 - Research the contrasting threats posed by leisure and tourism in a range of rural landscapes and settlements.
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