



BOARD OF STUDIES
NEW SOUTH WALES

2012 HSC Geography Marking Guidelines

Section I

Multiple-choice Answer Key

Question	Answer
1	D
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	C
6	C
7	C
8	D
9	B
10	D
11	C
12	D
13	A
14	B
15	A
16	C
17	C
18	B
19	C
20	B

Section II

Question 21 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Accurately constructs the cross-section and correctly labels two features	3
• Constructs the cross-section and correctly labels two features	2
• Attempts to construct a cross-section	1

Question 21 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Accurately calculates the vertical exaggeration	1

Question 21 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Accurately calculates the gradient	1

Question 22 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Clearly identifies the biophysical interaction and outlines how it contributes towards a diverse ecosystem	2
• Outlines a biophysical interaction	1

Question 22 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Clearly provides characteristics and detailed features of a change that affects how an ecosystem functions	4
• Provides characteristics and features of a change that affects how an ecosystem functions	3
• Sketches in general terms a change affecting an ecosystem	2
• Makes a general statement about a change and/or an ecosystem	1

Question 22 (c)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clearly identifies and discusses in detail positive OR negative human impacts on an ecosystem at risk	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifies and discusses positive OR negative human impacts on an ecosystem at risk	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides characteristics and features of positive AND/OR negative human impacts on an ecosystem at risk	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sketches in general terms human impacts on an ecosystem at risk	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sketches in general terms one human impact on an ecosystem at risk	1

Question 23 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clearly indicates the main features of one urban dynamic of change operating in a country town or suburb	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Makes reference to an urban dynamic of change operating in a country town or suburb	1

Question 23 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clearly provides detailed characteristics and features of the spatial distribution of world citiesRefers to examples as appropriate	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides characteristics and features of the spatial distribution of world citiesRefers to examples as appropriate	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indicates the main characteristics/features of the spatial distribution of world citiesRefers to an example	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Makes a general statement about spatial distribution of world cities	1

Question 23 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides comprehensive reasons for the social structure of a large city in the developed world	5
• Provides reasons for the social structure of a large city in the developed world	4
• Provides characteristics and features of the social structure of a large city in the developed world	3
• Indicates features of the social structure of a large city in the developed world	1–2

Question 24 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Indicates the main features of an economic activity • Sketches in general terms the activity in a global context	3
• Indicates the main features of an economic activity • Makes limited reference to the activity in a global context	2
• Indicates limited features of an economic activity	1

Question 24 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Clearly identifies locational factors and their effects on the operation of this economic enterprise	4
• Identifies some locational factors and their effects on the operation of this economic enterprise	3
• Sketches in general terms the locational factors that may affect the operation of this economic enterprise	2
• Identifies a locational factor	1

Question 24 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Clearly explains two linkages within this economic enterprise and provides detailed reasons for each linkage	6
• Explains two linkages within this enterprise and provides reasons for each linkage	5
• Explains two linkages within this enterprise and provides reasons for one linkage	4
• Provides features of two linkages within this enterprise	3
• Provides features of one linkage within this enterprise/activity	2
• Provides a feature of one linkage within this enterprise/activity	1

Section III

Question 25

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates deep knowledge and understanding about the management of TWO ecosystems at risk • Clearly provides a judgement on the impact of traditional and contemporary management strategies • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	17–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge and understanding about the management of TWO ecosystems at risk • Provides some judgement on the impact of traditional and contemporary management strategies • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	13–16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates some understanding about the management of TWO ecosystems at risk • Attempts to provide a judgement on the impact of traditional and contemporary management strategies • Refers to relevant case studies/illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a structured answer using appropriate geographical information 	9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies an ecosystem at risk and outlines some of the traditional and/or contemporary management strategies • Refers to case studies/illustrative examples • Uses some geographical information 	5–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of an ecosystem at risk and its management strategies • Limited or no reference to geographical information 	1–4

Question 26

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates deep knowledge and understanding of mega cities in the developing world and the responses to the challenges of living in them • Makes detailed judgements on the effectiveness of the responses to the challenges of living in a mega city • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	17–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of mega cities in the developing world and the responses to the challenges of living in them • Makes judgements on the effectiveness of the responses to the challenges of living in a mega city • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	13–16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates some understanding of mega cities in the developing world and the responses to the challenges of living in them • Attempts to make a judgement on the effectiveness of the responses to the challenges of living in a mega city • Refers to relevant case studies/illustrative examples • Presents a structured answer using appropriate geographical information 	9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines the responses to the challenges of living in mega cities in the developing world • May refer to case studies/illustrative examples • Uses some geographical information 	5–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding about mega cities in the developing world and the challenges of living in them • Limited or no reference to geographical information 	1–4

Question 27

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates deep knowledge and understanding of an economic activity and its impacts • Identifies and draws out detailed implications of the environmental, social and economic impacts of an economic activity • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	17–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of an economic activity and its impacts • Identifies and draws out the implications of the environmental, social and economic impacts of an economic activity • Refers to relevant case studies, illustrative examples and the Stimulus Booklet where appropriate • Presents a logical and cohesive answer using appropriate geographical information, ideas and issues 	13–16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates some understanding of an economic activity and its impacts • Identifies and provides characteristics and features of the environmental, social and economic impacts of an economic activity • Refers to relevant case studies/illustrative examples • Presents a structured answer using appropriate geographical information 	9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies an economic activity/enterprise and its impacts • May refer to case studies/illustrative examples • Uses some geographical information 	5–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of an economic activity/enterprise and its impacts • Limited or no reference to geographical information 	1–4

Geography

2012 HSC Examination Mapping Grid

Section I

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
1	1	Source	H2, H8
2	1	Latitude/longitude	H10
3	1	Grid reference	H10
4	1	Bearing	H10, H11
5	1	Area	H10, H11
6	1	Pie graph	H10
7	1	Chart	H10, H11
8	1	Chart	H10, H11
9	1	Chart	H10
10	1	Climatic graph	H10, H11
11	1	Climatic graph	H10, H11
12	1	Comprehension	H1, H6, H9, H12
13	1	World city	H1
14	1	Distance/time	H10, H11
15	1	Direction	H10
16	1	Scale	H10
17	1	Definition	H3
18	1	Graph	H11
19	1	Graph	H11
20	1	Graph	H11

Section II

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
21 (a)	3	Cross section	H10
21 (b)	1	Vertical exaggeration	H11
21 (c)	1	Gradient	H11
22 (a)	2	Biophysical interactions	H1
22 (b)	4	Ecosystem functioning	H2
22 (c)	5	Human impacts	H1
23 (a)	2	Urban dynamic	H3
23 (b)	4	Spatial distribution	H3
23 (c)	5	Large city	H1, H7
24 (a)	3	Economic activity	H4, H8
24 (b)	4	Economic enterprise	H1, H8
24 (c)	6	Linkages	H4, H12

Section III

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
25	20	Management strategies	H2, H5, H6, H8, H13
26	20	Mega city	H1, H3, H5
27	20	Economic activity	H4, H5, H6