AQA GCSE Geography Case Studies and Examples

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| **The Challenge of Natural Hazards**Paper 1 |
| 1 | Use **named examples** to show how the effects and responses to a tectonic hazard vary between two areas of contrasting levels of wealth. |  |
| 2 | Use a **named example** of a tropical storm to show its effects and responses. |  |
| 3 | An **example** of a recent extreme weather event in the UK to illustrate:* causes
* social, economic and environmental impacts
* how management strategies can reduce risk.
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| **The Living World**  |
| 1 | An **example** of a small-scale UK ecosystem to illustrate the concept of interrelationships within a natural system, an understanding of producers, consumers, decomposers, food chain, food web and nutrient cycling. |  |
| 2 | A **case study** of a tropical rainforest to illustrate:* causes of deforestation – subsistence and commercial farming, logging, road building, mineral extraction, energy development, settlement, population growth
* impacts of deforestation – economic development , soil erosion, contribution to climate change.
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| Either | A **case study** of a hot desert to illustrate:* development opportunities in hot desert environments: mineral extraction, energy, farming, tourism
* challenges of developing hot desert environments: extreme temperatures, water supply, inaccessibility.
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| Or | A **case study** of a cold environment to illustrate:* development opportunities in cold environments: mineral extraction, energy, fishing and tourism
* challenges of developing cold environments: extreme temperature, inaccessibility, provision of buildings and infrastructure.
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| **Coastal Landscapes in the UK** |
| 1 | An **example** of a river valley in the UK to identify its major landforms of erosion and deposition. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a coastal management scheme in the UK to show:* the reasons for management
* the management strategy
* the resulting effects and conflicts.
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| **River Landscapes in the UK** |
| 1 | An **example** of a section of coastline in the UK to identify its major landforms of erosion and deposition. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a flood management scheme in the UK to show:* why the scheme was required
* the management strategy
* the social, economic and environmental issues.
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| **Glacial Landscapes in the UK** |
| 1 | An **example** of a section of coastline in the UK to identify its major landforms of erosion and deposition. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a flood management scheme in the UK to show:* why the scheme was required
* the management strategy
* the social, economic and environmental issues.
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Paper 2

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| **Urban Issues and Challenges** |
| 1 | A **case study** of a major city in an LIC or NEE to illustrate:* the location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally
* causes of growth: natural increase and migration
* how urban growth has created opportunities:
	+ social: access to services – health and education; access to resources – water supply, energy
	+ economic: how urban industrial areas can be a stimulus for economic development
* how urban growth has created challenges:
	+ managing urban growth – slums, squatter settlements
	+ providing clean water, sanitation systems and energy
	+ providing access to services – health and education
	+ reducing unemployment and crime
	+ managing environmental issues – waste disposal, air and water pollution, traffic congestion.
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| 2 | An **example** of how urban planning is improving the quality of life for the urban poor. |  |
| 3 | A **case study** of a major city in the UK to illustrate:* the location and importance of the city in the UK and the wider world
* impacts of national and international migration on the growth and character of the city
* how urban change has created opportunities:
	+ social and economic: cultural mix, recreation and entertainment, employment, integrated transport systems
	+ environmental: urban greening
* how urban change has created challenges:
	+ social and economic: urban deprivation, inequalities in housing, education, health and employment
	+ environmental: dereliction, building on brownfield and greenfield sites, waste disposal
	+ the impact of urban sprawl on the rural–urban fringe, and the growth of commuter settlements.
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| 4 | An **example** of an urban regeneration project to show:* reasons why the area needed regeneration
* the main features of the project.
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| **The Changing Economic World**  |
| 1 | An **example** of how the growth of tourism in an LIC or NEE helps to reduce the development gap. |  |
| 2 | A **case study** of one LIC or NEE to illustrate:* the location and importance of the country, regionally and globally
* the wider political, social, cultural and environmental context within which the country is placed
* the changing industrial structure. The balance between different sectors of the economy. How manufacturing industry can stimulate economic development
* the role of transnational corporations (TNCs) in relation to industrial development. Advantages and disadvantages of TNC(s) to the host country
* the changing political and trading relationships with the wider world
* international aid: types of aid, impacts of aid on the receiving country
* the environmental impacts of economic development
* the effects of economic development on quality of life for the population.
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| 3 | * An **example** of how modern industrial development can be more environmentally sustainable
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| **Resource Management – Food**  |
| 1 | An **example** of a large-scale agricultural development to show how it has both advantages and disadvantages. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a local scheme in an LIC or NEE to increase sustainable supplies of food. |  |

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| **Resource Management – Water**  |
| 1 | An **example** of a large-scale water transfer scheme to show how its development has both advantages and disadvantages. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a local scheme in an LIC or NEE to increase sustainable supplies of water. |  |

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| **Resource Management – Energy**  |
| 1 | An **example** to show how the extraction of a fossil fuel has both advantages and disadvantages. |  |
| 2 | An **example** of a local renewable energy scheme in an LIC or NEE to provide sustainable supplies of energy. |  |