

IGCSE Geography – Session 5 – Settlement 7 Mark Questions

In this 40 minute session today, we will be covering the following aspects of your IGCSE Geography Paper Question 2 Settlement – The case study responses:

1. **Recognising which case study to use**
2. **How to structure the 7-mark answer - PEEL**
3. **How the examiner will mark the work**

Ok, so you've already secured **up to 18 marks** over the past few questions in the Settlement section. You know that around the corner lies the last hurdle – the 7 mark essay / case study question. This is the point where the examiner is going to test your ability to mix the theory with the place in the world that you studied.

You will have to read the question very carefully to understand which part of the Settlement course it wants you to focus on. ***It could be on service provision in the area / country, the problems in MEDC urban areas and the solutions to these problems or a rapidly growing urban area in a poor country and migration to it (problems & solutions again!).***

This question may well contain **highlighted words**. They are highlighted for a good reason as they tend to be key to answering the question properly.

Very often, the question will only ask you to focus on one part of your case study, not the whole thing. Be careful, as if you stray away from what the question is asking, you won't get any marks. Your response may contain superb Geography but if it isn't what the question is asking you to answer, you are not going to get many marks. THERE ARE LIMITED CASE STUDIES IN THIS SECTION & SO QUESTION STYLE IS FAIRLY STRAIGHT FORWARD TO PREDICT.

- You have about 10 minutes to complete this section before moving on to question 3 or question 4.
- **25% Extra Time calculation for 25% of 10 minutes = _____ minutes on 7 mark section.**

PEEL

Before we go any further, you are going to have to learn how to PEEL

Use PEEL to structure your answer to exam questions.

Always write in full sentences.

Point

- Make three points for a 7 mark question.

Explain

- Give reasons for each point.
- Use sentence starters such as 'This is because...'

Evidence

- Include facts and figures from places to back up each point.

Link

- Use signposting language to link your points together, e.g. 'Secondly, ...', or 'However, ...'.
- At the end, write a one sentence 'mini-conclusion' to link your points back to the question

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Check out the mark scheme ...

2(c)	Levels marking	
	<u>Level 1</u>	(1–3 marks)
	Statements including limited detail which describe strategies used to reduce problems caused by rural to urban migration.	
	<u>Level 2</u>	(4–6 marks)
	Uses named example.	
	More developed statements which describe strategies used to reduce problems caused by rural to urban migration.	
	(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)	
	<u>Level 3</u>	(7 marks)
	Uses named example.	
	Comprehensive and accurate with some place specific reference.	
	<u>Content Guide:</u>	
	Answers are likely to refer to strategies such as:	
	Site and services schemes;	
	Self-help schemes;	
	Building of low cost housing;	
	Increasing police force/security;	
	Road building;	
	Investment in rural areas;	
	Rural development schemes,	
	Installation of water/electricity supply,	
	Sewage treatment,	
	Building of schools;	
	Investment in hospitals/health care;	
	Creation of employment;	
	Strategies to deal with traffic congestion, etc.	
	<u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u>	
	Locational details,	
	Specific details of the schemes,	
	Named parts of urban area, etc.	

So, the correct case study in this case is worth 2 / 7 marks. You can write a very good theoretic account and still score 5 / 7.

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Quite a nasty question – how does the mark scheme look?

2(c)	<p>Levels marking</p> <p><u>Level 1</u> 1–3 marks Statements including limited detail which describe the hierarchy of settlement and/or service provision.</p> <p><u>Level 2</u> 4–6 marks Uses named example. More developed statements which describe the hierarchy of settlement and/or service provision.</p> <p>(Note: Max 5 if no named or inappropriate example)</p> <p><u>Level 3</u> 7 marks Uses named example. Comprehensive and accurate statements, with some place specific reference which describe the hierarchy of settlement and service provision.</p> <p><u>Content Guide:</u> Low to high order examples Reference to quantity/spacing of each More small settlements than large Greater distance between large settlements than small etc.</p> <p><u>Place specific reference is likely to consist of:</u> named settlements/areas within country etc.</p> <p>Note: If just one settlement is named then MAX 1 □ L2 – 4 marks.</p>	7
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