

IGCSE Geography – Session 3 – Population 7 Mark Questions

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. **Recognising which case study to use**
2. **How to structure the 7-mark answer - PEEL**
3. **How the examiner will mark the work**

Ok, so you've already secured up to 18 marks over the past few questions in the Population section. You know that around the corner lies the last hurdle – the 7 mark essay / case study question. This is the point where the examiner is going to test your ability to mix the theory with the place in the world that you studied.

You will have to read the question very carefully to understand which part of the Population course it wants you to focus on. It could be population distribution, it could be fertility rates, it could be HIV / AIDS, it could be migration, it could be population policies etc.

This question may well contain **highlighted words**. They are highlighted for a good reason as they tend to be key to answering the question properly.

Very often, the question will only ask you to focus on one part of your case study, not the whole thing. Be careful, as if you stray away from what the question is asking, you won't get any marks. Your response may contain superb Geography but if it isn't what the question is asking you to answer, you are not going to get many marks.

- You have about 10 minutes to complete this section before moving on to question 3 or question 4.
- **25% Extra Time calculation for 25% of 10 minutes = _____ minutes on 7 mark section.**

PEEL

Before we go any further, you are going to have to learn how to PEEL

Use PEEL to structure your answer to exam questions.

Always write in full sentences.

Point

- Make three points for a 7 mark question.

Explain

- Give reasons for each point.
- Use sentence starters such as 'This is because...'

Evidence

- Include facts and figures from places to back up each point.

Link

- Use signposting language to link your points together, e.g. 'Secondly, ...', or 'However, ...'.
- At the end, write a one sentence 'mini-conclusion' to link your points back to the question

Name here

Check out the mark scheme ...

(c) Levels marking

Level 1 (1–3 marks)

Statements including limited detail which explain the push factors which have caused international migration.

Level 2 (4–6 marks)

Uses named example.

More developed statements which explain the push factors which have caused international migration.

(NB. Max. 5 if no named example or inappropriate example)

Level 3 (7 marks)

Uses named example.

Comprehensive and accurate statements including some place specific reference.

Content Guide:

Answers are likely to refer to;

Lack of work,

Poverty,

Natural hazards/disasters,

Poor educational facilities,

Lack of health care/disease etc.

Place specific reference is likely to consist of:

Named parts of the chosen country/locational detail,

Population, data, etc.

NB: Do not credit pull factors.

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So, the correct case study in this case is worth 2 / 7 marks. You can write a very good theoretic account and still score 5 / 7.

