

Paper Reference 4GE1/01
Pearson Edexcel
International GCSE (9–1)

Total Marks

Geography
PAPER 1: Physical geography

Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

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Resource Booklet

Diagram Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

In Section A answer TWO questions from Questions 1, 2 AND 3.

In Section B answer ONE question from Questions 4, 5 AND 6.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided in this Question Paper or in the Diagram Booklet – there may be more space than you need.

Calculators may be used.

Where asked you must show all your working out with your answer clearly identified at the end of your solution.

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INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 62

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets
– use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on
each question.**

**There may be spare copies of some diagrams in case
you need them.**

ADVICE

**Read each question carefully before you start to
answer it.**

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Some questions are multiple choice. Write the letter(s) of your chosen answer(s) in the box(es) provided.

SECTION A

Answer TWO questions from this section.

If you answer Question 1 put a cross in this box

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1. River environments

(a) Identify ONE landform usually found in the upper course of a river.

A delta

B estuary

C oxbow lake

D interlocking spurs

Answer

(1 mark)

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1. continued.

(b) (i) Identify the best definition of a watershed.

A boundary of a drainage basin

B bend in a river

C where a river meets the sea

D where two rivers meet

Answer

(1 mark)

(ii) State ONE transfer in the hydrological cycle.

(1 mark)

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1. continued.

(c) Explain how a river channel is eroded by solution (corrosion).

(2 marks)

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1. continued.

(d) Study Figure 1a in the Resource Booklet.

**Explain ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage
of the flood prevention measures shown.**

(4 marks)

Answer lines continue on the next page.

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Disadvantage

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1. (d) continued.

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1. continued.

(e) Explain how urban land use can affect river regimes.

(3 marks)

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1. continued.

(f) Study Figure 1b in the Resource Booklet.

**Identify the feature of the storm hydrograph
labelled X.**

(1 mark)

(g) Explain how erosion can form waterfalls.

(4 marks)

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1. continued.

(h) Study Figure 1c in the Resource Booklet.

Analyse the importance of this dam for managing the demand and supply of water.

(8 marks)

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If you answer Question 2 put a cross in this box

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2. Coastal environments

(a) Identify the feature of a mangrove ecosystem.

- A** high altitude
- B** steep land gradient
- C** complex root system
- D** cold temperatures

Answer

(1 mark)

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2. continued.

(b) (i) Identify a process of coastal erosion.

A abrasion

B beach

C fetch

D swash

Answer

(1 mark)

(ii) State ONE transportation process that occurs along a coastline.

(1 mark)

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(c) Explain ONE way to reduce the impact of coastal flooding.

(2 marks)

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(d) Study Figure 2a in the Resource Booklet.

**Explain TWO reasons why there may be
conflicts over the coastal management
strategies chosen.**

(4 marks)

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2. continued.

(e) Explain ONE way climate change may affect coastal environments.

(3 marks)

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(f) Study Figure 2b in the Resource Booklet.

Identify the type of wave shown.

(1 mark)

(g) Explain the formation of a cave.

(4 marks)

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2. (g) continued.

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(h) Study Figure 2c in the Resource Booklet.

Analyse the importance of managing the threats to this coral reef ecosystem.

(8 marks)

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3. Hazardous environments

(a) Identify a type of plate boundary.

A asymmetrical

B constructive

C hot spot

D mantle

Answer

(1 mark)

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3. continued.

(b) (i) Identify ONE characteristic of a tropical cyclone.

A area of very high pressure

B very little rainfall

C low wind speeds

D eye in the centre

Answer

(1 mark)

(ii) State ONE factor that can affect tropical cyclone formation.

(1 mark)

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3. continued.

(c) Explain one long-term impact of a tropical cyclone.

(2 marks)

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(d) Study Figure 3a in the Resource Booklet.

Explain TWO reasons why people continue to live in areas at risk from volcanoes.

(4 marks)

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**(e) Explain ONE way building design can help
prepare for earthquakes.**

(3 marks)

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3. continued.

(f) Study Figure 3b in the Resource Booklet.

Identify a potential short-term impact of the hazard shown.

(1 mark)

(g) Explain how volcanoes are formed at a destructive plate boundary.

(4 marks)

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(h) Study Figure 3c in the Resource Booklet.

Analyse the hazard risk from this predicted distribution of tropical cyclones.

(8 marks)

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(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 50 MARKS

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SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

If you answer Question 4 put a cross in this box

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4. Investigating river environments

A group of students have undertaken an enquiry that investigates the characteristics of a river along its course.

(a) Study Figure 4a in the Resource Booklet.

(i) Identify ONE type of primary data used by the students.

A Environment Agency flood risk map

B field sketches

C local historical map

D newspaper articles

Answer

(1 mark)

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4. (a) continued.

(ii) Name ONE piece of equipment the students could have used in their enquiry.

(1 mark)

(b) Study Figure 4b in the Resource Booklet. It shows some data about river velocity at four sites.

(i) Calculate the mean river velocity at Site 2.

Give your answer to one decimal place.

You must show all your workings in the space below and on the next page.

(2 marks)

4. (b) (i) continued.

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4. (b) continued.

(ii) State ONE type of sampling students could have used to choose their data collection sites.

(1 mark)

(iii) Suggest ONE reason why the data for Site 1 may not be reliable.

(2 marks)

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4. continued.

(c) (i) Look at the diagram for Question 4(c)(i) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows an incomplete graph. Complete the graph in the Diagram Booklet, using data highlighted in Figure 4c in the Resource Booklet.

(2 marks)

(ii) Explain ONE advantage of using a line graph to present results.

(3 marks)

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)

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If you answer Question 5 put a cross in this box

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5. Investigating coastal environments

A group of students have undertaken an enquiry that explores how beach characteristics change due to coastal management.

(a) Study Figure 5a in the Resource Booklet.

(i) Identify ONE type of primary data used by the students.

A local shoreline management plan

B field sketches

C local historical map

D newspaper articles

Answer

(1 mark)

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5. (a) continued.

(ii) Name ONE piece of equipment the students could have used in their enquiry.

(1 mark)

(b) Study Figure 5b in the Resource Booklet. It shows some data about beach characteristics at four sites where data was collected.

(i) Calculate the mean pebble size at Site 2.

Give your answer to one decimal place.

You must show all your workings in the space below and on the next page.

(2 marks)

5. (b) (i) continued.

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5. (b) continued.

(ii) State ONE type of sampling students could have used to choose their data collection sites.

(1 mark)

(iii) Suggest ONE reason why the data for Site 1 may not be reliable.

(2 marks)

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5. continued.

(c) (i) Look at the diagram for Question 5(c)(i) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows an incomplete graph. Complete the beach profile on the graph in the Diagram Booklet using data highlighted in Figure 5c in the Resource Booklet.

(2 marks)

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5. (c) continued.

(ii) Explain ONE advantage of using a line graph to present results.

(3 marks)

(Total for Question 5 = 12 marks)

If you answer Question 6 put a cross in this box

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6. Investigating hazardous environments

A group of students have undertaken an enquiry that explores relationships between local weather characteristics.

(a) Study Figure 6a in the Resource Booklet.

(i) Identify ONE type of primary data used by the students.

A local weather map

B field sketches

C a local weather diary from last year

D newspaper articles

Answer

(1 mark)

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6. (a) continued.

(ii) Name ONE piece of equipment the students could have used in their enquiry.

(1 mark)

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6. continued.

(b) Study Figure 6b in the Resource Booklet. It shows some data on wind speed at four sites where data was collected.

(i) Calculate the mean wind speed collected at Site 2.

Give your answer to one decimal place.

You must show all your workings in the space below and the next page.

(2 marks)

6. (b) (i) continued.

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6. (b) continued.

(ii) State ONE type of sampling students could have used to choose their data collection sites.

(1 mark)

(iii) Suggest ONE reason why the data for Site 1 may not be reliable.

(2 marks)

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6. continued.

(c) (i) Look at the diagram for Question 6(c)(i) in the Diagram Booklet. It shows an incomplete graph. Complete the graph in the Diagram Booklet using data highlighted in Figure 6c in the Resource Booklet.

(2 marks)

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6. (c) continued.

(ii) Explain ONE advantage of using a line graph to present results.

(3 marks)

(Total for Question 6 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 62 MARKS

END OF PAPER
