

Pearson 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 Pearson website.

Information

- Pearson website (qualifications.pearson.com)

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OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards

- Explore how the effective management of hazards is dependent on a range of factors.
 - Research the management of a range of hazardous events in both developed and developing countries.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- Explore the opportunities offered and challenges posed by living and working in cold environments.
 - Research a range of contrasting relict and active cold environments where people live and work.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- Explore the importance of different local and international strategies in improving food security.
 - Research a range of different locations that illustrate how different management strategies are used to address food insecurity.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- Explore the changing relationship between humans, nature and landscape, and the cultural values that affect our use of the environment.
 - Research a range of cultures at different levels of development that have contrasting attitudes to, and relationships with, the environment.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- Explore the different causes of health risks, including pollution, and how they vary according to economic standards of living.
 - Research a variety of locations across the development spectrum to show how far health risks change over time.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- Explore the positive and negative impacts that leisure activities and tourism have on rural areas.
 - Research a range of contrasting rural locations to show how management can influence the balance between benefits and costs from leisure and tourism.
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