HSC Essay Questions

**Ecosystems at Risk**

**(2011)** Discuss the factors that place ecosystems at risk. In your answer, refer to BOTH an ecosystem you have studied AND the ecosystem presented in pages 2&3 of the Stimulus Booklet

**(2012)** Evaluate the impact of both traditional and contemporary management strategies on TWO ecosystems at risk.

**(2013)** Assess the impact of humans on the functioning of TWO ecosystems at risk

**(2014)** Evaluate traditional and contemporary management strategies of TWO ecosystems at risk in terms of ecological sustainability

**(2015)** Discuss how management strategies could be used to address human impacts that are placing TWO ecosystems at risk.

**(2016)** Analyse the biophysical interactions that occur in ONE ecosystem at risk

**(2017)** Explain how ONE ecosystem at risk has demonstrated both vulnerability and resilience in response to natural stress and human induced modifications.

**(2018)** Assess the effectiveness of the strategies that have been used to manage the threats to at least ONE ecosystem at risk.

**(2019)** Explain the importance of ecosystem management and protection in ecosystems at risk.

**People and Economic Activity**

**(2011)** Explain the spatial patterns and the possible future directions of an economic activity you have studied.

**(2012)** Analyse the environmental, social and economic impacts of an economic activity

**(2013)** Evaluate factors that have influenced the location of an economic enterprise operating at a local scale

**(2014)** Analyse how an economic enterprise operating a local scale can be affected by global changes.

**(2015)** Analyse the environmental and social impacts of ONE economic activity

**(2016)** Explain the factors that have influenced the nature and spatial pattern of ONE economic activity.

**(2017)** Explain how an economic activity you have studied has responded to the challenges of ecological sustainability.

**(2018)** Explain how locational factors have influenced the character of an economic enterprise operating at a local scale.

**(2019)** Explain how biophysical and technological factors affect the nature of ONE economic activity in a global context.

**Urban Places**

**(2011)** Analyse the role of world cities in the operation of global networks

**(2012)** How effective are the responses to the challenges of living in a megacity in the developing world?

**(2013)** Analyse the impact of urban dynamics on the ecological sustainability of a large city in the developed world

**(2014)** Account for the changing nature, character and spatial distribution of mega cities.

**(2015)** Contrast the nature and character of mega cities in the developing world with world cities

**(2016)** Analyse responses to the challenges of living in mega cities

**(2017)** Account for changes in both social structure and patterns of advantage and disadvantage in a large city from the developed world.

**(2018)** Discuss the effects of urban dynamics on a large city in the developed world.

**(2019)** Explain how the nature and distribution of world cities affect their role in the operation of global networks.