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GCE A2 Level Geography

Student Guide: Answering A2 Geography Questions

Following feedback from centres in relation to A2 Geography, we are delighted to announce a new student guide available to download from www.ccea.org.uk/geography. The guide gives students advice on answering A2 Geography questions and focuses on the longer, essay style questions worth [15] or [20] marks.

There is a significant change in the style and demand of questions set at A2 level. Questions that carry [6] marks or above are marked using levels of response. In Geography there are three levels of response. The guide begins by exploring what examiners are looking for at each level and outlining the knowledge and understanding, skills and quality of written communication expected. Having considered the general descriptions for marking criteria, the guide then suggests a range of strategies for answering A2 Geography questions including:

- establishing the demands/scope of the question
- using resource material
- developing a balanced answer
- developing a structured answer; and
- using case study detail.

The guide draws on questions and associated mark schemes taken from the Summer 2012 and January 2013 examination series.

To access this new resource simply log on to www.ccea.org.uk/geography then follow the links to GCE and Support Materials.

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