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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
Section A: answer **all** questions.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

LICs = low income countries.

MICs = middle income countries.

HICs = high income countries.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. All questions are worth 10 marks.

Population

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows life expectancy at birth in Europe in 2017.
- (a) Describe the pattern of life expectancy at birth shown in Fig. 1.1. [3]
 - (b) Outline **two** problems for a country caused by a high life expectancy of its population. [2]
 - (c) Explain how high life expectancy of the population is linked to high levels of economic development. [5]

Migration

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows number and percentage of world international migrants, 1980–2015.
- (a) Using Fig. 2.1 state:
 - (i) the number of world international migrants in 2015 [1]
 - (ii) between which two years the fastest percentage growth of international migrants took place. [1]
 - (b) Compare the trend in number of world international migrants with the trend in percentage of world population shown in Fig. 2.1. [3]
 - (c) Explain **two** ways in which physical factors can act as obstacles to international migration. [5]

Settlement dynamics

- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows the average annual population growth rate of cities, by continent, 2000–18.
- (a) Using Fig. 3.1, state:
 - (i) the continent with the fastest growing city [1]
 - (ii) the continent which has only positive growth rates. [1]
 - (b) Suggest **two** reasons why some cities are experiencing population decline. [4]
 - (c) Explain how a rapid rate of population growth can influence competition for land within a city. [4]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. All questions are worth 30 marks.

Population

- 4 (a) (i) Describe how the gender balance varies in the age/sex structure of a typical HIC. [3]
- (ii) Suggest **two** reasons for the gender balance variation you described in (a)(i). [4]
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain the problems that gender imbalance in the age/sex structure may cause for a country. [8]
- (c) For your case study of **one** country's population policy, assess the success of attempts to alter the natural increase rate. [15]

Migration

- 5 (a) Compare the features of stepped migration with the features of urban–urban migration. [7]
- (b) Explain the causes of urban–urban migration. [8]
- (c) 'Source areas are more likely to experience negative impacts from migration than positive impacts from migration.'
- With the aid of examples, how far do you agree with this view? [15]

Settlement dynamics

- 6 (a) With the aid of examples, explain why the population of some rural areas is increasing. [7]
- (b) For your case study of **one** rural settlement or rural area, explain how its issues are related to growth (or decline). [8]
- (c) For the rural settlement or rural area chosen in (b), evaluate the success of responses to its issues related to growth (or decline). [15]

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