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Paper 4 Advanced Human Geography Options **May/June 2026**

1 hour 30 minutes

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 Figure 1.1 shows sources of change in crop production, by world region, 2013–2022.

(a) Describe the sources of change in crop production shown in Figure 1.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** agricultural practices which increase crop yield. [6]

2 With reference to **one** country, assess the extent to which the need for agricultural change was caused by physical factors. [20]

3 With reference to one or more examples, assess the extent to which government policies influence the location of manufacturing and related service industry. [20]

Environmental management

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

4 Figure 4.1 shows the total share and the different sources of renewable energy used to generate electricity in Japan, an HIC in Asia, 2022.

(a) Describe the variations shown in Figure 4.1. [4]

(b) Explain **two** ways climate affects monthly variations in renewable energy production. [6]

5 'Rising demand for energy leads to more pollution.'

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

6 With reference to **one** degraded environment, assess the extent to which management was able to overcome the problems faced. [20]

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Global interdependence

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

7 Figure 7.1 shows primary product export dependent countries and main product type in 2021.

(a) Describe the pattern of primary product export dependent countries shown in Figure 7.1. [4]

(b) Explain how free trade increases trade flows. [6]

8 'Local communities must be involved for international aid projects to be successful.'

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

9 With reference to **one** tourist area or resort, assess the extent to which the issues of sustainability changed as the tourist area or resort developed. [20]

Economic transition

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

10 Figure 10.1 shows well-being indicators for regions in the United Kingdom (UK) relative to other OECD countries, 2020.

(a) Describe the variations in well-being of the Greater London region shown in Figure 10.1. [4]

(b) Explain how the process of cumulative causation may lead to regional divergence in a country. [6]

11 Assess the extent to which the nature (characteristics) **and** the role of the primary sector change as economies develop. [20]

12 Assess the extent to which the growth of newly industrialised countries (NICs) has influenced the globalisation of economic activity. [20]

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