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To: Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education

For circulation to: Head of Geography Department

GCE Geography

A2 Human Geography and Global Issues

Please find attached teacher guidance distributed to delegates at recent support events for GCE Geography. The document provides teachers with information relating to the delivery of fieldwork at A2.

Fieldwork is now included in A2 1 Human Geography and Global Issues. In Section B: Global Issues students are required to study one of the following elements:

- Air Pollution;
- Nuclear Energy;
- Agricultural Change and Its Impact;
- Issues in Tourism.

For the chosen element, students are required to use primary data collection techniques in relation to investigate aspects of the topic. This work should build on the knowledge and understanding gained in relation to skills and techniques at AS level. The fieldwork should take the form of a small, focused exercise which contributes to their understanding of the element chosen.

As shown by the specimen paper the questions for each element in this section will typically comprise three sub-sections with one focusing on fieldwork. Candidates will not be required to bring any materials in to the exam.

In each question the final sub-section typically carries [20] marks. The nature of the [20] mark question will depend on the Global issue chosen. Part (c) will require extended writing and will therefore be set on the case study or issue element as appropriate.

Finally, the following resources relating to Air Pollution have been brought to my attention:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/nov/04/network-climate-change-scepticism>
<http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/climate-change-deniers-vs-the-consensus/>

Teachers delivering element 1: Air Pollution may find the above resources useful.

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