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IGCSE Geography – Session 2 – Population & the first 18 marks

In this 40 minute session today, we will be covering the following aspects of your IGCSE Geography Paper Question 1 Population – The short responses:

1. **How to deal with the graphs and charts**
2. **Timings for the 1 and 2 mark skills questions (and not underestimating them)**
- 4 **The 3, 4 & 5 mark questions that ask for skills & knowledge BUT NOT CASE STUDIES.**

Ok, so you've just opened Paper 1. You know that in Section A, you have to complete either Q1 or Q2. Knowing this, you've just flicked to the 7-mark question on both and decided that Q1 (Population) is the one you will be completing.

Before you get to that 7-mark case study question, you are going to need to tackle the small but significant early questions where your skills and knowledge will be tested in a series of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 mark questions. Make this section count as easy marks lost here can cost you overall. ***There are 18 marks up for grabs so stop, read, highlight, read again and complete.***

You have about 25 minutes to complete this section before moving on to the 7-mark question at the end (more about that next week) and spending 10 minutes on that.

25% Extra Time calculation for 25% of 25 minutes = _____ minutes on short response section.

Graphs & Charts.

The first thing you are going to see is a chart or map linking to Unit 1 – Population. Don't freak out if you've never studied population issues in that country. **IT DOESN'T MATTER** and you are not going to be tested on that. Stay calm, study the titles, axis, key and patterns carefully. You don't have much time here and the charts can be a little tricky to interpret at first inspection.

Turn over for some examples from recent papers.

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Part 1 – Calm down and study the graphic carefully. 1 & 2 mark questions.

May 2015 – The nasty time-consuming graphs.

QUESTION 1

1 (a) Study Fig. 1, which shows information about the distribution of the world's population in 1950, 2000 and 2050 (estimated).

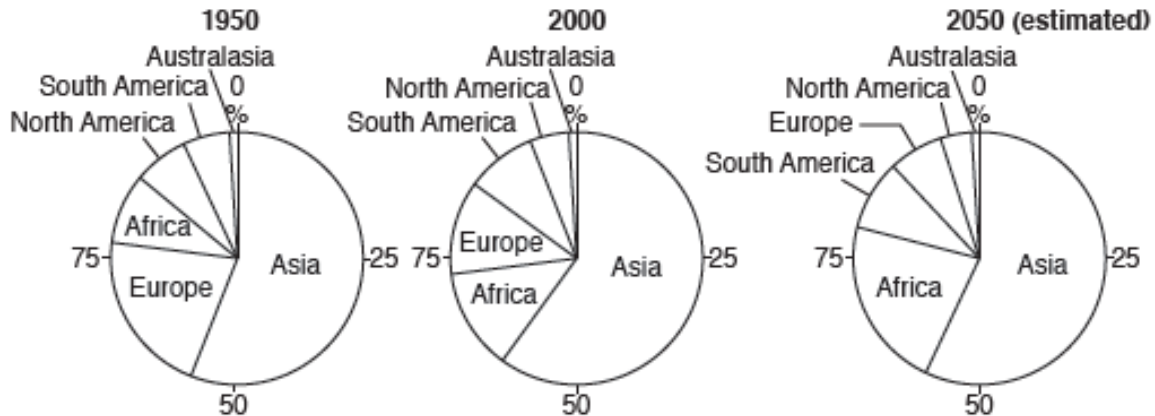


Fig. 1

(i) In which continent is there the greatest percentage of the world's population?

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(ii) Name the continent where:

A the percentage of the world's population decreased from 21% in 1950 to 12% in the year 2000;

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B the percentage of the world's population increased by the year 2000 but is likely to decrease by 2050.

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(iii) Explain why Africa's percentage of the world's population increased between 1950 and 2000.

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Now they want you to remember content from the Population unit. Explain what can cause a continent to experience population growth. Look at the marks and don't forget that **Africa is NOT a country**.

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Now, they are going to take it one stage further. Not quite a full-on case study as you can see that **it doesn't ask you to use a country that you've studied**. That's coming later.

Read, highlight, re-read and get cracking!

(iv) The population has grown so much in some countries that they are now overpopulated. Describe **four** problems caused by overpopulation.

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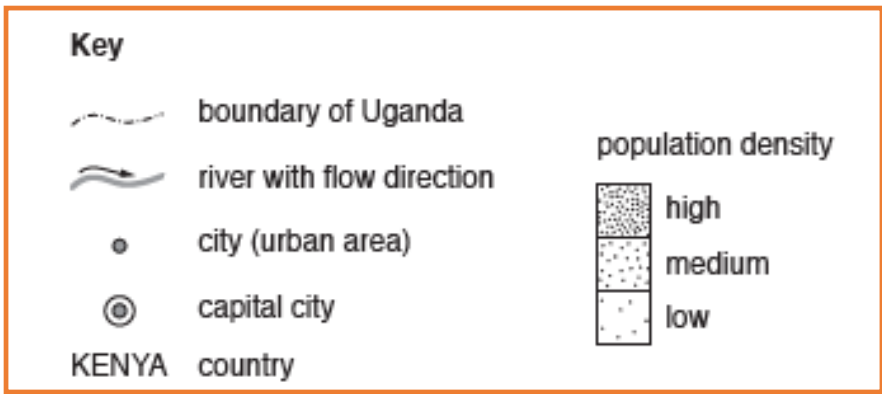
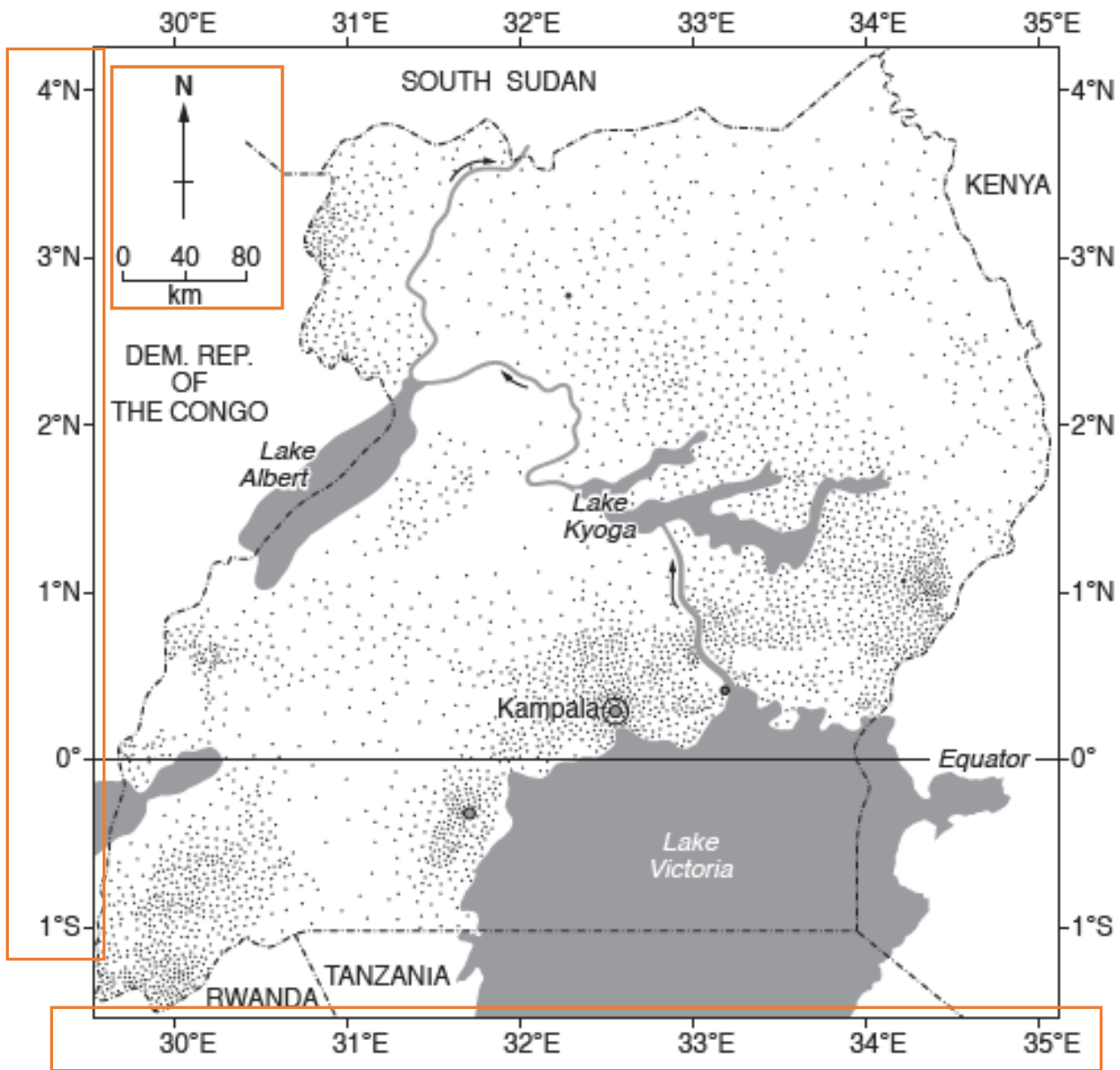
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So, by now you are getting warmed up. So far, 10 marks have been accounted for and you are about to have two further questions based on another graphic, normally a map or some images in your insert booklet.

The questions tend to be a 3 mark question, followed by a 5 mark question. Again, this is theoretical stuff and **case studies are not needed yet**.

Turn over to see what comes next....

(b) Study Fig. 2, information about population distribution in Uganda.



Check out the amount of info on this Fig!

Fig. 2

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Say what you see. Use the info from the Fig above to help you. Use direction, distance, latitude & longitudes. Talk about high & low population densities.

(I) Describe three features of the distribution of Uganda's population.

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(II) Explain how physical factors can influence population distribution.

What does population distribution mean? They have given you the answer to this in the previous question. Where the population is located within a country....

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Part 2 – Asking for stuff that you've learnt in the Population unit. What are the physical factors that influence how easy it is to live in a place and therefore how many people live there (density). List them below

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Now, NAME & EXPLAIN and DON'T FORGET TO SAY WHETHER THEY CAUSE HIGH OR LOW POPULATION DENSITY

Homework, in 20 minutes timed conditions at home (25% extra added if necessary), complete the short response section of Paper 1 – Question 1. There are 18 marks available.