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AUSTRALIA IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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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.

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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 related to Australia, Asia and the Pacific
- Criterion 3 analyse physical and human geography of the Australia, Asia and Pacific region
- Criterion 4 analyse Australia's changing relations with nations in the Asia-Pacific region in the areas of partnerships or migration
- Criterion 5 analyse tourism and its impact in the Australia, Asia and the Pacific region
- Criterion 6 analyse 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. 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**.

Question 1 – Physical Characteristics

With the use of specific examples, support the claim that the physical geography of **one (1) Pacific nation** is diverse.

Queston 2 – Human Characteristics

With the use of specific examples, support the claim that the human geography of **one (1) Asian nation** is diverse.

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**.

Question 3 – Partnerships (Trade, Security and Aid)

a) Describe and assess how Australia's relationship with **one (1) Asian OR Pacific nation**, in terms of trade, security and/or aid, has developed and changed up to the present.

b) Predict future changes in this relationship and outline possible causes of these changes.

OR

Question 4 – Immigration

a) Describe and assess how Australia's immigration policies concerning **one (1) national OR ethnic group** have changed and developed over time. The selected group must be from the Asia-Pacific region.

b) Predict future changes to these policies and outline possible causes of these changes.

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**.

Question 5

a) Describe some of the changing trends in tourism in **at least two (2)** destinations from Table 1.
   - The destinations chosen must be from **at least two (2)** different **Groups** in Table 1.

b) Analyse how the economy of **one (1)** of these destinations has changed over time due to tourism.

c) Suggest ways that the economic benefits from tourism in the destination you have identified in part b) could be enhanced, while minimising negative impacts on the environment of that destination.

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**.

Question 6 – Man-Made National Crisis

As a representative of the Australian Government, you have been asked to write a report on the man-made crisis in Country A (in Figure 1) for the Minister for Foreign Affairs following your visit there. Your report will be based on your observations in Country A, the location of Country A and the data provided in Table 2.

Your report **must** include the following:

a) a brief, concise outline of the causes and nature of the crisis itself

b) a summary of the roles of Australian and international bodies that have responded to the crisis

c) an analysis of the issues that have hindered an effective response by those Australian and international bodies.

OR

Question 7 – Natural National Crisis

As a representative of the Australian Government, you have been asked to write a report on the natural crisis in Country A (in Figure 1) for the Minister for Foreign Affairs following your visit there. Your report will be based on your observations in Country A, the location of Country A and the data provided in Table 2.

Your report **must** include the following:

a) a brief, concise outline of the causes and nature of the crisis itself

b) a summary of the roles of Australian and international bodies that have responded to the crisis

c) an analysis of the issues that have hindered an effective response by those Australian and international bodies.

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

Characteristics of Country A

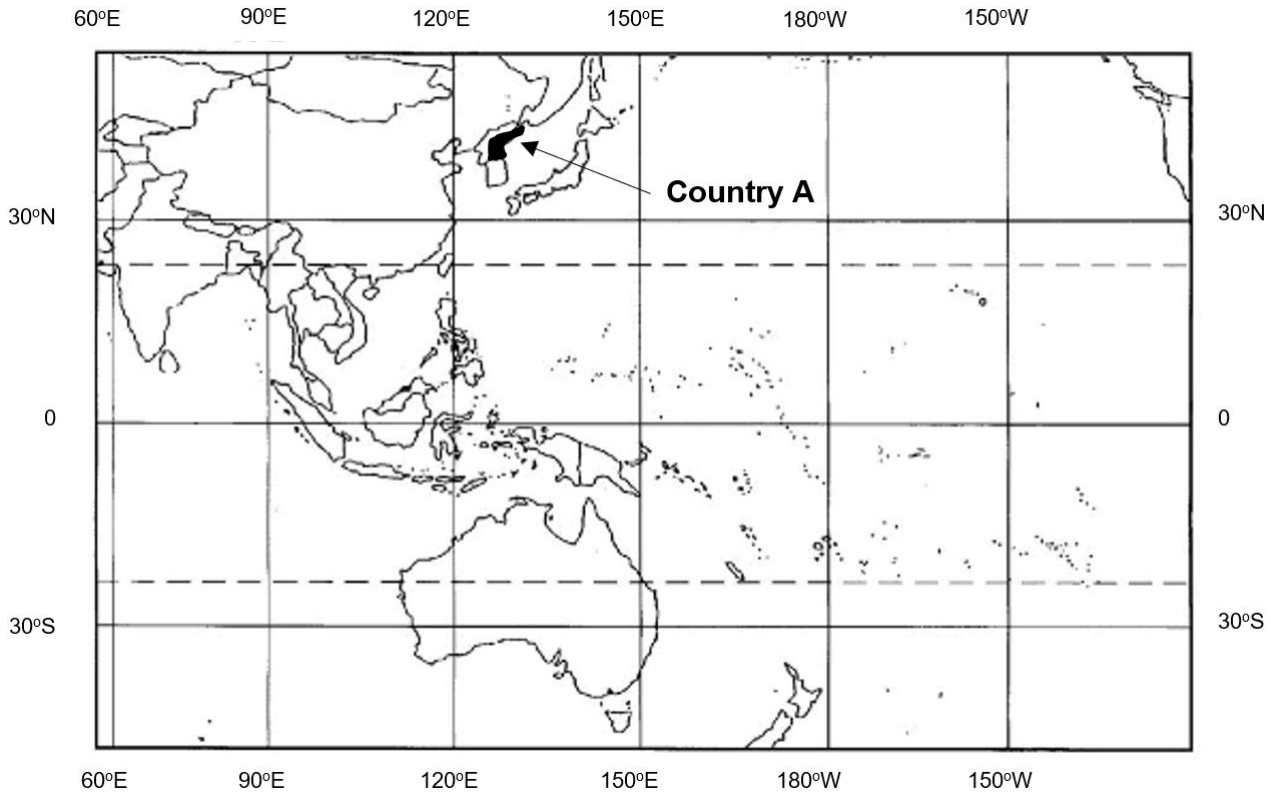


Figure 1 – Map of Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Country A shares borders with North Korea (to the north and the west) and South Korea (to the south). The eastern border lies on the Sea of Japan.

Total population	45 million
Crude birth rate	5 births per 1 000 population
Life expectancy	74 years
Income per capita (GDI PPP)	$US 35 000
History	Gained independence from colonial power in 1945
Ethnic composition	One major ethnic group (98%)
Percentage of population in primary sector	35%
Urban population	65%

Table 2 – Profile of Country A.

End of Exam



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