

Pearson Edexcel GCE

Geography

Advanced

Unit 4: Geographical Research

Advance Information: Research Focus

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Paper Reference

6GE04/01

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 Pearson website.

Information

- Pearson website (qualifications.pearson.com)

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OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards

- Explore how volcanic and seismic processes result in a variety of landscapes.
 - Research different locations to examine the role of tectonic activity in the formation of a range of distinctive landscapes.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- Explore a range of management strategies and how they are applied in contrasting cold environments.
 - Research different cold environments to examine the challenges of managing them effectively.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- Explore the political, socio-economic and environmental factors which may contribute to inequalities in food supply.
 - Research contrasting locations at different scales to demonstrate a range of reasons for both famines and food surpluses.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- Explore the meaning of the term 'global culture' and its main characteristics.
 - Research contrasting locations to investigate how far they have been affected by globalisation and 'global culture'.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- Explore the role of pollution control in the management of different health risks.
 - Research a range of contrasting examples to investigate how pollution management may contribute to health risk reduction.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- Explore the factors that influence the nature of the impact of both leisure and tourism on rural areas.
 - Research a range of rural landscapes and settlements to demonstrate the positive and negative impacts of both leisure activities and tourism.
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