

VICTORIA JUNIOR COLLEGE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name and class on all answer sheets that you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer all questions.

Section B

Answer two questions, each from a different topic.

Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.
The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Question 4 carries 14 marks. Questions 1, 2 and 3 carry 12 marks.

You should allocate your time accordingly.

The Globalisation of Economic Activity

1. Fig. 1 shows the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) and Human Development Index (HDI) for various countries in 2011.

- a) With reference to Fig. 1, describe the relationship(s) between corruption and HDI. [4]
- b) Suggest reasons for the relationship(s) described in (a). [6]
- c) Explain **one** limitation of the HDI as a measure of development. [2]

Population Issues and Challenges

2. Fig. 2 shows the main areas of the world which are sparsely and densely populated.

- a) Define the term '*population density*'. [2]
- b) Suggest reasons why Area A is densely populated and Area B is sparsely populated in Fig. 2. [4]
- c) Describe and explain how government policies may have influenced the variations in population density in China as marked by Area C in Fig. 2. [4]
- d) Identify the mapping technique used in Fig. 2 and outline **one** limitation of this technique. [2]

Urban Issues and Challenges

3. Fig. 3 shows vehicles entering the London's Congestion Charge Zone during charging hours in 2002 and 2003)
- a) With reference to Fig. 3, describe the changes in the number of vehicles entering the London Congestion Charge Zone. [4]
 - b) Account for changes described in (a). [4]
 - c) Describe the possible negative impacts of road pricing. [4]

Population and Urban Issues and Challenges

4. Fig. 4 shows components of population change in various cities in the United States between 2010 and 2011
- a) Compare the population change of the US cities in Fig. 4. [4]
 - b) Suggest reasons for the population change in Detroit. [5]
 - c) Describe the information you would need to assess the impact of migration in US cities. [5]

Section B

Answer two questions, each from a different topic.

All questions carry 25 marks.

The Globalisation of Economic Activity**5 EITHER**

- a) Explain the factors that have contributed to the global shift. [9]
- b) To what extent do Transnational Corporations (TNCs) always have a greater bargaining power in their relationship with states? [16]

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- a) Explain what is meant by the term *newly industrialised economies*. [9]
- b) To what extent have the impacts of economic globalisation been positive? [16]

Population Issues and Challenges**6 EITHER**

- a) Account for mortality trends in developed countries (DCs). [9]
- b) "It is now easier for people to migrate". To what extent do you agree? [16]

6 OR

- a) Compare resource use in developed countries (DCs) and less developed countries (LDCs). [9]
- b) Discuss why pro-natal policies often fail in meeting their aims. [16]

Urban Issues and Challenges**7 EITHER**

- a) Compare the nature of segregation in urban areas in developed countries (DCs) and less developed countries (LDCs). [9]
- b) "The Bid Rent theory is no longer useful in explaining the urban structure of cities today". To what extent do you agree with this statement? [16]

7 OR

- a) With the use of examples, explain the causes and describe the consequences of counterurbanisation. [9]
- b) To what extent are the housing problems in less developed countries (LDCs) more difficult to address than the housing problems in developed countries (DCs)? [16]