

Pearson Edexcel GCE

Geography

Advanced

Unit 4: Geographical Research

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Advance Information: Research Focus

Paper Reference

6GE04/01

You do not need any other materials.

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 the contrasting impacts of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes on people.
 - Research a range of volcanic and earthquake hazards in countries at different stages of development, and on different scales, to investigate their effects.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- Explore the climatic reasons why cold environments vary and how they have varied over time.
 - Research a range of different cold environments, both glacial and periglacial, to investigate the causes of their distinctive environments.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- Explore the linkages between the physical and human causes of food insecurity in the developing world.
 - Research a range of different dryland locations in the developing world to investigate why they are experiencing food insecurity.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- Explore the relationship between globalisation and global culture.
 - Research a range of existing cultures to investigate how different aspects of globalisation have changed them.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- Explore the causes of health risks associated with pollution at different scales.
 - Research a variety of ways in which health risks associated with pollution have been managed.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- Explore the reasons why contrasting rural landscapes are often fragile.
 - Research a range of locations that have been affected by leisure and tourism to investigate their vulnerability.
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