

General Certificate of Education
June 2004
Advanced Level Examination



GEOGRAPHY (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 5 The Synoptic Unit

GGB5

Tuesday 15 June 2004 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

- an 8-page answer book;
- the Advance Information Booklet (previously despatched);
- The OS map extract (previously despatched).

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is GGB5.
- Answer all questions in this paper.
- In each of your answers you should, wherever possible, use a range of information, ideas and examples from other modules you have studied to show your understanding of the connections between the different aspects of your course and the topic featured in the questions.

Information

- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- Unit 5 carries 20 per cent of the marks for the Advanced Level examination.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Language will be assessed in all answers.

Answer **all** questions.

In order to demonstrate your synoptic ability and your decision making skills, you should, wherever possible, refer to a range of information, ideas and examples from the Advance Information Booklet and from other modules you have studied. Use this method to show your understanding of the connections between different aspects of your course and the topic featured in the questions.

- 1 Analyse the evidence of the need for future house building in Hertfordshire. (10 marks)

- 2 Explain the advantages of building on the area of land to the west of Stevenage, shown in the map – **Item 4**. You should refer to the Ordnance Survey map extract to help you to answer this question. (12 marks)

- 3 Writing from the point of view of a CASE member, explain why this area of Green Belt should not be used for housing development. (13 marks)

- 4 You are a town planner working for Hertfordshire County Council. Which of the following choices would you recommend to the council?
 - A Support housing on brownfield sites, and in-fill sites within the urban areas of Hertfordshire but reject all plans to build on green belt land.
 - B Aim to build housing on brownfield sites but allow some development on green belt land, where this can be shown to be essential to meet the demands for housing in Hertfordshire.
 - C Allow unrestricted access to green belt land in the area between Stevenage and Hitchin, for house building.

Justify your recommendation and explain why you rejected the other options. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS