

External Assessment 2025

AUSTRALIA IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

AAP315116

Pages: 8

Questions: 7

Answer Booklets: 4

Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- There are **four (4) sections** to this exam paper.
- You must answer **five (5)** questions in total:
 - **Section A** – answer **both** questions in **extended written response** form
 - **Section B** – answer **one (1)** question in **extended essay** form
 - **Section C** – answer **the** question in **extended essay** form
 - **Section D** – answer **one (1)** question in **report** form.
- Write your answers for each section in a **separate answer booklet** and write the question number/s you are answering on the front cover of each booklet.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time for each section is **approximately 45 minutes**.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criteria.

Guide to Exam Structure

		Questions available	Questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section	A	2	2	45 minutes	All criteria are assessed using extended ratings of A+ to z
Section	B	2	1	45 minutes	
Section	C	1	1	45 minutes	
Section	D	2	1	45 minutes	
Totals		7	5	180 minutes (3 hours)	A+ to z rating

Criteria

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 2 communicate ideas and information
- Criterion 3 describe and assess physical and human geography of the Australia, Asia and Pacific region
- Criterion 4 describe and assess Australia's changing relations with nations in the Asia-Pacific region in the areas of partnerships or migration
- Criterion 5 describe and assess tourism and its impact in the Australia, Asia and the Pacific region
- Criterion 6 describe cause and effect of national crises in the Asia and Pacific region, and assess effectiveness of responses.

Section A – Diversity of the Physical and Human Geography in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region

- Answer **both** questions in this section using **extended written response** form.
 - You must use structured paragraphs and sentences, and responses must be written in a logical, coherent manner, using specialised terminology and appropriate English grammar. You must provide clear and reasoned arguments supported by examples.
 - Write both answers in **one (1)** answer booklet.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 45 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 2** and **3**.
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Question 1 – Physical Geography Characteristics

To what extent can the physical geography of **one (1) Asian nation** within the AAP region be described as diverse? Use specific examples to support your argument.

Question 2 – Human Characteristics

To what extent can the human geography of **one (1) Pacific nation** within the AAP region be described as diverse? Use specific examples to support your argument.

Section B – Australia’s Changing Roles in the Region: Partnerships or Immigration

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section using **extended essay** form.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 45 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 2** and **4**.
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Question 3 – Partnerships (Trade, Security and Aid)

- a) Critically examine how the partnership between Australia and either **one (1) Pacific nation** or **one (1) Asian nation** has changed and developed over time.

In your answer consider **one (1)** or **more** of the following partnerships: Trade, Security and/or Aid.

- b) Predict a range of ways this partnership could **either** improve **or** deteriorate in the future.

OR

Question 4 – Immigration

- a) Critically examine **one (1) national** or **one (1) ethnic group’s** experiences of resettlement in Australia. The selected group must be from the Asia-Pacific region.
- b) Predict future changes in migration to Australia for this national or ethnic group.

Section C – Tourism in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region

- Answer **the** question in this section using **extended essay** form.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 45 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 2** and **5**.
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Question 5

- a) Compare the reasons for the growth in tourism in **two (2)** tourist destinations. (The destinations chosen must be from **two (2)** different groups in Table 1.)
- b) Analyse how the environment of **one (1)** of these destinations has been affected by tourism.
- c) How could the negative environmental impacts of tourism on this destination be reduced or avoided?

Group A	Group B	Group C
Phuket, Thailand	Fiji	Norfolk Island, Australia
Siem Reap, Cambodia	Samoa	The Tasman Peninsula, Australia
Bali, Indonesia	Cook Islands	Kangaroo Island, Australia
Singapore	Vanuatu	Great Barrier Reef, Australia
Kyoto, Japan	New Caledonia	Uluru, Australia

Table 1 – Tourist Destinations.

Section D – National Responses to Crises

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section using **report** form. Use the hypothetical information for **Country A** on **page 7**.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 45 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 2** and **6**.
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Question 6 – Man-Made National Crisis

You have been asked to write a report on the man-made crisis in Country A for the Minister for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Your report will be based on your observations of Country A, and the data provided in Table 2.

Your report **must** include the following:

- a) an outline of the crisis and its causes
- b) a description of the role of the main Government and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) that have responded to the crisis
- c) an assessment of the effectiveness of the response by these organisations to date.

OR

Question 7 – Natural National Crisis

You have been asked to write a report on the natural crisis in Country A for the Minister for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Your report will be based on your observations of Country A, and the data provided in Table 2.

Your report **must** include the following:

- a) an outline of the crisis and its causes
- b) a description of the role of the main Government and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) that have responded to the crisis
- c) an assessment of the effectiveness of the response by these organisations to date.

The following hypothetical data applies to the questions in **Section D** of this exam paper.

Characteristics of Country A

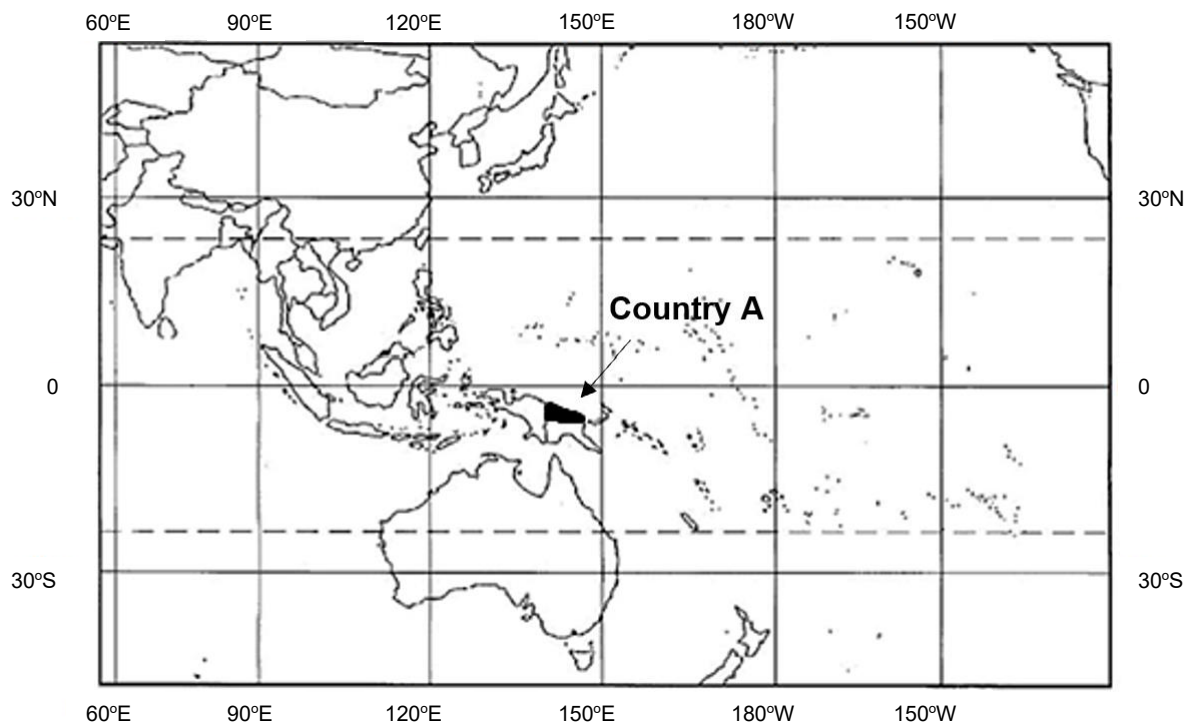


Figure 1 – Map of Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Country A shares land borders with Papua New Guinea to its south and Indonesian West Papua to its west.

Total population	4 million
Crude birth rate	69 births per 1 000 population
Life expectancy	63 years
Income per capita (GDI PPP)	\$US 3 000
History	Gained independence from colonial power in 1949
Ethnic composition	Numerous ethnic groups
Percentage of population in primary sector	75%
Urban population	15%

Table 2 – Profile of Country A.

End of Exam



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