

Exam busting tips

I've listed typical exam questions for senior geography students and each is followed by a short geography explainer.

Teachers can issue the explainers in advance of setting a question or use them for revision or to explain why students failed to answer the questions adequately.

You might teach geography - but never forget you are teaching students who want to pass exams!

BIOGEOGRAPHY

Question

Explain how the major soil-forming factors contribute to the formation of soil profiles and describe the soil profiles of the following three soil types, gley, podzol and brown earth.

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/.../soil-forming...>

Question

Explain movements in the regolith both fast and slow slope movement and describe slope evolution.

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/.../the-restless...>

POPULATION AND MIGRATION

Question

What are the factors influencing Migration?

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/.../unveiling-the...>

Also check out this podcast

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Question

Describe the refugee crisis in Africa and outline some of the reasons for the increase in refugees.

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/.../a-sea-of...>

For questions on **Population topics** – listen to my podcast

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And checkout my revision resource on Population with Questions and answers

https://www.ritchiecunningham.com/files/ugd/9d30e8_9d64b6d5194e4917b1e4c25068370947.pdf

Question

What influences the distribution of the world's population?

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HYDROLOGY

Question

Describe the uneven distribution of freshwater resources throughout the world, highlighting areas which are experiencing significant challenges.

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/.../a-world...>

Question

How does Human Activity disrupt the flow in the water cycle and worsen floods?

<https://ritchiecunninghams.substack.com/p/the-dance-of-water>

LITHOSPHERE

How to answer a question on glaciation

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RURAL GEOGRAPHY

Question

In some parts of the world tropical shifting cultivation is changing into sedentary agriculture. Describe the impact this change is having on farming methods, the environment and settlement.

[The Impact of Transitioning from Shifting Cultivation to Sedentary Agriculture in the Tropics \(substack.com\)](#)

Question

Describe the traditional methods of rice cultivation in southeast Asia and comment on the developments that have led to increased production since the 1960s.

[Traditional Rice Cultivation in Southeast Asia \(substack.com\)](#)

ATMOSPHERE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Question

Explain in detail two possible impacts of an El Niño event on the hydrological and atmospheric system.

[El Niño's Dance - by Ritchie Cunningham's \(substack.com\)](#)

Question

Explain the role of natural factors in climate change such as solar radiation, volcanic activity, astronomical cycles and ocean currents.

[Climate Change - Historical changes in the Earth's climate \(substack.com\)](#)

And also this podcast

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TECTONIC HAZZARDS

What causes earthquakes?

[What causes earthquakes? - by Ritchie Cunningham's \(substack.com\)](#)

GENERAL ADVICE

And for general hints on how to answer exam questions from a Principal Examiner of 10 years

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