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Edexcel GCSE Geography A

Unit 4: Investigating Geography

Sample Controlled Assessment Material

Theme: Tourism

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THEME: Tourism

Task question: How has tourism affected the environment of your chosen location?

a. Purpose of investigation

High level of control. Suggested timing 3 hours.

- Your fieldwork investigation will need to have a focus concept linked to the task question. This may include different environmental damage to the location, such as footpath erosion, visual and noise pollution.
- Begin the initial background research into the topic area. You can use any resources normally available in your school or college.

b. Methods of collecting data

Fieldwork - Limited level of control. Suggested timing 1 day.

Write-up - High level of control. Suggest timing 3 hours.

- Decide how you will collect the data for your fieldwork investigation.
- When you carry out your fieldwork investigation you will be working as a team to collect your data. Your findings must be recorded accurately and reliably.
- Decide whether you will take photographs of equipment or people involved in the investigation or to produce some field sketches or sketch maps.
- Explain the methods you used, suggesting why particular techniques were chosen.

c. Methods of presenting data

High Level of control. Suggested timing 6 hours.

- Decide how you will present the data in your fieldwork investigation report.
- Use a range of appropriate techniques to refine and display your data, results and findings.

d. Analysis and conclusions

High level of control. Suggested timing 5 hours.

- Carry out the analysis of your data. Make sure you refer back to a range of data sources, both primary and secondary. Provide an explanation for the patterns in your data.
- Explain your conclusions.
- Explain how far you agree with the statement given in the task question. Draw on the evidence collected, both primary and secondary data.

e. Evaluation

High level of control. Suggested timing 2 hours.

- Explain how accurate and reliable your results are.
- Explain how what might you do differently if you were going to repeat the investigation and how may that help you to improve the results collected, or the reliability and accuracy of your data.

f. Planning and organisation

High level of control. Suggested timing ongoing throughout plus 1 hour to organise the report.

- Decide how to structure your report and which sections to include.
- Ensure that you communicate your findings clearly using correct geographical language, grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The quality of communication in your report will be marked.