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Topic	Specification	Case Study	Comment
Paper 1 Q1 River Environments	How channel shape and features change downstream in a named river	River Tees Or River Severn	A general idea is ok, know some named features
	To be able to provide a case study of river management in a developed country.	River Colorado USA Or TB Spain	Management involves the preventing of floods but also is about moving water from areas of surplus to areas of deficit.
	To be able to provide a case study of river management in a developing or emerging country.	China SNWTP emerging. Wakel India emerging	
Paper 1 Q3 Hazards	The shorter-term and longer-term impacts of one earthquake	Nepal 2015 / Christchurch NZ 2011 / Japan 2011	Focus on Impacts – short vs long term Knowledge on Social, Economic and Environmental impacts would also be beneficial.
	The shorter-term and longer-term impacts of one volcano	Merapi 2010/ Montserrat 1997/ Eyjafjallajokull 2010	
	The shorter-term and longer-term impacts of one tropical cyclone hazard	Typhoon Haiyan 2015 / Hurricane Sandy 2012 / Hurricane Katrina 2005	Know 5 facts for each case study
	Case studies of hazard management for an earthquake in a developed country and a developing country or an emerging country.	Textbook India & Italy Alternatives – could be any of the ones mentioned above.	Know both short term (aid and relief) and long term (rebuilding strategies and planning) for each. Knowledge of the 3P's (prediction, planning and protection) Most questions have been resource and theory based.
Paper 1 Q4 River Fieldwork	Investigation of river processes and form through primary and secondary fieldwork evidence	Blackpool Brook, Forest of Dean, Location, risk assessment, methods, data presentation, analysis, conclusion and evaluation	
Paper 2 Q1 Economic Activity and Energy	Positive and negative impacts of economic shifts in a developed and emerging country	UK (developed) China (emerging)	Make sure you know the reasons for the changes and the impacts it leads to.
	Informal employment; causes and consequences (both advantages and	Mumbai (Dharavi), Rio	Marks have been available for knowing example detail for the named megacity

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	disadvantages) in a named megacity	This may link to your Urban topic Developing city	
	Case study of resource management in a developed and emerging or developing country	Developed – UK or Qatar Emerging – China / India Developing – Nepal	You need knowledge on the reasons for their current and predicted future energy mix and the impacts that has (positives and negatives of relevant energy sources)
Paper 2 Q3 – Urban Environments	Urban challenges in a named developed country – food, energy, transport, waste disposal, resource demands and segregation	London / Hong Kong	Know the theory and have example details for the named city
	Urban challenges in a named emerging or developing country – squatter settlements, informal economy, urban pollution and low QoL	Rio / Lagos	Know the theory and have example details for the named city
	Case studies of urban management in a named developed and developing country	(see above) Sustainable Cities – Curitiba / Abu Dhabi	Know the theory and example details on how to manage social, economic and environmental challenges in a sustainable way.
Paper 2 Q6 – Urban Fieldwork	Investigating the changing use of central/inner urban environments through primary and secondary evidence	Birmingham Location, risk assessment, methods, data presentation, analysis, conclusion and evaluation	
Paper 2 Q7 Fragile Environments	Different approaches to sustainable use and management of a rainforest in a named region	Amazon, Brazil	Know a range of options from ecotourism, to international agreements and selective logging
	Different responses to global warming and climate change in a named developed and a named emerging or developing country	Developed – UK Emerging – China Developing – Soloman Islands	from individuals, organisations and governments