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## IGCSE Geography – Session 2 – Population & the first 18 marks

In this 40-minute session today, we will be covering the following aspects of your IGCSE Geography Paper Question 1 Population – The short responses:

1. **How to deal with the graphs and charts**
2. **Timings for the 1- and 2-mark skills questions (and not underestimating them)**
- 4 **The 3, 4 & 5 mark questions that ask for skills & knowledge BUT NOT CASE STUDIES.**

Ok, so you've just opened Paper 1. You know that in Section A, you have to complete either Q1 or Q2. Knowing this, you've just flicked to the 7-mark question on both and decided that Q1 (Population) is the one you will be completing.

Before you get to that 7-mark case study question, you are going to need to tackle the small but significant early questions where your skills and knowledge will be tested in a series of 1, 2, 3, and 5-mark questions. Make this section count as easy marks lost here can cost you overall. ***There are 18 marks up for grabs so stop, read, highlight, read again and complete.***

You have about 25 minutes to complete this section before moving on to the 7-mark question at the end (more about that next week) and spending 10 minutes on that.

25% Extra Time calculation for 25% of 25 minutes = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes on short response section.

### **Graphs & Charts.**

The first thing you are going to see is a chart or map linking to Unit 1 – Population. Don't freak out if you've never studied population issues in that country. **IT DOESN'T MATTER** and you are not going to be tested on that. ***Stay calm, study the titles, axis, key and patterns carefully.*** You don't have much time here and the charts can be a little tricky to interpret at first inspection.

Turn over for some examples from recent papers.

May 2015 – The nasty time-consuming graphs.

QUESTION 1

1 (a) Study Fig. 1, which shows information about the distribution of the world's population in 1950, 2000 and 2050 (estimated).

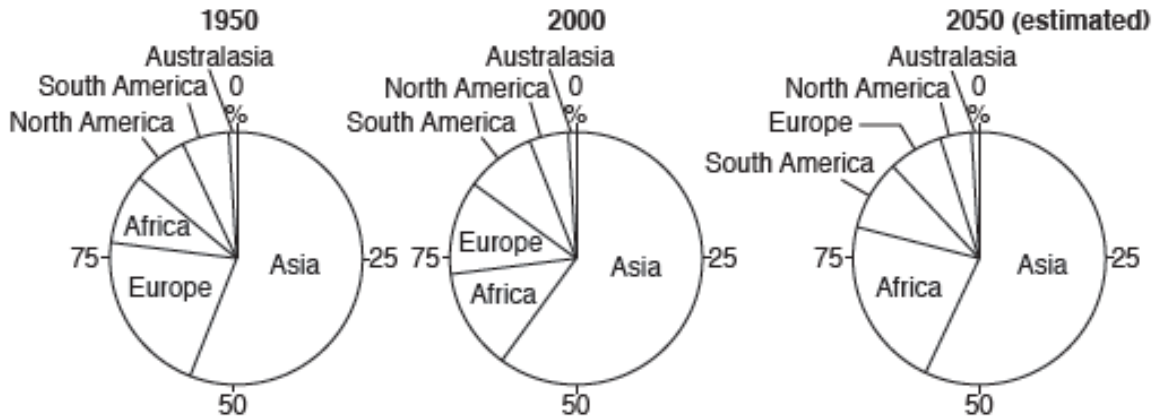


Fig. 1

(i) In which continent is there the greatest percentage of the world's population?

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(ii) Name the continent where:

A the percentage of the world's population decreased from 21% in 1950 to 12% in the year 2000;

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B the percentage of the world's population increased by the year 2000 but is likely to decrease by 2050.

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(iii) Explain why Africa's percentage of the world's population increased between 1950 and 2000.

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Now they want you to remember content from the Population unit. Explain what can cause a continent to experience population growth. Look at the marks and don't forget that **Africa is NOT a country**.

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Now, they are going to take it one stage further. Not quite a full-on case study as you can see that **it doesn't ask you to use a country that you've studied**. That's coming later.

Read, highlight, re-read and get cracking!

(iv) The population has grown so much in some countries that they are now overpopulated. Describe **four** problems caused by overpopulation.

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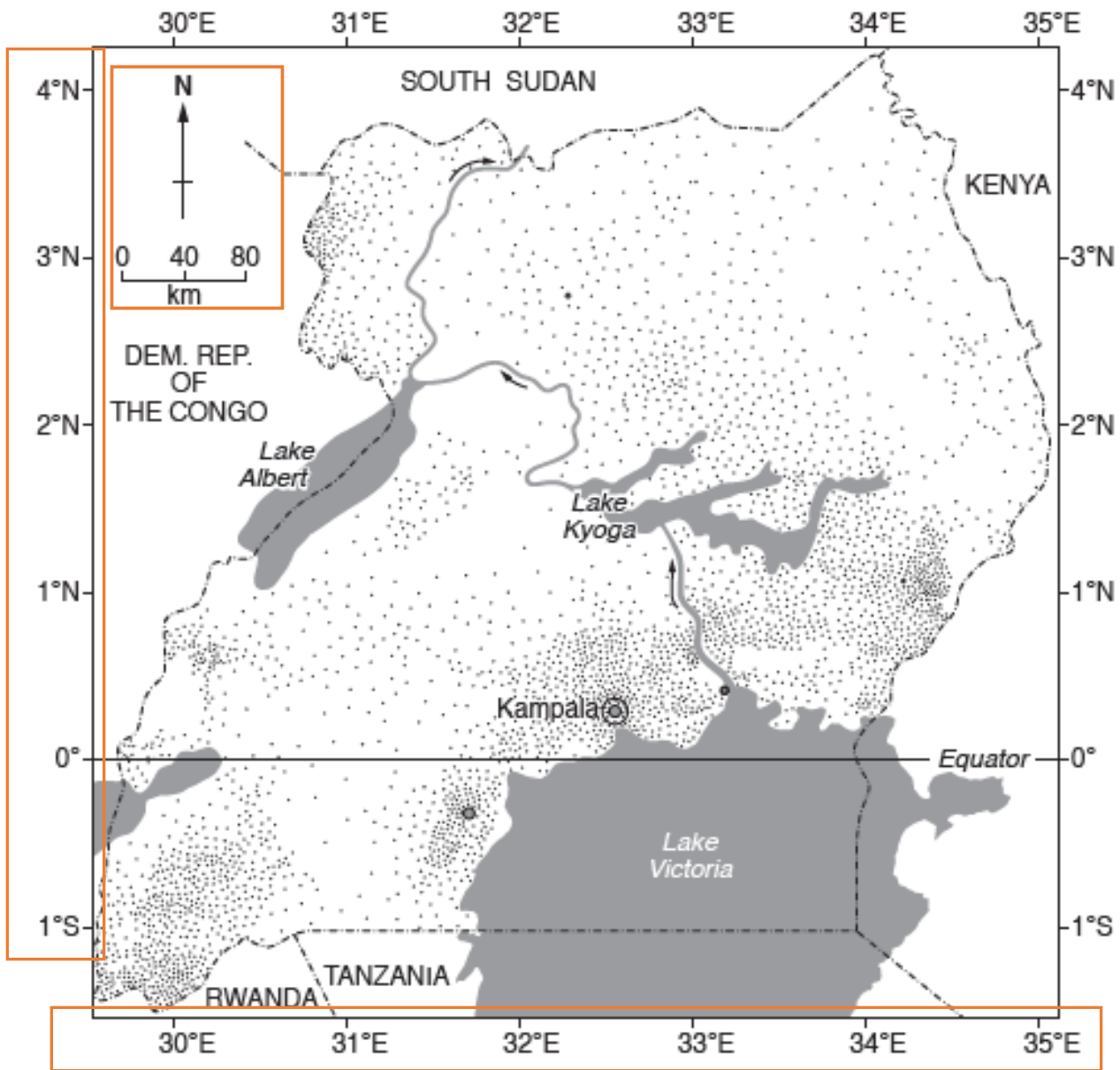
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So, by now you are getting warmed up. So far, 10 marks have been accounted for and you are about to have two further questions based on another graphic, normally a map or some images in your insert booklet.





The questions tend to be a 3-mark question, followed by a 5 mark question. Again, this is theoretical stuff and **case studies are not needed yet**.

Turn over to see what comes next....




(b) Study Fig. 2, information about population distribution in Uganda.



**Key**

-  boundary of Uganda
-  river with flow direction
-  city (urban area)
-  capital city
- KENYA** country

**population density**

-  high
-  medium
-  low

Check out the amount of info on this Fig!

Fig. 2

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**Say what you see. Use the info from the Fig above to help you. Use direction, distance, latitude & longitudes. Talk about high & low population densities.**

**(I) Describe three features of the distribution of Uganda's population.**

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**(II) Explain how physical factors can influence population distribution.**

What does population distribution mean? They have given you the answer to this in the previous question. Where the population is located within a country....

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**Part 2 – Asking for stuff that you've learnt in the Population unit. What are the physical factors that influence how easy it is to live in a place and therefore how many people live there (density). List them below**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>5</b> |          |          |          |

**Now, NAME & EXPLAIN and DON'T FORGET TO SAY WHETHER THEY CAUSE HIGH OR LOW POPULATION DENSITY**

Homework, in 20 minutes timed conditions at home (25% extra added if necessary), complete the short response section of Paper 1 – Question 1. There are 18 marks available.