

Edexcel GCE

Geography

Advanced

Unit 4: Geographical Research

Advance Information: Research Focus

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Paper Reference

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Instructions

- Select **one option**, based on the research you have carried out for Unit 4.
- You should use information contained in the research focus to prepare for the Unit 4 examination.
- The **research focus** will give you an idea of the sort of question you will need to answer in the examination for Unit 4.
- To help you narrow down your last minute research, the focus is divided into
 - **Explore**, meaning the background concepts, processes, theories and models involved where relevant.
 - **Research**, meaning the geographical places, case studies and examples illustrating these.
- You will be expected to produce a **report**, with clear sub-sections and referencing. Please consult the accompanying generic mark scheme, also to be found on the Edexcel website.

Information

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OPTION 1: Tectonic Activity and Hazards

- **Explore** the types and levels of challenge posed by varying forms of tectonic activity.
 - **Research** contrasting locations to draw out the range of tectonic activity and the different impacts produced on communities.
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OPTION 2: Cold Environments – Landscapes and Change

- **Explore** the variety of geomorphological processes and landforms associated with different glacial environments.
 - **Research** a range of locations including both current and relict glacial environments.
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OPTION 3: Life on the Margins – the Food Supply Problem

- **Explore** the problems of managing a range of contemporary food insecurity issues.
 - **Research** management strategies at a range of scales and locations.
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OPTION 4: The World of Cultural Diversity

- **Explore** what is meant by a global culture, how it is defined and, if it exists, what its characteristics are.
 - **Research** contrasting locations, some of which show the effects of cultural globalisation and others which seem to be resisting the process.
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OPTION 5: Pollution and Human Health at Risk

- **Explore** a range of human health risks and the varying degrees to which they have been controlled.
 - **Research** types of health risk strategies at a range of scales and locations.
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OPTION 6: Consuming the Rural Landscape – Leisure and Tourism

- **Explore** the variety of challenges created by leisure and tourism in rural areas and how they have changed over time.
 - **Research** contrasting types of rural landscapes experiencing leisure and tourism in order to assess their varying threats and opportunities.
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