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Global Development

Advanced Subsidiary

Unit 1: Understanding Global Development

Tuesday 22 May 2018 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

6GL01/01

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions.

You are advised to spend approximately 45 minutes on this section.

Topic 2: Economic development

Read Source A and answer question 1.

Source A

Myanmar (formally known as Burma) is the world's foremost source of top quality jade. A single milky-green pendant from here can fetch tens of thousands of dollars in the fashionable jewellers of Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Virtually all this wealth is pocketed by friends of the former military government and local rebel armies. The illegal profits are enormous: new analysis by London-based NGO Global Witness put the total size of Myanmar's jade industry at \$31 billion in 2014, equating to nearly half of national GDP and over 46 times the nation's spending on healthcare. But the same year's tax receipts from jade stand at just \$374 million – representing not even 2% of production.

Workplace accidents are common; a single landslide can bury dozens of miners, especially during sudden monsoonal downpours, and there is the constant risk of arrest, assault and extortion by the police. Industrial waste endangers not just the miners but the wider community as well.

Painfully thin from inadequate food, miners are bent double from years of digging through the hard earth and all too frequently addicted to drugs. Heroin abuse is common in mining communities. Grim dens, where miners swap a \$2 lump of jade for heroin, cover the stark landscape. The scarcity of clean needles means HIV/AIDS is spreading fast.

(Source: <http://time.com/4102167/jade-mining-myanmar-burma/>)

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- 1 (a) (i) Explain how **one** piece of evidence from Source A shows the poverty of Myanmar's miners.

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- (ii) Explain how **one** development intervention could help miners in Myanmar.

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- (b) (i) Using **one** named country, explain how uneven development within a country can affect health services.

(6)

Named country:



- (ii) Examine the extent to which developing nations are dependent on very high human development countries.

(6)

(Total for Question 1 = 18 marks)



Topic 3: Development of government and society

Read Source B and answer question 2.

Source B

The achievement of the Chinese Government in combating poverty over the past decades has been remarkable and its 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20) aims to lift another 70 million people out of poverty by 2020.

But the government's goal is indeed ambitious. In the severely poverty-stricken provinces and regions, poverty alleviation (reduction) is now considered more important than any other issue. All government departments are providing essential support to fight poverty.

Apart from applying solutions to reduce poverty such as introducing e-commerce measures, the poor areas are also promoting their geographical or demographic advantages in attracting tourists or boosting their agricultural production. Plans to relocate people are being implemented, and rural residents in less livable areas have been settled in relatively secure places.

Besides, poverty alleviation is now measured to assess the performance of local officials in less developed areas. University students are being encouraged to serve in local governments to improve public services, in order to help those areas develop faster.

But the less developed regions are still struggling to reduce poverty, not because they lack financial or human resources but because their governance has not changed or improved.

Given all these difficulties, it is important to become more innovative in order to alleviate poverty.

(Source: adapted from: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/opinion/2016-08/16/content_26495580.htm)

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- 2 (a) Using Source B and your own knowledge, explain why the Chinese Government's aim to lift another 70 million people out of poverty by 2020 might be too ambitious.

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- (ii) Examine the view that global institutions do not represent the needs of many local and national communities around the world.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 35 MARKS



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3 (a) Explain why measuring levels of democracy might be difficult.

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*(b) To what extent is democracy essential for development?

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(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)



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If you answer Question 4 put a cross in the box ☐ .

- 4 (a) Outline the overall success of **one** scientific or technological development in alleviating poverty.

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*(b) Science and technology are more likely to lead to economic growth than any other factor. To what extent do you agree with this view?

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(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 25 MARKS
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