

2019 Summer Highlights

Things that went well

- Questions which included marks for communication.
- Accessing the more complex command terms e.g. assess.
- Structure in candidate's answers for highest tariff questions, there was evidence of mini plans and parts of questions being underlined.
- Interaction and use of resources as evidence in exam answers.

Exam Tips

- Developing ideas and points in answers, need to link to key words in the question. An example could be used as evidence to make a point stronger.
- If a question asks for one or two points e.g. explain one reason. Candidates need to ensure their answers are focused and do not list ideas.
- Case study questions require place specific detail and these are credited as knowledge (AO1) when marked by examiners.
- Acknowledging key words in questions which indicates what candidates need to address in their answers e.g. change, justify, successful.

Areas for improvement

- Geographical skills – practice with techniques and being precise in answers.
- Do show workings for calculations as candidates could receive marks for this even if the answer is wrong.
- Fieldwork questions where candidates need to apply their knowledge and understanding, ask them to 'do something' rather than just talk about how they collected data or presented it.
- Be careful to avoid generic /vague points in answers, depending on the question make sure there are examples, evidence, or reference to figures included.