

**Pearson Edexcel**  
International Advanced Level

# Geography

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Unit 4: Researching Geography

Advance Information: Research Focus

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Paper Reference

**WGE04/01**

**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 material which you need to study in order to answer the question in the examination for Unit 4.
- To help you, the focus is divided into:
  - **concepts**, meaning the appropriate background ideas, processes, theories and models
  - **places**, meaning a range of relevant geographical environments and appropriate case studies.
- You will be expected to produce a **report**, with clear sections and references. Please consult the accompanying generic mark scheme, which can be found on the Pearson website ([www.pearson.com](http://www.pearson.com)).

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### **OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards**

- Research why tectonic hazards have different impacts on contrasting locations.
  - Research a range of disasters to examine the importance of hazard magnitude, socio-economic and geographical factors in explaining their effects.
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### **OPTION 2: Feeding the World's People**

- Research the varied causes of hunger in both the developed and the developing world.
  - Research a range of locations to examine how environmental, economic and political factors contribute to food insecurity.
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### **OPTION 3: Cultural Diversity: People and Landscapes**

- Research the reasons why globalisation poses threats to cultural landscapes.
  - Research a range of contrasting locations to explore the extent to which cultures and cultural landscapes are threatened by a variety of factors.
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### **OPTION 4: Human Health and Disease**

- Research variations in life expectancy globally, and between and within countries.
  - Research a range of locations with different life expectancies to explore the contrasting trends in health risks.
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