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Thursday 22 January 2026

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Geography

International Advanced Subsidiary

UNIT 2: Geographical Investigations

You must have:
Resource Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Sections A and B and **ONE** question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Calculators may be used.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions in this section. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

Crowded Coasts

1 Study Figure 1 in the Resource Booklet.

(a) (i) Identify the dominant direction of sediment movement.

(1)

- ☐ **A** East to West
- ☐ **B** North to South
- ☐ **C** South to North
- ☐ **D** West to East

(ii) Name the type of coastal management shown in Figure 1.

(1)

(b) Explain **one** way hard engineering approaches, such as shown in Figure 1, can have a negative impact.

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(c) Examine local and global threats to coastal ecosystems. (8)

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Urban Problems, Planning and Regeneration

2 (a) Study Figure 2 in the Resource Booklet.

- (i) Identify **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of relying on tankers for water supply.

(2)

advantage

disadvantage

- (ii) Explain **one** impact of poor sanitation provision for urban communities.

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(b) Assess the success of attempts to reduce the housing crisis in cities.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 24 MARKS



SECTION B

Compulsory Fieldwork Section

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 3** You have undertaken geography fieldwork as part of the course.

Use this experience to answer Question 3.

State the title or question of your fieldwork investigation.

- (a) Explain why the location(s) selected was suitable for your fieldwork investigation.

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- (b) Explain how you used **one** quantitative primary data collection method as part of your fieldwork investigation.

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(c) Your methodology included designing your sampling strategy and your data collection methods.

Explain how you could have made your methodology more reliable.

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(d) Evaluate how successfully your results and conclusions answered your title or question.

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(Total for Question 3 = 24 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 24 MARKS



SECTION C

Geographical Fieldwork and Skills

Answer ONE question in this section – EITHER Question 4 OR Question 5.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

If you answer Question 4, put a cross in the box ☐.

Investigating Crowded Coasts

4 Study the information in the box and Figure 3 below.

A group of students researched the extension of coastal defences at Collaroy Beach in Australia.

They investigated opinions about coastal defences by interviewing different groups of people.

They asked different groups the question, 'Should the coastal defences at Collaroy Beach be extended?'

Group	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)	Total (%)
Property owners	86	14	0	100
Business owners	65	17	18	100
Beach users	2	36	62	100
Surfers	7		56	100
Tourists	50	25	25	100
Local council	67	33	0	100

Figure 3

Interview results about extending coastal defences at Collaroy Beach, in percentages (%)

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(a) (i) Calculate the missing value for Surfers that 'Disagree'.

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(ii) Calculate the median value for 'Agree' scores.

You **must** show your working.

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(iii) State **two** disadvantages of the interview design shown in Figure 3.

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(iv) Explain **one** way the students could present the data shown in Figure 3 to help analyse their results.

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(v) Explain **two** risks the students should have considered when planning this investigation.

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Investigating Urban Problems, Planning and Regeneration

If you answer Question 5, put a cross in the box ☐.

- 5 Study the information in the box and Figure 4 below.

A group of students researched the urban regeneration of Darling Square in Sydney, Australia.

They investigated opinions about the planned regeneration by interviewing different groups of people.

They asked different groups the question, 'Should the regeneration of Darling Square go ahead?'

Group	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)	Total (%)
Property owners	67	33	0	100
Local shop owners	56		7	100
Residents	65	17	18	100
Shoppers	86	14	0	100
Local council	2	36	62	100
Tourists	50	25	25	100

Figure 4

Interview results about regeneration of Darling Square, in percentages (%)

(a) (i) Calculate the missing value for Local shop owners that 'Disagree'.

(1)

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(ii) Calculate the median value for 'Agree' scores.

You **must** show your working.

(2)

(iii) State **two** disadvantages of the interview design shown in Figure 4.

(2)

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(iv) Explain **one** way the students could present the data shown in Figure 4 to help analyse their results.

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(v) Explain **two** risks the students should have considered when planning this investigation.

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(Total for Question 5 = 12 marks)

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SECTION A

This resource relates to Question 1.

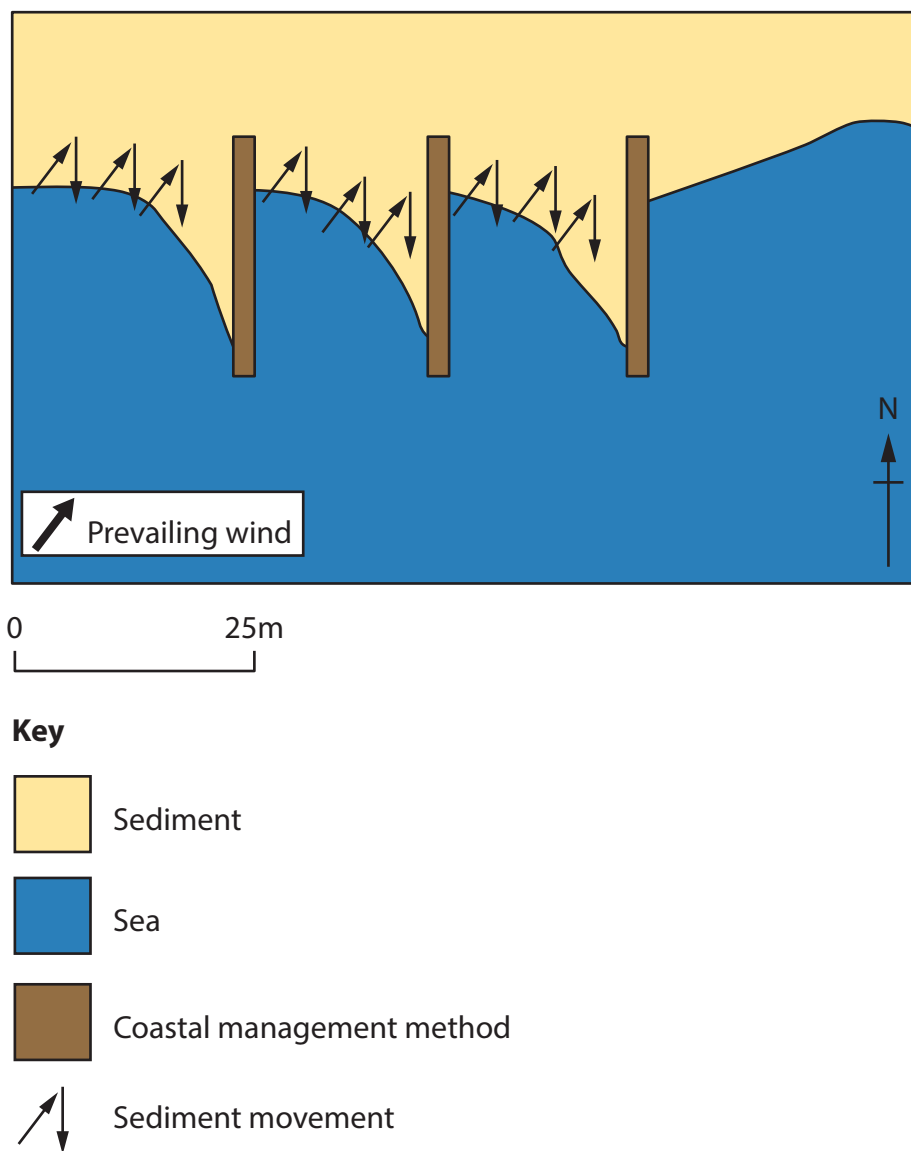


Figure 1

A hard engineering approach to coastal management viewed from above

This resource relates to Question 2.



Figure 2

A water tanker supplying residents in New Delhi, India

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