Guidance on the use of past paper questions for Advanced Higher Geography

The Curriculum for Excellence Advanced Higher Courses draw on the strengths of popular areas of study from existing Advanced Higher with the introduction of some new content. The purpose of this support document is to help centres and departments to identify suitable past paper questions/items that could be used, or possibly amended, to support learners in their preparation for sitting question papers (exams) as part of the Advanced Higher Course assessment. The advice in this document reflects questions selected from **2010 to 2014** past papers.

When utilising any past paper questions, you need to take into account the following:

- You must select questions that provide the learners with the same level of challenge as those in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- You may be able to use questions as published or with amendments as suggested in the columns below.
- You must use questions that adhere to the Advanced Higher General Marking Principles and reflect the form of Detailed Marking Instructions as published in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.

If any change to a question/items is necessary, you must ensure that:

- The style and structure matches the Specimen Question Paper for Advanced Higher.
- Marking of the learner's response to the question adheres to the General Marking Principles in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- Marking Instructions are amended to reflect the style of the Advanced Higher Detailed Marking Instructions.

The details below should be read in conjunction with the relevant:

Mandatory documentation:

- Course Specification
- Unit Specifications
- Course Assessment Specification

Advice and guidance:

- Course and Unit Support Notes

Assessment:

- Question Paper Component:
  - general assessment information
  - general marking principles and detailed marking instructions

Related Information as provided in the relevant N5-Advanced Higher Course Comparison Document.

Key for the section below:

C — amend context as required
S — amend source as required
St — amend question style
Str — amend structure of the question

Not all topic/areas of study will appear every year due to the sampling techniques used in producing question papers.

Information from the Course Assessment Specification See below for details.	The columns below identify additional support questions from Advanced Higher Past Papers 2010 to 2014	
	Advanced Higher	
	Use question as published	Amend question style/structure
Map interpretation		
Candidate will be expected to demonstrate geographical skills and techniques using a range of maps and supplementary items in the form of a decision making exercise. 1:25000 scale Ordnance Survey (OS) *Explorer Series* topographical sheets of England and Wales will be used. Although assessing the skills of map interpretation, it is anticipated candidates will apply prior knowledge of map reading and interpretation to this question, eguse of scale, drawing to scale, interpretation of relief and surface features. This will also include grid references and reference to features symbolised on the map. In addition to the OS map, supplementary items will be provided in the form of one or more of the following: maps or map based diagrams, photographs, sketches, graphical information or outline drawings or drawings based on photographs, data tables and written text about the area.	2010 Q2 (b) 2011 Q1 (a), (b) Q2 (b), (c) 2012 Q1 2013 Q1 (a) (b) Q2 (b) (c) 2014 Q1 (a) (b)(i)	2010 Q1 Q2 (a) 2011 Q1 (c) Q2 (a) 2012 Q2 2013 Q1 (c) Q2 (a) 2014 Q1 (b)(ii), (c) Q2 (a), (b)
Gathering and Processing Techniques		
Candidates will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge of research/fieldwork in gathering and processing techniques, and the analysis/evaluation of data which might be obtained as a result of using those techniques. This question **may** use the supplementary items supplied with the question paper.	2012 Q5	2010 Q5 2011 Q5 (b) 2013 Q5 2014 Q5 (b), (c)

Geographical Data Handling		
Candidates will be expected to: ♦ interpret and analyse a given set of data, including statistical data and ♦ evaluate any techniques used and their effectiveness in order to explain geographical relationships This question **will** use the supplementary items supplied with the question paper.	2011 Q3 (e) 2012 Q3 (a)(ii), (b) Q4 (c), 2013 Q3 (d), (e) Q4 (b), (c) 2014 Q3 (d), (e) Q4 (b), (d)	2010 Q3 (c), (d) Q4 2011 Q3 (c) (d) Q4 2012 Q4 (a), (b) (d) 2013 Q4 (a) 2014 Q4 (a), (c)
SQA past papers www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm	Additional assessment support material is available here: Education Scotland www.educationscotland.gov.uk/ Glow www.educationscotland.gov.uk/usingglowandict/ Glow Log-in https://secure.glowscotland.org.uk/login/login.htm	