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# INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

(9635)

Mark scheme

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Unit 5: Fieldwork skills

Specimen 2018

Mark schemes are prepared by the lead assessment writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation events which all associates participate in and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same, correct way. As preparation for standardisation each associate analyses a number of students' scripts. Alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed and legislated for. If, after the standardisation process, associates encounter unusual answers which have not been raised they are required to refer these to the lead assessment writer.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

# International A-level Geography mark scheme

## How to mark

### Aims

When you are marking your allocation of scripts your main aims should be to:

- recognise and identify the achievements of students
- place students in the appropriate mark band and in the appropriate part of that mark band (high, low, middle) for **each** Assessment Objective
- record your judgements with brief notes, annotations and comments that are relevant to the mark scheme and make it clear to other examiners how you have arrived at the numerical mark awarded for each Assessment Objective
- ensure comparability of assessment for all students, regardless of question or examiner.

### Approach

It is important to be **open-minded** and **positive** when marking scripts.

The specification recognises the variety of experiences and knowledge that students will have. It encourages them to study geography in a way that is relevant to them. The questions have been designed to give them opportunities to discuss what they have found out about geography. It is important to assess the quality of **what the student offers**.

Do not mark scripts based on the answer **you** would have written. The mark schemes have been composed to assess **quality of response** and not to identify expected items of knowledge.

### Assessment Objectives

This component requires students to:

AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change, at a variety of scales.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding in different contexts to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues.
AO3	Use a variety of relevant quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork skills to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• investigate geographical questions and issues</li> <li>• interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence</li> <li>• construct arguments and draw conclusions.</li> </ul>

### The marking grids

Do not think of levels equalling grade boundaries.

Depending on the part of the examination, the levels will have different mark ranges assigned to them. This will reflect the different weighting of Assessment Objectives in particular tasks and across the examination as a whole.

## Using the grids

Having familiarised yourself with the descriptors and indicative content, read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed below) to identify the qualities that are being looked for and that it shows. You can now check the levels and award a mark.

### Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptors for that level. The descriptors for the level indicate the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets all the descriptors for the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptors and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme quickly.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as in the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best-fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level.

### Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark.

It is often best to start in the middle of the level's mark range and then check and adjust. If there is a lot of indicative content fully identifiable in the work you need to give the highest mark in the level. If only some is identifiable or it is only partially fulfilled, then give the lower mark.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will also help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials that will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the lead examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is of the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

In addition to the levels descriptors, question specific indicative content is provided as a guide for examiners. This is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points.

An answer that contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

## Annotating scripts

You should write a summative comment at the end for each Assessment Objective and indicate the marks for each Assessment Objective being tested at the end of the answer in the margin in sequence. It is vital that the way you arrive at a mark should be recorded on the script. This will help you with making accurate judgements and it will help any subsequent markers to identify how you are thinking. Please do not write negative comments about students' work or their alleged aptitudes.

The below mark scheme is used to assess both Question 1 and Question 2.

**Total for this paper: 60 marks**

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
01		<p><b>Explain why some form of sampling is almost always used when students are carrying out fieldwork to collect data for a geographical investigation.</b></p> <p><b>AO1</b> – Award 3 marks for knowledge and understanding of concepts and processes. Up to 2 marks can be awarded for well-developed points.</p> <p><b>Notes for answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a practical point of view there is rarely enough time/energy/resources/access to measure every part of the site or area being studied (up to 2 marks).</li> <li>• A carefully selected sample will be representative of the whole population if it is large enough to be statistically valid (up to 2 marks).</li> </ul>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>AO1=3</b></p>

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02		<p><b>A group of students was planning a piece of fieldwork.</b></p> <p><b>They decided to carry out a study of an area of sand dunes to see how (a) slope and (b) vegetation varied along a 100 metre stretch of the dunes.</b></p> <p><b>They laid out a rope along the transect line.</b></p> <p><b>They decided to take ten readings of slope and vegetation along that transect line and then they had a discussion about how to select their ten sample points.</b></p> <p><b>Student A said that they should take a random sample by drawing ten numbers out of a hat.</b></p> <p><b>Student B said they should a systematic sample, at ten 10 metre intervals.</b></p> <p><b>Student C said they should take a structured sample, choosing ten points where there was a change of slope or of vegetation.</b></p> <p><b>Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the three sampling techniques. Choose the most appropriate method and justify your choice.</b></p> <p><b>AO1</b> – Knowledge and understanding of the processes of selecting and carrying out a sample.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of different kinds of sampling technique.</p> <p><b>AO2</b> – Application of the sampling techniques in this unfamiliar situation, and selection of the most appropriate technique for the given situation.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>AO1=4</b></p> <p><b>AO2=8</b></p>

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03	2	<p><b>Your teacher has provided the above framework for an environmental survey of housing areas shown in Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4.</b></p> <p><b>In the space below write three more criteria for assessment that would be useful for your survey. Justify each of your three criteria.</b></p> <p><b>AO3</b> – Use a variety of relevant fieldwork skills to investigate a geographical question or issue.</p> <p><b>Mark scheme</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Level</th> <th>Marks</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>4–6</td> <td> <p><b>AO3</b> – The criteria are clear – relevant and concise.</p> <p>They complement the criteria already listed.</p> <p>They are stated so as to fit the 'very high' to 'very poor' grading system.</p> <p>At the top of the level all three criteria are justified clearly and at the bottom of the level at least one is justified clearly.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1–3</td> <td> <p><b>AO3</b> – The criteria are basic – they have some relevance.</p> <p>They go some way towards complementing the criteria already listed.</p> <p>At least one criterion is stated so as to fit the 'very high' to 'very poor' grading system.</p> <p>There is some basic justification of at least one</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Level	Marks	Description	2	4–6	<p><b>AO3</b> – The criteria are clear – relevant and concise.</p> <p>They complement the criteria already listed.</p> <p>They are stated so as to fit the 'very high' to 'very poor' grading system.</p> <p>At the top of the level all three criteria are justified clearly and at the bottom of the level at least one is justified clearly.</p>	1	1–3	<p><b>AO3</b> – The criteria are basic – they have some relevance.</p> <p>They go some way towards complementing the criteria already listed.</p> <p>At least one criterion is stated so as to fit the 'very high' to 'very poor' grading system.</p> <p>There is some basic justification of at least one</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>AO3=6</b></p>
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<p><b>Notes for answers:</b></p> <p><b>AO3</b></p> <p>The criteria could include many different aspects of the environment depending on the aims of the work and judged in terms of the justification provided, for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to fresh water, because in an area such as this people will need regular supplies</li> <li>• access to electricity, because this allows a modern life style, and in an area such as this air conditioning and refrigeration would be considered important</li> <li>• access to grazing land, because some of these settlements look like Bedouin camps and they may have flocks of sheep and goats, or camels</li> <li>• safety from landslides and rock falls, because there are steep, unstable hills nearby</li> <li>• privacy</li> <li>• sense of community</li> <li>• access to work</li> <li>• views.</li> </ul>			

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04	1	<p><b>A group of students was carrying out an investigation into rates of infiltration at different points on a transect down a valley side. Their aim was to test the hypothesis that ‘The rate of infiltration will be faster on the higher land than it is on the lower land that is on or close to the flood plain’.</b></p> <p><b>They timed how long it took for a measured volume of water to infiltrate into the soil at ten points along the transect. They also measured the angle of slope and the altitude at each of the ten points.</b></p> <p><b>Figure 3 shows the table of data that they produced.</b></p> <p><b>Complete the calculation of <math>R_s</math> (show your working).</b></p> <p>Allow 1 mark for each stage in the calculation.</p> <p>20.25 (1 mark)</p> <p>124.5 and 747 (1 mark)</p> <p>0.755 (1 mark)</p> <p>0.245 (1 mark)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>AO3=4</b></p>

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		2	4–6	AO3 – Data from the enquiry is analysed and evaluated clearly to construct arguments and draw conclusions. Clear evidence of drawing together different elements of the study in order to support the response.	
		1	1–3	AO3 – Basic use of data from the enquiry which is analysed and evaluated to construct limited arguments and draw basic conclusions. Basic evidence of drawing together different elements of the study in order to support the response.	
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<p><b>Notes for answers:</b></p> <p>The question requires an evidence-based summary and conclusion, evaluating the link between the two variables stated in the initial hypothesis.</p> <p><b>AO3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a range of data available from the information provided to synthesise and draw aspects of the study together into an overall conclusion.</li> <li>• There is a clear trend reflected in the data plot. The graph shows an approximate U-shaped curve.</li> <li>• This is because the low flat land close to the river shows very slow infiltration but the high, gently sloping land on the upper valley side also has fairly slow infiltration.</li> <li>• The fastest rates of infiltration are recorded at the intermediate points on the transect, which also happen to have steeper slopes.</li> <li>• Thus the initial hypothesis ‘The rate of infiltration will be faster on the high land than it is on the lower land that is on or close to the flood plain’ is only partially supported by the evidence.</li> <li>• Credit the idea that the land near the river is on a flood plain which is probably an area where water accumulates and so the soil is highly saturated. The land on the hill top is also fairly flat and so runoff will be slow.</li> <li>• The land on the hill top may also be an area of peat accumulation and as peat holds water, it may also be close to saturation.</li> <li>• The steepest slopes will have more rapid runoff and so the soil is likely to be better drained and less saturated.</li> </ul>					

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05	2	<p><b>Evaluate the success of your data collection methods and explain how you would make use of an opportunity to revisit the location to develop your enquiry further.</b></p> <p><b>AO1</b> – Describes the chosen method of data collection. Refers to the strengths and weaknesses of the method.</p> <p><b>AO2</b> – Evaluates the degree of success. Uses that evaluation to consider how the method could be developed and re-used on a subsequent visit to the site.</p> <p><b>Mark scheme</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>AO1=3</b> <b>AO2=6</b></p>

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		1	1–3	<p><b>AO1</b> – Basic description of the use of the technique in the enquiry.</p> <p>Some basic consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of the technique.</p> <p><b>AO2</b> – A basic attempt made to evaluate the success of the technique leading to a basic conclusion.</p> <p>Development of a plan for a re-visit which might show a basic response to the critique of the method used.</p>	
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<p><b>Notes for answers:</b></p> <p>The question requires an evidence based summary and conclusion, evaluating the work done so far and suggesting how the work can be moved forwards.</p> <p><b>AO1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describes how the work was planned, showing awareness of the aims and objectives.</li> <li>• Describes how the work was actually carried out.</li> <li>• Shows clear understanding of the strengths of the technique used but is also aware of any short-comings in the technique itself or the way in which it was carried out.</li> </ul> <p><b>AO2</b></p>					

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05	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge of the technique's strengths and weaknesses allows an analysis and appraisal of the overall level of success of the technique, and of the way the technique was applied in the field on the day of the fieldwork.</li><li>• This appraisal then allows the refinement of the method, or of the way it was applied, or of the extent to which it was used.</li><li>• This leads to realistic suggestions for work on return visit to the site.</li></ul>	





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