

# Grade 8 Geography

## Feeding 11 Billion People

Mark Scheme (IGCSE Applied)

Total: 100 marks

### Grade Boundaries (Overall)

#### Grade Total Mark

<b>A*</b>	85–100
<b>A</b>	75–84
<b>B</b>	65–74
<b>C</b>	55–64
<b>D</b>	45–54
<b>E</b>	Below 45

### 1. Geography Knowledge (30 marks)

*(Malthus, Boserup, population growth, food supply, future food)*

#### Grade Marks What this looks like

<b>A*</b>	26–30	Very strong understanding. Ideas are accurate, detailed, and well chosen.
<b>A</b>	23–25	Clear understanding with small gaps.
<b>B</b>	20–22	Good knowledge but some ideas lack depth.
<b>C</b>	17–19	Basic understanding. Mostly description.
<b>D</b>	14–16	Limited understanding. Some confusion.
<b>E</b>	0–13	Very little relevant knowledge.

## 2. Use of Evidence (30 marks)

*(Facts, data, graphs, maps, examples)*

### Grade Marks What this looks like

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| <b>A*</b> | 26–30 | Evidence is well chosen and clearly explained. Figures are referred to in writing. |
| <b>A</b>  | 23–25 | Good use of evidence with mostly clear explanations.                               |
| <b>B</b>  | 20–22 | Some evidence used, but explanations are not always clear.                         |
| <b>C</b>  | 17–19 | Evidence included but mostly described, not explained.                             |
| <b>D</b>  | 14–16 | Very limited evidence.   |
| <b>E</b>  | 0–13  | Little or no evidence used.  |

## 3. Malthus vs Boserup – Judgement (20 marks)

*(Evaluation and conclusion)*

### Grade Marks What this looks like

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| <b>A*</b> | 17–20 | Clear, balanced judgement. Both views evaluated before deciding. |
| <b>A</b>  | 15–16 | Clear judgement with good reasons.                               |
| <b>B</b>  | 13–14 | Opinion given but reasons are short or simple.                   |
| <b>C</b>  | 11–12 | Opinion stated but weakly explained.                             |
| <b>D</b>  | 9–10  | Opinion unclear or poorly supported.                             |
| <b>E</b>  | 0–8   | No clear judgement.  |

#### **4. Structure & Presentation (10 marks)**

*(Report layout, chapters, figures, references)*

##### **Grade Marks What this looks like**

<b>A*</b>	9–10	Excellent structure. All sections, figures, and references correct.
<b>A</b>	8	Well organised with minor errors.
<b>B</b>	7	Mostly organised with some issues present.
<b>C</b>	6	Basic structure present.
<b>D</b>	5	Poor organisation.
<b>E</b>	0–4	Structure not followed.

#### **5. Writing & Geographical Language (10 marks)**

*(Clarity, spelling, grammar, subject vocabulary)*

##### **Grade Marks What this looks like**

<b>A*</b>	9–10	Clear, fluent writing using accurate geography terms.
<b>A</b>	8	Clear writing with good vocabulary.
<b>B</b>	7	Mostly clear but vocabulary is limited.
<b>C</b>	6	Simple language with frequent errors.
<b>D</b>	5	Writing is difficult to follow.
<b>E</b>	0–4	Writing is very unclear.