



A Student's Guide to the 2017 Year 12 ATAR Geography Examination

A Student's Guide to the 2017 Year 12 ATAR Geography Examination is designed to help prepare students for their 2017 WACE Year 12 ATAR Geography examination. It is a valuable resource for students who wish to improve their results in school-based assessments and achieve a high standard in the Year 12 ATAR Geography examination. The WACE Geography Examination is as much an organisational exercise as it is a test of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills and throughout the text, material and advice is presented with the intention of encouraging candidates to adopt strategies to help maximise their exam performance.

This GAWA 2017 'student revision guide' contains the following important features:

- Clarification on the requirements of the Year 12 ATAR Geography syllabus in terms of examinable content and the *Depth Studies*.
- Extensive explanatory notes on the WACE Year 12 ATAR Geography examination, including the structure of exam, types of questions asked and examination instructions to candidates.
- Detailed notes that explore the common weaknesses that many students display in the examination - e.g. time management, mark allocation and the use of examples and source material.
- Tips on how to improve the quality of responses, such as how to effectively structure extended response answers.
- Sample questions and answers to illustrate the steps for effectively deciphering and addressing a typical examination question.
- Practical and useful study techniques and strategies for learning and revising content.
- Focus questions that have been created using the examinable content in Unit 3 and Unit 4. These questions can be useful as a method of revision and preparation for school-based assessments as well as the WACE examination.
- A variety of sketch diagrams & sketch maps related to the Unit 3 & 4 *Depth Studies* including: *the heat budget*; the hydrological cycle; impacts of bauxite mining; impacts of deforestation; the greenhouse effect; climatic effects of volcanic eruptions; maps of Perth's internal & external morphology.

Finally, a large component of this revision guide is devoted to the **2016 WACE Year 12 ATAR Geography Examination Questions**. Each question is deconstructed to identify the examinable content being assessed, a suggested marking guide and marks allocation and explains how it relates to the syllabus and what content is required. Most importantly, an original sample answer is provided. These sample answers have been written to illustrate the importance of structure, depth of detail, source material and the inclusion of examples. They are invaluable in terms of illustrating correct structure and gaining useful content relevant to the course.

Note that a copy of the broadsheet used for the 2016 WACE Geography ATAR Examination is enclosed with this book.

Overall, this student's guide and the associated geography broadsheet provide a valuable and distinctive resource for students studying ATAR Geography in Western Australia. The advice to students is extensive and the strategies provided will be advantageous in gaining higher marks in Geography.