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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
  - Answer questions from **two** options.
  - For **each** option, follow the instructions inside on which questions to answer.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.
- You should make reference to appropriate examples studied in the field or the classroom, even where such examples are not specifically requested by the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

LICs = low income countries.
MICs = middle income countries.
HICs = high income countries.

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Answer questions from **two** different options.

Production, location and change

If answering this option, answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

1 Fig. 1.1 shows the current land use of large areas of land that have changed from informal land tenure to formal land tenure, 2007–2021.

(a) Describe the distribution of land use types shown in Fig. 1.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** political factors affecting agricultural land use and practices on farms. [6]

2 For your case study of **one** country, evaluate the success of attempts to manage agricultural change. [20]

3 'Technology is the most important factor affecting the location of manufacturing and related service industry.'

With reference to one or more examples, to what extent do you agree with this statement? [20]

Environmental management

If answering this option, answer Question 4 and **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

4 Fig. 4.1 shows carbon capture and storage (CCS) facilities in different world regions, 2023.

(a) Compare the distribution of operational and under construction CCS facilities with the distribution of planned CCS facilities as shown in Fig. 4.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** reasons why some countries rely on the use of fossil fuels. [6]

5 'Hydroelectric power (HEP) offers a sustainable solution for issues in energy production.'

With reference to one or more examples, to what extent do you agree with this statement? [20]

6 'Environments at risk can be protected by effective management.'

With reference to one or more examples, how far do you agree with this statement? [20]

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Global interdependence

If answering this option, answer Question 7 and **either** Question 8 **or** Question 9.

7 Fig. 7.1 shows the contribution of tourism to gross domestic product (GDP), for selected countries, in 2018.

(a) Compare the contribution of tourism to gross domestic product (GDP) for the countries shown in Fig. 7.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** impacts of the tourism multiplier effect. [6]

8 Assess the extent to which international debt is a problem for some countries. [20]

9 For **one** tourist area or resort, evaluate the issues of sustainability it faces. [20]

Economic transition

If answering this option, answer Question 10 and **either** Question 11 **or** Question 12.

10 Fig. 10.1 shows the number of operations of an Indian transnational corporation (TNC) in 2023.

(a) Describe the spatial organisation of the TNC shown in Fig. 10.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** benefits to transnational corporations (TNCs) of outsourcing their manufacturing. [6]

11 Evaluate the relative importance of the factors in the emergence and growth of one or more newly industrialised countries (NICs). [20]

12 Evaluate the success of the attempts to overcome regional disparities in **one** country you have studied. [20]

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