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Broad Guidelines

The Ministry of Education is committed, in accordance with the National Policy Statement on Education, to provide a Curriculum and Assessment System (Form 1 to Form 3) so that at the completion of secondary education, learners will:

- be equipped to meet the changing needs of the Nation, and
- have attained internationally acceptable standards.

Swaziland's National Education Policy Directives

Junior Certificate (JC) syllabuses for studies in Form 1 to Form 3 will individually, and collectively, enable learners to develop **essential skills** and provide a broad **learning experience** which:

- inculcates values and attitudes as well as knowledge and understanding,
- encourages respect for human rights and freedom of speech,
- respects the values and beliefs of others, relating to issues of gender, culture and religion,
- develops desirable attitudes and behaviour towards the environment,
- provides insight and understanding of global issues which affect quality of life in Swaziland and elsewhere, e.g. the AIDS pandemic; global warming; misdistribution of wealth; and technological advances.

The National Curriculum for Form 1 to Form 3

Learners will be given opportunities to develop **essential skills** which will overlap across the entire range of subjects studied. These skills are listed below:

- Communication and language skills
- Numeracy skills: mathematical ideas, techniques and applications
- Problem-solving skills
- Technological awareness and applications
- Critical thinking skills
- Work and study skills
- Independent learning
- Working with others

To develop these skills, learners must take **six compulsory subjects** and any other subjects selected from the electives below.

Compulsory Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Science
- SiSwati

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Electives

- Additional Mathematics
- Agriculture
- Bookkeeping and Accounts
- Business Studies
- Consumer Science
- Design and Technology
- Development Studies
- French
- Geography
- History

Fields of Study

- Agriculture
- Business Studies
- Consumer Science
- Pure Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Technical Studies

INTRODUCTION

The Junior Certificate (JC) Syllabi are designed for three years for examination in Form 3. Geography is designed to encourage candidates to use a range of geographical enquiry skills to develop their knowledge and understanding of places, patterns, processes, environmental change and sustainable development.

AIMS

The educational purposes of Junior Certificate Geography are to:

- 1. stimulate curiosity about the world.
- 2. introduce candidates to people, place, and environments.
- 3. contribute to environmental awareness and education for sustainable development.
- 4. develop understanding of physical and human landscapes and introducing candidates to different societies and cultures, therefore enhancing awareness of global interdependence.
- 5. develop an understanding of physical social, economic, environmental and cultural issues in Swaziland for sustainable development.
- 6. acquire techniques and develop skills such as map-reading, research, drawing and interpretation of geographical phenomena.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Assessment Objectives in Geography are:

- A. knowledge with understanding
- B. analysis
- C. judgement and decision making

A. KNOWLEDGE WITH UNDERSTANDING

Learners should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- 1. physical, human and geographical features within the range of local, regional (and part of South African Development Community) and international scales;
- 2. geographical concepts, principles and processes; the inter-relationships between people's activities and the total environment and ability to seek explanations for them;
- 3. the spatial patterns and an appreciation of the range of physical, economic, social, and political processes and interactions which are experienced by people in different environments;
- 4. the changes which occur through time in places, landscapes and spatial distributions;
- 5. causes and effects of geographical forces and processes;
- 6. the importance of scale (whether local, regional and global).

B. ANALYSIS

Learners should be able to:

- 1 select, organise, present and interpret geographical data;
- 2 extract, use, apply and interpret geographical knowledge and understanding in numerical, diagrammatic, pictorial, graphical tables, maps, photographs and cartoon forms;
- 3 recognise patterns, deduce relationships, draw valid conclusions and make inferences;
- 4 use a variety of techniques for presenting geographical information in an acceptable, effective and appropriate way.

C. JUDGEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING

Learners should be able to:

- 1 demonstrate an ability to make reasoned judgements;
- 2 suggest, justify and evaluate proposed solutions to environmental and socioeconomic challenges;
- 3 recognise how values and perceptions affect both individuals and groups in making decisions within a geographical context.

SPECIFICATION GRID

	Assessment Objectives		
Paper	A. Knowledge with understanding	B. Analysis & Interpretation	C. Judgement and decision-making
1	50%	20%	30%
2	25%	60%	15%

ASSESSMENT

Scheme of Assessment

All papers are compulsory. Candidates must enter for Paper 1 and 2 and are eligible for the award of Grades A to H. A description of each component follows:

Paper 1(1hour 45 minutes) consisting of 60 marks.

Candidates are expected to answer three questions.

Six questions will be set from Themes 4, 5, and 6. Two questions will be set from Theme 4 (Swaziland), two questions from Theme 5 (SADC) and two questions from Theme 6 (countries outside Africa). Candidates are expected to answer **one question** from each Theme.

Questions will be structured according to gradient of difficulty and will be resourced-based and free response writing.

This paper will be mainly concerned with Assessment Objectives A, B and C.

Will be answered on the question paper.

Paper 2 (1hour 45 minutes) consisting of 40 marks.

Candidates are expected to answer all questions.

Questions for this paper will be set from Themes 1 (map reading and research), 2 (physical world) and 3 (settlement and population). This paper will be mainly concerned with Assessment Objectives A, B and C.

This paper will be mainly skills-based and will test a candidate's ability to handle various ways of depicting geographical information.

Will be answered on the question paper.

Weighting of Papers

Paper	Weighting
1	50%
2	50%

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Learners will study all themes in the Curriculum Content outlined below.

THEME 1 - MAP READING AND RESEARCH SKILLS

1.1 Map Reading

GENERAL OBJECTIVES	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
1.1.1 Features of a map	Different types of maps Symbols used in maps Draw and grient a map
1.1.2 Measuring distance	 Draw and orient a map Different types of map scales Measurement and conversion of map distance to ground distance Relationship between map size and scale
1.1.3 Location in maps	 Demonstrate the principle of using the 4 and 6-figure grid references Location of features on a map using 4 and 6 figure – grid references
1.1.4 Direction in maps	 Features of a compass How a compass works Measurement of whole circle bearings using a protractor Relationship between whole circle bearings and compass directions
1.1.5 Relief on maps	 Relief using contour lines, spot heights, trigonometrically stations etc. Construction and interpretation of cross sections of landscape depicted by contour lines Gradient calculation
1.2 Research Skills 1.2.1 Introduction to basic research methods.	 Research definition Importance of research Identification of a problem area or topic; e.g. environmental problem at school, community etc. Describe the nature of the problem Aims of the research Hypothesis; formulation and definition Types of data. Types of sampling methods. Advantages and limitations of the sampling methods. Methods of data collection and presentation.

THEME 2 PHYSICAL WORLD

2.1 Physical Geography

GENERAL OBJECTIVES	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
2.1 The Solar System	
2.1.1 The sun and stars	 Solar system definition and composition Characteristics of stars Impact of the sun and stars on man and the environment.
2.1.2 Satellites, asteroids, comets, meteors and meteorites	 Different types of satellites, asteroids, comets, meteors and meteorites The moon and phases of the moon Types of tides Causes tides
2.1.3 Planets	 Names of planets Characteristics of planets. Illustration of the position of planets in relation to the sun Properties of each planet
2.2 The Earth	
2.2.1 Shape and size of the Earth	The shape and size of the EarthProofs of the spherical shape of the Earth
2.2.2 Movements of the Earth	 Rotation and revolution of the Earth Illustration of the rotation and revolution of the earth. Results of rotation and revolution of the Earth
2.2.3 The Earth's Graticule	 Latitude and longitude. Lines of latitude and longitude Characteristics of lines of latitude and lines of longitude Uses of lines of latitude and lines of longitude (location of places on a map and time calculation)
2.2.4 Structure of the Earth	 Layers that make up the internal structure of the Earth Composition of each of the layers of the Earth
2.2.5 The Earth's atmosphere	Gaseous spheres that surround the Earth Functions of these gaseous spheres
2.3 Internal Movements of the Earth	
2.3.1 Earthquakes	 Earthquake definition Causes of earthquakes Measurement of earthquake intensity Effects of earthquakes to man and the environment
2.3.2 Folding	 Folding definition Formation of the different types of folds with illustrations (simple, asymmetrical,

	overfold, recumbent and over thrust fold)
	Landforms resulting from folding
	Examples of fold mountains
	 Positive and negative effects of fold
	mountains
2.3.3 Faulting	Faulting definition
	 Formation of the different types of faults
	with illustrations (normal, reverse/thrust
	and tear/wrench)
	 Landforms resulting from faulting (rift)
	valleys/grabens and block
	mountains/horsts)
	Positive and negative effects of faulting
2.3.4 Volcanism	Volcanism definition
	Causes of volcanism
	Stages of a volcano
	Intrusive and extrusive volcanic landforms
	The different types of volcanic cones
	Benefits and hazards presented by
0.45	volcanism
2.4 Rocks	
2.4.1 Classification of rocks	Rocks definition
	The three classes of rocks
0.4.0.14	Formation of each class and their uses
2.4.2 Weathering	Weathering definition
	The processes of mechanical/physical and hamical weathering.
2.5 Soil erosion and Soil	chemical weathering
Conservation	
2.5.1 Soil Erosion	Difference between weathering and
	erosion
	 Natural and human causes of soil erosion
	 Effects of soil erosion on the environment
	and people
2.5.2 Soil Conservation	Soil conservation definition
	 Ways of soil conservation
	Rehabilitation of infertile land
2.5.3 The Hydrological Cycle	 The hydrological cycle description
	Effects of removal of trees on water
	collection in rivers
	How dam construction interrupts flow of
	water in rivers
	How people in cities and towns contaminate water courses.
	contaminate water sources
2.6 Diver Action	Water conservation techniques
2.6 River Action 2.6.1 Introduction to rivers	Tormo appointed with vivey action (lead
2.6.1 IIIII Oddeciion to rivers	Terms associated with river action (load, source, mouth, tributary, confluence)
	source, mouth, tributary, confluence, depth, velocity, gradient, distributary and
	volume)
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	The river's long profile
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2.6.2 Processes of river action	 Drainage patterns The work of a river (erosion, transportation and deposition)
	Ways by which a river erodes its bed and banks
	 Types of river erosion (head-ward, lateral and vertical)
	 Factors which influence the rate of erosion and deposition
	 Ways by which a river transports its load
2.6.3 Features formed by a river	Stages/courses of a river
	Features formed in each of the
	stages/courses of a river
2.7 Weather and Climate	Positive and negative impacts of rivers
2.7.1 Weather	Weather definition
	Weather station
	Stevenson screen
	 Weather elements
	 Measurements of weather elements
	 Siting of each of the instruments used for measuring the weather elements
	Recording of each of the weather elementsTypes of rainfall
2.7.2 Climate	Climate definition
Ziriz Giiriato	Factors influencing climate
2.7.3 Climate Change	Climate change definition
	 Features of a climate changed
	environment
	 Human activities which lead to climate change
	Impact of climate change on the
	environment and people (the concepts of El Nino and La Nina)
	Climate change mitigation measures
	 Adaptation to a climate changed environment
2.8.3 Climatic Regions	Location of Hot Deserts and Tropical
	Rainforest on a world map
	Characteristics of the regions under the
	following headings (climate, vegetation,
	soils, animals and human activities)
	The relationship between climate and
	vegetation of each of the religions

THEME 3 – SETTLEMENT AND POPULATION STUDIES

3.1 Settlement and Population

GENERAL OBJECTIVES	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
3.1.1 Rural Settlements	 Settlement definition Rural settlements and patterns of rural settlements Physical and social factors which influence the location of rural settlements The layout of a rural settlement Functions of a rural settlement
3.1.2 Urban Settlements	 Classification of settlements according to size (hierarchy of settlements) Physical and economic factors which promote urban growth Functions of an urban settlements Structure of a city (urban morphology) Problems experienced in cities Solutions to problems experienced by cities
3.2 Population	
3.2.1 Population Growth and Distribution	 Terms associated with population, census, pressure, explosion, underpopulation, overpopulation, optimum population, population density and natural increase) Population distribution/density in the world, in Africa and Swaziland. Concepts of birth rate, death rate, natural increase and focus population Causes of overpopulation with reference to Swaziland Effects of overpopulation: social, economic and environmental Solutions to the problems of overpopulation Population structure/ age-sex pyramid structures from LEDC's and MEDC's. Effects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on the structure, social and economic progress of a country Ways of slowing down the pandemic and coping with the effects
3.2.2 Migration	 Terms associated with migration, immigration, emigration, immigrant, emigrant, temporal, permanent, internal (rural-urban, seasonal) and international migrations Causes of migration (pull and push factors) Effects of migration on the receiving

(destination) area and area of departure
(origin)

THEME 4 – SWAZILAND

4.1 Physical Geography of Swaziland

4.1.1 Location	Location of Swaziland in Africa and in
	relation to her neighbouring states
	Advantages and disadvantages of the
	position of Swaziland
	The physiographic regions of Swaziland
4400	The topographic features of each region
4.1.2 Drainage	The main rivers of Swaziland (perennial)
	and seasonal rivers)
	Domestic and economic uses of rivers
	Pollution and degradation of rivers by man
	Ways of using river products in a
4.4.0 D1	sustainable way
4.1.3 Rocks	 Different kinds of rocks and most common location of each
	 Economic uses of rocks in Swaziland
4.1.4 Soils	Different kinds of soils and where they are
	commonly found in Swaziland
4.1.5 Climate	 Factors influencing the climate
	(temperature and rainfall) in Swaziland
	Effects of climate on land use
4.1.6 Vegetation	 Different types of natural vegetation found
	in Swaziland
	Uses of the natural vegetation found in
	Swaziland
4.2 Economic Geography of Swaziland	
4.2.1 Land tenure system	Definition of a land tenure system
	Different types of land tenure systems
1000111	found in Swaziland
4.2.2 Subsistence farming	Definition of subsistence farming
	Main characteristics of a subsistence farm
	Subsistence farming inputs, processes and
	outputs
	Causes of low productivity, in both crops and livestack in subsistence forming
	and livestock in subsistence farming
	Ways that could be undertaken/already in use to improve outputs.
4.2.3 Commercial Farming	use to improve outputs • Definition of commercial farming
7.2.3 Commercial Familing	Definition of commercial farming Features/characteristics of a commercial
	farm
	Inputs, processes and outputs of
	commercial farming.
	Differences between intensive farming and
	extensive farming
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	 Preparation of virgin land for agriculture Problems encountered in preparing land for agriculture Modern farming methods used in commercial farming Advantages of modern farming methods over traditional farming methods Impacts of crop farming on the environment Ways of reducing the effects of crop farming on the environment
4.2.4 Sugar Cane	 Plants from where sugar can be extracted Location of the main sugar growing areas in Swaziland Factors favouring the growing of sugar cane
	 Processing of sugar cane Products of sugar cane and their uses Marketing of sugar and its products Problems faced by the sugar industry (growing and marketing problems) Ways of overcoming some of the problems
4.2.5 Cotton	 Main cotton growing areas Factors favouring the growing of cotton in these areas Picking and processing of cotton Cotton products and their uses Problems experienced by cotton farmers
4.2.6 Citrus Fruits	 Location of the main citrus growing areas Conditions that favour the growing of citrus fruits Harvesting of citrus fruits Problems faced by the citrus fruit industry
4.2.7 Pineapples	 Location of main pineapple growing areas Favourable conditions for growing, harvesting and processing Problems faced by the pineapple industry
4.2.8 Cattle farming	 Region most favourable for cattle rearing Type of cattle reared in Swaziland (exotic or imported and indigenous) Conditions which favour cattle rearing Comparison between subsistence management of livestock with commercial management (inputs, outputs, cattle, problems and attempts at solving problems)
4.2.9 Forestry	 Differentiate between man – made or exotic and indigenous forests Location man-made or exotic forests in Swaziland Factors promoting the growth of exotic

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	 trees Products of both man-made forests and indigenous forests Problems faced by the forest industry
	 Definition of 'alien invasive species' and
	examplesThe effects of these plants to indigenous
	ones
	 Ways of solving the problems posed by these plants
	Importance of forests to the economy of
	the countryImportance of forests to the environment
	and climate
	 Ways of maintaining the balance between harvesting and sustainable growth of forests
4.2.11 Power	 Sources of power used in Swaziland Location of areas of power generation in Swaziland
	Power generation from the various sources Advantages and disadvantages of these
	 Advantages and disadvantages of these sources of power
	Energy saving practices that could be used demostically and industrially.
	domestically and industriallyAlternative appliances that save energy
	Effects of the limited use of energy on the environment
4.2.12 Mining	 Factors influencing the exploitation of minerals
	Methods used in the exploitation of mineral
	 Location of the mining areas and mineral deposits in Swaziland
	Geological occurrence of coal
	Types of coal found in SwazilandMethods used to mine coal in Swaziland
	 Uses of coal and its by-products
	 Main modes of transport used when
	ferrying coal to its marketsPositive and negative impacts of coal
	mining to the people and environment
4.2.13 Industrial Development	 Differentiation of industry and industrial estate/site
	 Classification of industries
	 Location of the main industrial estates in Swaziland
	Physical and economic factors influencing
	location of industries
	 Factors which promote industrial development
	 Factors that hinder industrial development
	 Suggest ways of improving industrial

	 development Benefits to the country and people brought about by industrial development Effects of industries on the environment Solutions to minimizing the adverse effects of industries on the environment
4.2.14 Tourism	 Terms associated with tourism (tourism, tourist, eco-tourism) Tourist attraction areas in the country Advantages and disadvantages of tourism to the people and environment Efforts made to develop and improve tourism Promoting sustainable tourism

THEME 5 - THE SADC REGION

5.1 The Republic of South Africa (RSA)

on South Africa in relation to ouring states and other geographic es: oceans, seas, rivers and ains elitical regions (provinces) and coregions of RSA on where the following crops are maize, wheat, tobacco and grapes all and economic factors which the growth of the crops of each of the crops of the crops of the crops of the crops
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5.2.1 Location and physical geography of Lesotho 5.2.2 Economics Challenges	 Location of Lesotho in Africa and in relation to her neighbours Physiographic regions of Lesotho and associated climates Economic activities practised by the Basotho Limitations and problems due to relief and climate Impacts of these limitations (on migration,
5.3 Botswana	transport etc)
Cattle Forming and tourisms in a direction	
Cattle Farming and tourism in a dry cour	
5.3.1.Location and physical	Location of Botswana in Africa in relation to have point bourse.
geography of Botswana	to her neighboursThe physiographic regions
	Climate of Botswana
5.3.2 Cattle farming in Botswana	Main traditional cattle breed
5.5.2 Gattle farming in Botswana	Characteristics of cattle farming in the
	country
	Factors which affect cattle distribution in
	the country
	Ways by which the government assists the
	cattle farming industry
	Problems of cattle farming in Botswana
5.3.3 Tourism in Botswana	The main tourism attraction areas
5.5.5 Tourisiii iii Botswalia	
5.4 Namibia	Ways of promoting tourism
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Economic Development in a sem	i-arid environment
5.4.1 Location and physical	Location of Namibia in relation to her
geography of Namibia	neighbours and other geographic features
	e.g. oceans, rivers and mountains
5.4.2 Water Supply	The drainage system of Namibia
	 Water is harnessing for industry and
	farming
	 Water management and conservation
	measures
5.4.3 Car Assembly Industry	Features of the assembly plant
(Citroen)	The physical and economic features which
	favour the location of an assembly plant
	The processes of an assembly line

THEME 6 – COUNTRIES OUTSIDE AFRICA

Developed Country – MED	imited space (More Economically
6.1.1.Location	 Location of Japan in a world map, with reference to her neighbours, oceans, sea The various Islands that make up Japan
6.1.2 Industrial Development	 The various industries found in Japan The location of each of the major industri Factors that influence industrial development Advantages and limitations Japan has for industrial development
6.1.3 Agriculture	 Major crops grown in Japan Features of agriculture in Japan; (inputs, processes, outputs, problems and solutions)
6.1.4 Fishing	 Main fishing areas Types of fish caught in the main fishing areas of Japan Fishing methods used in Japan Fish products Problems facing the fishing industry in Japan Solutions to the problems facing the fishing industry in Japan
	country – More Economically Developed Country
(MEDC)	
6.2.1 Location	•
1	 Location of Netherlands in a world map, with reference to her neighbours, oceans seas Definition of land reclamation Steps taken when land reclamation Reasons for land reclamation
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6.3.3 Rubber Products	fauna, temperature, humidity and rainfall) The problems of exploiting the forest Solutions to the problems Differences between artificial and natural
	 rubber Rubber extraction from trees Rubber processing Products and by-products of rubber Reasons for the declining of natural rubber
6.4 India	Troubone for the deciming of material rubbon
Economic development in a dens Developed Country (LEDC)	sely populated country – Less Economically
6.4.1 Location	 Location India in a world map with reference to her neighbours, mountains, rivers and oceans
6.4.2 Population	 Population distribution, density and statistics Causes of high population/ population explosion Problems that arising from high population Solutions to problems of high population
6.4.3 Tea production	 Location of the main tea growing areas Physical and economic factors favouring the growing of tea Tea processing Products, by-products and their uses Problems faced by the tea industry

GRADE DESCRIPTIONS

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievements awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination maybe balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

A **Grade A** Junior Certificate Geography candidate will be able to:

- demonstrate good knowledge and understanding of a wide range of geographical concepts, processes and patterns in a variety of physical and human contexts
- recognise and understand complex relationships between people and the environment and how and why they might change through time and space
- select and show good understanding of a wide range of relevant skills and appropriate techniques
- use and interpret geographical information and critically evaluate its validity, reflecting on the limitations and evidence
- make informed and reasoned judgements to present substantiated and appropriate conclusions
- make balanced judgements and show an awareness of the different attitudes and priorities of individuals and groups, and hence the problematic nature of the interaction of people with the environment.

A **Grade C** Junior Certificate Geography candidate will be able to:

- demonstrate sound knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts, processes and patterns in a variety of physical and human contexts
- understand relationships between people and the environment and show some understanding that they might change
- select and show sound understanding of a wide range of relevant skills and appropriate techniques
- use and interpret geographical information appropriately
- analyse and interpret geographical evidence, recognising some of the limitations of the evidence
- make plausible conclusions
- make balanced judgements on issues which have a geographical dimension through recognition of conflicting viewpoints and solutions.

A **Grade F** Junior Certificate Geography candidate will:

- demonstrate lack of understanding of geographical concepts, processes and patterns in a variety of physical and human contexts
- fail to recognise simple relationships between people and the environment
- show lack of understanding of a wide range of skills and techniques
- fail to use geographical information to communicate simple statements
- fail interpret evidence to reach some basic conclusions to make decisions informed by simple reasons and evidence
- fail to recognise the existence of differing systems of values which influence decisions which have a geographical dimension.

APPENDIX: 1

Glossary of Useful terms

A.

Air mass A very large body of air with relatively uniform temperature and

moisture characteristics.

Air pressure The weight of the air above a reference point, measured in

millibars.

Atmosphere the layer of air round the earth

В.

Bedding plane the line dividing successive layers of sedimentary rock

Biodiversity the number and variety of all living things within an eco-system

C.

Climate average weather over many years

Compass an instrument used to identify direction

Condense gas becoming liquid

Contour-line a line on an Os map joining all points of the same height

Core the centre of the earth

Crust the thin outer layer of solid rock round the earth's surface

D.

Dispersed spread out

Dormant inactive

Drought a prolonged period of below average precipitation

E.

Energy source of power (e.g. wind, solar)

Easting a vertical grid line on an Os map

Ecosystem an area displaying a distinctive interaction between plants,

animals and the physical environment

Eco-tourism low impact tourism aimed at protecting the natural environment

and local cultures

Environment the air, land, water, plants and wildlife

Equator the imaginary line running round the middle of the earth

Erosion the wearing away of the land by material carried in rivers,

glaciers, waves and wind

Evaporate liquid turning to gas

Extinct no longer in existence (of animals) no longer active (of

volcanoes)

F.

Fault a line of weakness in rock

Field work an enquiry which takes place outside the classroom

Floodplain the flat area either side of a river which is regularly flooded

Focus is the point underground where the energy of earthquakes is

released

Fog cloud at ground level (visibility less than 1km)

Front boundary between warm and cool air masses

Function the activities of a settlement

G.

Gorge a deep, steep-sided valley

Graph a drawing to show data

Grid reference a number which locates an area on a map

Globalisation the ways in which companies, ideas and lifestyles spread round

the world and interact with one another.

Н.

Habitat the area where plants and animals live

Hemisphere half of the globe

Hierarchy a ranking of settlements according to their size or importance

High order

Settlement a settlement which contains top level shops and services

Humidity moisture in the air

I.

Infiltration the movement of water from surface into the soil

Interception precipitation landing on plants, trees and buildings

Irrigation the artificial watering of crops

Isotherm a line on a map joining places of equal temperature

J.

Joint a crack in the rock

K.

Key a list giving the meaning of symbols on a map

L.

Land use the way in which land is put to use by humans

Landfill the disposal of waste in natural or man-made holes in the ground

Lava molten rock at the earth's surface

LEDC less economically developed country

Levee an embankment next to a river channel, raised above the flood plain

Linear form a line along a physical or man-made feature

Long shore drift movement of sand and pebbles along a beach by wave action

Low order settlement a settlement which contains few basic shops and services.

М.

Magma molten rock beneath the earth's crust

Mantle the semi-solid mass of rock beneath the earth's crust

Mass Movement the movement of weathered soil and rock on a slope

Meander a bend in a river

MEDC more economically developed country

N.

Northing a horizontal grid line on an Os map

Nucleated clustered together

0.

Os ordnance survey

P.

Permeable allowing water to flow through, e.g. Joints in rocks

Plunge pool a deep pool which is eroded at the base of a waterfall

Pollution damage to the environment as a result of human activity

Porous able to hold water like a sponge

Precipitation deposition of moisture from the atmosphere to the ground. It can be

rain, snow, hail or sleet

Primary information geographical data which are collected by oneself

R.

Raw material mineral and agricultural resources which can be processed to make

something else

Recycling reusing waste

Relief the height and shape of the land

Renewable a sustainable source of power which can be

Reservoir a lake behind a dam

Resource any product of the environment used by people

River basin an area of land drained by a river and its tributaries

River cliff a steep, undercut area on the outside of a river meander

Runoff the movement of water across a surface

Rural relating to the countryside

S.

Scree piles of broken rock/round beneath steep rock faces

Secondary

Information geographical data collected by someone else

Sedimentary rock layered rock formed by deposition of sediments

Service industry work such as retail, administration, education, healthcare or tourism

Settlement Pattern the shape and spacing of settlements

Site the exact location of a settlement

Situation the location of a settlement in relation to the surrounding area

Slip-off slope a gently sloping area formed on the inside of a river meander

Source the beginning of a river

Stewardship looking after resources in a sustainable way for the future

Suburb the residential and commercial development at the edge of a city

Sustainable using resources in a way which prevents them from being

exhaustive/running out

Т.

Tectonic plate a large, rigid section of the earth's crust

Topographical map a map showing natural features

Tourism travel involving an overnight stay away from home, and associated

support industry

Transportation the movement of eroded material

Tributary a river joining a larger river

Tsunami a sea wave caused by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions

U.

Urban relating to a town or city

Urbanisation the increase on the percentage of people living in cities

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Vegetation trees, shrubs and plants

Volcanic bomb lava exploded into the air which solidifies as it falls

W.

Waste items which no longer have a use

Waterfall a point in a river where water falls vertically

Water table the upper surface of water in the ground

Weathering the breakdown of rocks in by mechanical, chemical and biological

means

APPENDIX II

Command words

Annotate add descriptive explanatory labels

Calculate work out a numerical answer, in general, working

should be shown, especially where two or more steps are

involved

Choose select carefully from a number of alternatives

Complete finish, make whole

Compare write about what is similar and different about things. For a

comparison, two elements or themes are required. Two separate descriptions do not make a comparison

Contrast write about what is similar and different about two things.

Define give an exact description or meaning of a word or phrase

Describe write down what something is like or the nature of the

feature

Develop expand upon an idea

Discuss present viewpoints from various aspects of a subject

Draw Make a sketch of Often coupled with a labelled diagram

Explain write in detail how and why something has come into being,

happen and/or changed

Giving your views Say what you think about something

How In what way? To what extent? By what means/method?

my be coupled with show how(prove how, demonstrate

how).

Identify pick out something from information you have been given

Justify say why you chose something or why you think in a certain

way

Label placing specific names or details to an illustrative

technique in response to a particular requirement

List identify and name a number of features to meet a particular

purpose

Locate find where something is placed or state where something

is found or mark it on a map

Mark and name show the exact location of and add the name

Name to state or simply specify or identity. To give the word

or words by which a specific feature is known or to give

examples which illustrate a particular feature

Predict use your own knowledge and understanding, probably

along with information provided to state what might happen

next

Shade and name fill in the area of a feature and add the name

State set down in brief detail. To refer to a particular feature

by a short statement or by words or by a single word

Study Look carefully at (usually one of the figures in the question

paper)

Suggest Set down your ideas on or knowledge of. Often coupled

with why

Use Base your answer on the information provided

With the help of write an answer that uses some of the information

provided as well as additional material