Section B: Contemporary Themes in Geography - Generic Mark Bands (45 marks)

	AO1 [20 marks]	AO2 [20 marks]	AO3 [5 marks]
Band	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change at a variety of scales	Apply knowledge and understanding in different contexts either to analyse or interpret or evaluate geographical issues and information	Use a variety of relevant 'geographical skills' to construct arguments and draw conclusions
5	17-20 marks  Demonstrates wide ranging, thorough and accurate knowledge with a high order of conceptual understanding throughout the response that is wholly relevant to the question  Demonstrates knowledge and understanding through the use of wholly appropriate, accurate and well-developed examples  Wholly appropriate, accurate and relevant supporting geographical terminology is well used  Well-directed and well-annotated sketch maps / diagrams are integrated and should be credited	Demonstrates sophisticated application of knowledge and understanding either to analyse or interpret or evaluate in order to produce a full, comprehensive and coherent response that is supported by wholly appropriate, wide ranging and relevant evidence  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the sophisticated synthesis of the connections between different elements of the question  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the confident application of the specialised concepts throughout the response	5 marks  The response uses wholly relevant qualitative skills to produce well-constructed, coherent, sophisticated and logical arguments and conclusions
4	13-16 marks	13-16 marks	4 marks
	Demonstrates accurate factual knowledge and confident understanding of relevant concepts and principles throughout the response that is relevant to the question  Demonstrates knowledge and understanding through the use of appropriate, accurate and developed examples	Demonstrates accurate application of knowledge and understanding either to interpret or analyse or evaluate in order to produce a coherent response that is supported by appropriate evidence  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the synthesis of the connections between different elements of the question	The response uses relevant qualitative skills to produce clear, coherent and appropriately structured arguments and conclusions
	Appropriate, accurate and relevant geographical terminology is evident  Appropriate, mostly accurate and relevant annotated sketch maps / diagrams are included and should be credited	Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the relevant application of the specialised concepts	
3	9-12 marks	9-12 marks	3 marks
	Demonstrates secure, straightforward knowledge and reasonable understanding of relevant concepts and principles throughout most of the response that is mostly relevant to the question  Demonstrates knowledge and understanding through the use of mostly appropriate, mostly accurate and developed examples  Mostly appropriate, accurate and mostly relevant geographical terminology is evident but is variable in its use  Appropriate, basically accurate and partial use of annotated sketch maps / diagrams are included and should be credited	Demonstrates partial application either to analyse or interpret or evaluate in order to produce a partial but coherent response that is supported by mostly appropriate evidence  Demonstrates application of knowledge through the partial synthesis between different elements of the question  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the partial application of some specialised concepts	The response uses mostly relevant qualitative skills to produce a structured response but where coherence is variable
2	5-8 marks	5-8 marks	2 marks
	Demonstrates some knowledge, but limited in scope with some inaccuracies; some understanding of relevant concepts and principles  Demonstrates knowledge and understanding through the use of limited examples, which are mostly accurate but un-developed  Limited geographical terminology is evident, not all of which is appropriate or accurate  Basic sketch maps / diagrams are used but contain inaccuracies. Credit should be given when used appropriately	Demonstrates limited application either to analyse or interpret or evaluate in order to produce a limited response where most points are generalised or of limited relevance to the question.  Limited synthesis between different elements of the question  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the limited application of some specialised concepts	The response uses some qualitative skills to produce a response with superficial structure, with minimal coherence
1	1-4 marks	1-4 marks	1 mark
	Demonstrates poor knowledge with errors and minimal understanding and linkage to the question  No use of examples or, if evident, lack relevance to the question asked  Geographical terminology is rarely used within the response	Demonstration of application either to analyse or interpret or evaluate is poor, producing a response which lacks coherence and is unsupported by appropriate evidence  Synthesis between different elements of the question is poor  Demonstrates application of knowledge and understanding through the superficial application of basic specialised concepts	The communication in the response is incomplete
	0 marks	0 marks	0 marks
	Response not creditworthy or not attempted	Response not creditworthy or not attempted	Response not creditworthy or not attempted