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### Geography

It is not necessary to carry out all the activities contained in this unit.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Exams: Geography</b>	
<b>Language focus</b>	Key vocabulary for exam questions, type and structure of questions.	
<b>Learning focus</b>	Understanding the language of questions on an exam paper; familiarisation with some question and image types used in Geography exams, reading questions for detail.	
<b>Learning Support</b>	Suitable for all students as part of exam preparation.	
<b>Language Support</b>		
<b>Subject class</b>		
<b>Language Level</b>	<b>A1 – B1</b>	
<b>For the teacher</b>	It is recommended that teachers examine the keyword lists as it may be appropriate for students taking Ordinary Level examinations to familiarise themselves with some of the vocabulary from Higher Level papers.	
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## Keywords

The keywords which are found in Geography exam papers are as follows:

### Both Ordinary and Higher Level

#### Visual materials

map  
photograph / photo  
diagram

choice  
activity  
processes  
statements

#### Instructions

Tick  
Describe  
Explain  
Name  
Identify  
Draw  
Look

#### Other words/terms

correct  
form  
above  
shows  
shown  
which  
this  
supplied  
answered  
studied  
provided  
why  
either ...or  
built

#### Nouns

box  
feature  
resources  
foreground  
background  
inputs  
outputs

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**Keywords**  
**Additional keywords for Geography Higher Level**

**Instructions**

examine  
match  
refer

**Nouns**

column  
population  
sketch  
survey  
instrument  
resource  
direction  
pair

**Other words**

provided  
completed  
labelled  
shows  
studied  
answered  
shown  
above  
otherwise  
connecting  
numbered  
develop  
matching

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## SECTION A. Understanding the language of questions

You must read exam questions very carefully. Here are some typical instructions from Geography exam questions. Read the text carefully and do the activities. If you are not sure about any words, check them and write a note or example to help you remember.

### WARNING

You must return this paper with your answerbook, otherwise marks will be lost.

1. Is this information: (tick  $\checkmark$  the correct box)
- not important       important       very important

2. **ALL** questions to be answered.  
You have an *either/or* choice **WITHIN 4** questions.

What does either/or mean? \_\_\_\_\_

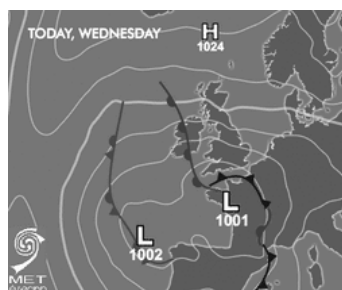
How many questions have an either/or choice? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Be sure to return this folder with your answerbook.  
Otherwise, marks will be lost.

If you do not hand up the folder for Section 1 what will happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4.



This weather map shows two low pressure areas near Ireland. The most likely weather in Ireland will be:

- Cold, wet and windy   
Clear skies, warm and sunny   
Calm and foggy   
[tick  $\checkmark$  the correct box]

How many answers are there to this question? ( $\checkmark$ ) 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

How do you show the correct answer? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. a) Explain **TWO** reasons  
b) Name **ONE** reason

What do these instructions mean?

- a) \_\_\_\_\_  
b) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Draw a sketch map  
Mark and identify the following on your sketch map:

Explain what you must do: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Using evidence from the aerial photograph

What does evidence mean in this question? \_\_\_\_\_

8. In a letter to a friend from abroad, describe **TWO** important tourist attractions which can be seen from **either** the map **or** the aerial photograph, **or both**.

Where do you get the information for the answer to this question?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. List **THREE** ways

What does list mean? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attempt **ANY THREE** of the questions A, B, C, D

What does attempt mean? \_\_\_\_\_

How many questions should you answer? (✓) 1\_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_ 4\_\_\_\_

11. Imagine you are on holiday. Write a post card to a friend and on it list **FOUR** attractions or facilities which can be seen on the aerial photograph.

a) Explain the meaning of attractions in this question.

\_\_\_\_\_

b) What are facilities? \_\_\_\_\_

c) Where will you find information about the attractions or facilities?

\_\_\_\_\_

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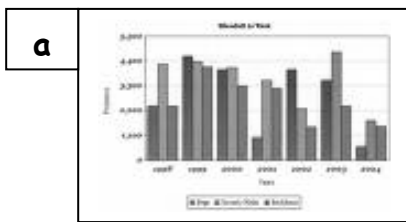
d) How many attractions or facilities will you list in your postcard? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Describe - with the help of diagrams

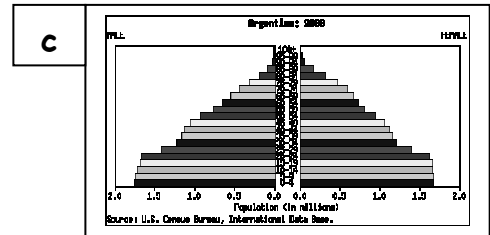
This means: (tick the correct box)

- a) There is a diagram on the exam paper.
- b) You should draw diagrams to explain your answer.
- c) You must not draw any diagram.

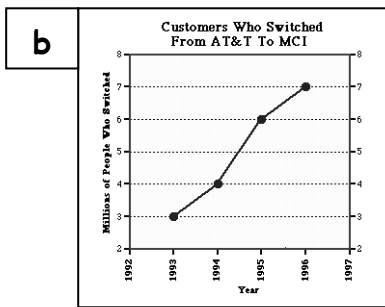
13. Match the correct name to each example:



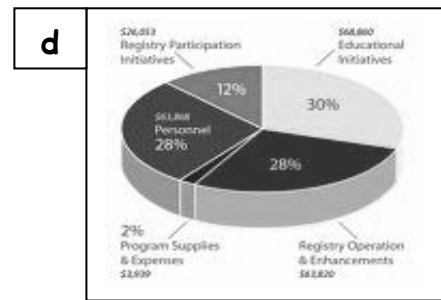
a pie chart



a line graph



a pyramid



a bar chart

14. Do you know the meanings of these words and expressions? If you are not sure, check them in your dictionary and write a note or example to help you remember.

	Explanation		Explanation
input		output	
legend (on a map)		process	
percentage		feature	
grid reference		instrument	
primary		secondary	
tertiary		renewable	

## SECTION B Understanding Question types

There are short questions in the Geography exam paper. There are also different types of illustrations. The illustrations give you information for your answers.

15. Explain the following. They are all types of illustrations:

- a) diagram \_\_\_\_\_
- b) aerial photograph \_\_\_\_\_
- c) sketch map \_\_\_\_\_
- d) cartoon \_\_\_\_\_
- e) map \_\_\_\_\_
- f) weather map \_\_\_\_\_

16. When you are describing the information on a **graph or chart**, you must use language which shows differences between the items of information. Complete this grid by writing the **opposites**. If you are not sure about any of these terms, write a note or example to help you remember.

	Opposite	Note or example
increasing	<i>decreasing</i>	
more developed		
input		
advantage		
biggest		
push factors		
high		
highest		
inner		
reduce		
more		
before		
largest		

17. List 12 things that you can see on an Ordnance Survey Map:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### SECTION C Preparing for sample questions

18.

Answer the following questions based on the map of Ireland:

a) What is the city marked ● ?

\_\_\_\_\_

b) What is the city marked ■ ?

\_\_\_\_\_

c) What direction would you travel along the arrow?

From: \_\_\_\_\_

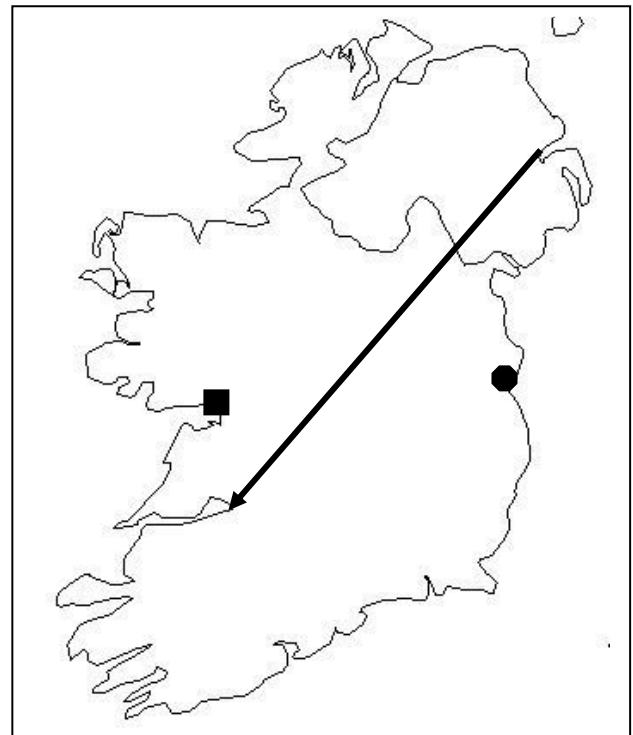
To: \_\_\_\_\_

d) What city is at the beginning of the arrow?

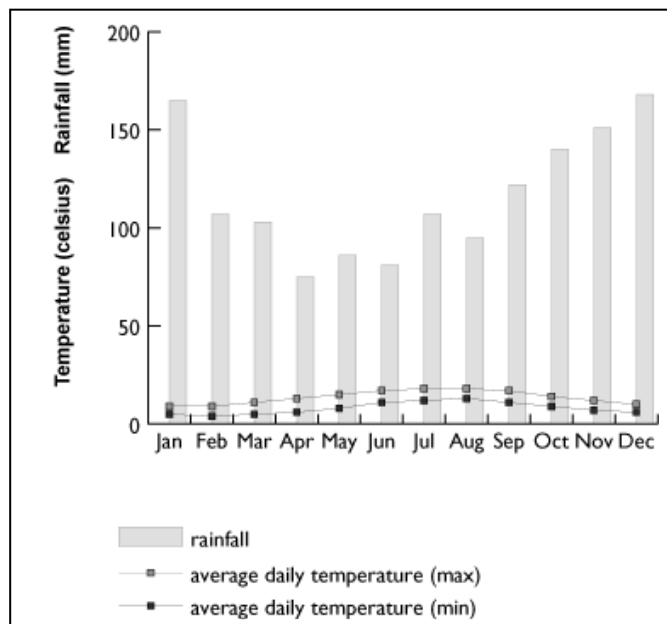
\_\_\_\_\_

e) What city is at the end of the arrow?

\_\_\_\_\_



19.

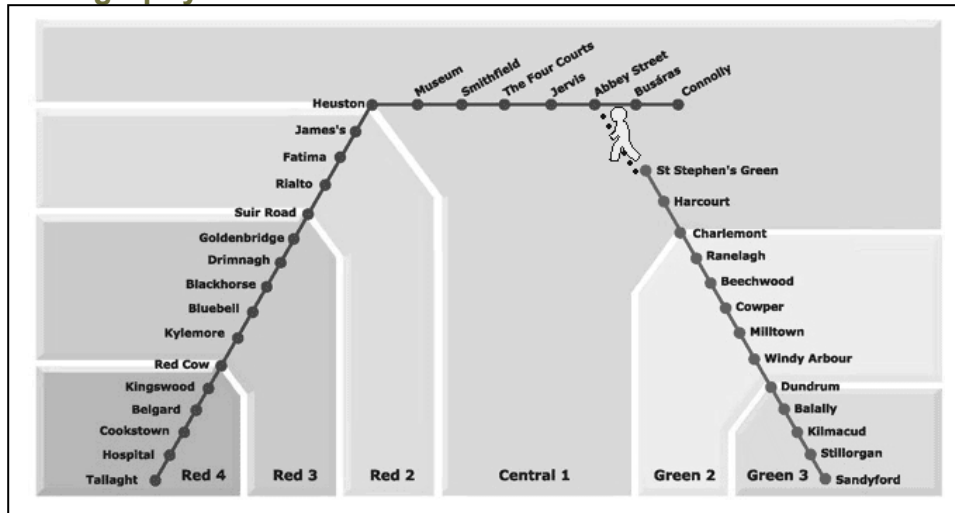


Look at the information about rainfall on this bar chart. Circle the correct answer.

- a) The rainfall is shown as **inches / millimetres**.
- b) The graph shows the **daily / monthly** rainfall.
- c) The **driest / wettest** months are January and December.
- d) It is **drier / wetter** in May than in April.
- e) Rainfall in July is **higher / lower** than in August.



20.



Which sentence best describes the information in this map of the Luas tram network in Dublin. [tick ✓ the correct box]

The Luas trams travel on one single line.

The two Luas lines do not meet.

The Luas system is a circle.

21. Write two short sentences about each of the following topics. Use your textbook to check your ideas.

**Fishing**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Traffic congestion**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Energy**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**The developing world**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Migration**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer key

### Section A. Understanding the language of questions

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1. very important ✓
2. You answer one of the questions, not both.  
4
3. You will lose marks for the exam
4. 1  
with a tick ✓

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5. a) you must identify two reasons and write about them  
b) you only write the reason, you do not write an explanation
6. You draw a map on your exam answerbook and put the places/locations on your map.  
It is important to label (write the names) of the places.
7. information or proof
8. From the map and/or the aerial photograph that is provided at the exam.
9. Give the names. You do not write about these things.
10. Try to answer  
3
11. a) Places to visit, for leisure or entertainment etc. such as historic monument, forest park, beach, golf course, castle  
b) Useful places such as bus /railway station, shopping centre, information centre, hospital etc.  
c) You can see them on the aerial photograph  
d) 4

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12. b)
13. a a bar chart  
b a line graph  
c a pyramid  
d a pie chart

### Section B. Understanding question types

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15. a) a simple plan to show how something works  
b) a photograph taken from an aeroplane or helicopter  
c) a map that you draw by hand with a small number of details  
d) a drawing that tells a joke or makes a comment about something  
e) an illustration of the earth, town, countryside, buildings etc.  
f) an illustration of the pattern of weather at a particular place

	<b>Opposite</b>
increasing	<i>decreasing</i>
more developed	less developed
input	output
16 . advantage	disadvantage
biggest	smallest
push factors	pull factors
high	low
highest	lowest
inner	outer
reduce	increase
more	less / fewer
before	after
largest	smallest

17. Possibilities include: National Primary road, hill, Garda station, coast, river, town, forestry, historic monument, church, railway line, railway station, power station, golf course, park, hospital, playing field, secondary road, castle

### Section C. Preparing for sample questions

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18. a) Dublin  
b) Galway  
c) From north-east to south-west  
d) Belfast  
e) Limerick
19. a) millimetres  
b) monthly  
c) wettest  
d) wetter  
e) higher

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20. The two Luas lines do not meet.