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Question	Answer			
1(a)(i)	Identify <u>one</u> city, other than Kathmandu (Kantipur) which was important in Nepal during the Malla period.			
	e.g. Patan, Bhaktapu	r, Nuwakot		
1(a)(ii)	Explain <u>two</u> reasons why Prithvi Narayan Shah gained control over the Kathmandu valley.			
	Reason	Explanation		
	Took advantage of rivalry within the valley	Jaya Prakash Malla struggled to control Kathmandu and some of his supporters defected to Prithvi Narayan Shah, weakening Malla control.		
	Blockade of the valley	Cut off supplies to the valley which meant they were effectively under siege, unable to get supplies the valley surrendered more quickly.		
	Retained the loyalty and support of his own troops	Troops were rewarded with land for their loyalty rather than relying on the officer class to pay the soldiers themselves. This meant they were loyal to Prithvi Narayan Shah directly.		
1(b)(i)	What can you learn from this source about the difficulties of conducting democratic elections in Nepal?			
	Inference	Support		
	e.g. Difficulty of getting messages across to electorate	Most of the electorate were illiterate and could not read election literature. Therefore, meetings had to be held by the different parties to try to persuade voters across to their side. This was time consuming and expensive. New parties had little chance of getting their message across.		
	e.g. Possibility of corruption	The need to win the support of locally powerful individuals might increase opportunities for corruption. The fact that voting went on for so long might make the process less secure.		
	e.g. Likely to have low turnout	Difficulties in communication might lead to low turnout and this could undermine the legitimacy of the new government and encourage political apathy among the electorate.		

Question	Answer		
1(b)(ii)	(b)(ii) Explain <u>two</u> ways in which the Panchayat system strengthened the position of the monarchy in Nepal.		
	Feature	Explanation	
	e.g. Political parties banned	No mechanism for opposition and restricted involvement of people in political decision making.	
	e.g. Criticism of the King not permitted	No critical comment allowed in Panchayat meetings therefore it was hard to amend policies that weren't working.	
	e.g. Local Panchayats involve only a few people – mostly nominated	Most people have no direct connection with the political process and therefore have no influence.	
	e.g. Royal appointments	The King held the power and only appoints people who are loyal and will support his ideas – reinforces hierarchy.	

Question			Answer	Marks		
1(c)	'The Maoist rebellion in Nepal escalated because of poverty and exclusion.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.					
	Level	Marks	Description			
	Level	3 10–12	A developed, well-focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.			
	Level	2 6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.			
	Level	1 1–5	A few creditable points. The approach may be faulty and the focus of the response may not be the focus of the question. Little or no relevant exemplar material.			
		0	No response, or no creditable response.			
	Indicative content:					
	Responses will consider the role of poverty and exclusion in the outbreak and progress of the civil war. To achieve balance, answers should consider other factors which were significant for the escalation of the rebellion. The best responses will contain relevant examples and reach a judgement.					
	•	The Maoist' was longsta of this regio Nepalese st The Maoists monarchy, r constituent redistributio By 2001 the most margir estimates, t	exclusion were important in the Maoist rebellion. s powerbase was the mid-western hills where there nding left-wing support. The people (Kham Magars) n were often very poor and felt alienated from the			

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	 To challenge the statement The movement financed itself through criminal activities and commandeered support from local people by requisitioning food and supplies and conscription. Those who opposed them were killed or intimidated. The geography of Nepal also played into the rebel's hands – the terrain was suited to guerrilla fighters. Other factors The political situation in Nepal was also responsible for the rebellion and for it lasting 10 years. There were factional problems within Congress (Deurba became the 11th PM in as many years in 2001) and tense relations between the monarchy and the government. Central government did not recognise the seriousness of the threat and the army were not used to suppress the rebellion. This meant the insurgency grew. Gyanendra was widely disliked and this allowed the Maoists to capitalise on anti-royal sentiment. The King's introduction of martial law in 2005 finally brought the fractured political parties together to end what had become a civil war. 	

Question		Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	 Identify two features of traditional Tharu life or culture which make the Tharu people distinct from other indigenous groups in Nepal. Considered to be 'people of the forest' Farmers who have practised shifting cultivation Celebrations such as the stick dance, part of Phaagun Purnima Resistance to malaria Separate languages 		
2(a)(ii)	Briefly explain why th linguistic diversity.	e internet is seen as a threat to Nepal's	3
	Reason/Inference	Development/support	
	e.g. Language used	Tends to be English or Nepali – not minority languages. Young people will focus on learning these languages and won't be exposed to their own.	
	e.g. Homogenisation of culture	Large elements controlled by US-based media corporations which promote western views and values.	
	e.g. Not spoken word	Communication tends to be written so oral tradition is in danger of dying out.	
2(b)(i)	What can you learn from Fig.1 about access to facilities in Dalit households?		
	Reason/Inference	Development/support	
	e.g. Hill Dalit have less access to some facilities	TV and access to transport are less common in Hill Dalit households. There is less access to electricity which may explain the lower figures for TV.	
	e.g. Dalit have less access to facilities than the rest of the Nepali population	In every category, Dalit have less access to modern facilities than the general population of Nepal. For instance, there is little difference in access to electricity between Hill and Tarai Dalit. However, there is a difference of almost 20% between the Dalit access to electricity and all Nepal.	
	e.g. Tarai Dalit have better access to some facilities	Tarai Dalit are more likely to have access to transport than Hill Dalit. This may be due to geographic factors. The Tarai is flat and so more people there might have a bicycle than in the hill regions, also there are more roads and therefore more buses in the Tarai.	

Question		Answer	Marks
2(b)(ii)	Explain <u>two</u> reasons why it has been difficult for Dalit people to overcome social exclusion.		
	Reason/Inference Dev	elopment/support	
	paper only/lack of disc political will proc carr con	ough an act was passed in 1963 to ban crimination, there was no follow-up cess to ensure that the legislation was ied out. This meant that life for the Dalit tinued – there was no tangible change ause of the act.	
	education and case fam una	ts have been poorly educated in the past this takes a long time to change. In many es the need to work to support their ilies has meant that they have been ble to complete their education and gain er opportunities.	
	political will step	government has not taken sufficient os to ensure that Dalit people have access ducation and equal opportunities.	
	rest	belief that Dalit should not serve water ricts their employment opportunities and os to perpetuate social exclusion.	

Question	Answer			Marks
2(c)	'A lack of educational opportunities for females is the main reason for gender inequality in Nepal.' To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer.			12
	Level	Marks	Description	
	Level 3	10–12	A developed, well-focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.	
	Level 2	6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.	
	Level 1	1–5	A few creditable points. The approach may be faulty and the focus of the response may not be the focus of the question. Little or no relevant exemplar material.	
		0	No response, or no creditable response.	
	the lack of e balance and gender inec of education In discussin include com • La tha chi infa • Wi pai ma • Lo un wh	educationa swers sho quality and n. Ing the gen ment on t ck of educ at women a lidren. The ant mortal th lower le id employ akes it diffi wer levels derstand c ich they a	evel education women are unlikely to gain higher ment. This contributes to a cyclical situation which cult for women to escape from poverty. of education mean that women are less likely to or access the social services and legal support to re entitled.	
	• Th the lov imj fer	e gender (e literacy ra ver than fo provemen nales now	might point out that the situation is changing: gap in education has decreased since 2000. In 2014 ate for women aged 15–24 was 80.2%. While this is or men (89.9%) it represents a considerable t in recent years. This trend is likely to continue as have a higher completion rate for primary an males.	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	 Other factors are also significant in perpetuating the gender gap: There is longstanding discrimination against female children and sons are still likely to be better provided for. It is a long and complex process to break this down but family size is decreasing in Nepal and this might have a beneficial effect on prospects for women. Women are discriminated against based on ethnicity, caste and religion (as well as gender) and Madeshi and Dalit women from the Tarai are the most marginalised in Nepali society. There is a lack of employment for educated women (and men) in Nepal and well-paid work is vital if women are to escape from poverty. Responses might conclude that although providing educational opportunities for women is vital for reducing the gender gap, on its own it is not enough. The lack of employment opportunities could be an equally serious problem. Responses might consider that things are improving in Nepal – although there is a long way to go this issue is now firmly on the political agenda and women's rights have been protected in the constitution.	

Question	Answer				
3(a)(i)	 In 2014 Nepal's UN Human Development Index (HDI) was 0.490. Name two indicators used in the HDI measure. Life expectancy at birth/ Mean years of schooling/Expected years of schooling/ Gross National Income per capita. Adult literacy rates 				
3(a)(ii)	Explain why HDI is a better ind development than Gross Dom		3		
	Reason	Development/support			
	e.g. Includes both economic and social indicators	These are balanced out to reduce anomalies which reduce the emphasis on wealth and therefore give a better picture of people's standard of living.			
	e.g. It can be misleading to look at just one indicator	For example, high income can disguise poor literacy and standard of living.			
3(b)(i)	Explain the message of this c	artoon.	4		
	Inference	Development/support			
	harder to tackle than i climbing Everest	The use of Everest in the cartoon with mages of the disaster and the written nessage show that aid workers have a very large task to deal with. There are issues of medical aid, nousing and sanitation to deal with as vell as rebuilding cultural and historical sites.			
	Mount Everest.Dealing with providing aThere is a lot of aid wor	emergency shelters here.			

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(ii)	Foreign aid is an important contributor to the Nepali economy. Assess <u>two</u> risks of aid dependency in Nepal.	4
	 Ear-marking specific areas of spending: gives donors the authority to set priorities and direct funds, creates patchy and/or unsustainable development. Reduces need for development: globally recommended 'best practice' policies often lack appropriate contextualisation to cultural, religious, or social values. Aid is unreliable: may be cut, poorly timed, amounts insufficient. Aid weakens government accountability: taxation as funding government would have to improve as people want to know how their hard-earned money is being spent. Can cause corruption: money doesn't reach those who need it. Cases of corruption lead to more complex modes of donation, including direct programme funding, conditions, tied aid and grants; taking control away from national governments. Dependent upon foreign agendas: aid is given depending on projects the foreign public are happiest to donate for. Reduces local food production: food aid imports reduce market demand for local produce. Inappropriate aid practices: lack appropriate adaptation to Nepalese cultural, religious, or social values. 	

Question	Answer			Marks	
3(c)	Explain how infrastructure projects funded by foreign aid can bring social and economic benefits to people living in urban and rural regions of Nepal.			12	
	Level	Marks	Description		
	Level 3	10–12	A developed, well-focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.		
	Level 2	6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.		
	Level 1	1–5	A few creditable points. The approach may be faulty and the focus of the response may not be the focus of the question. Little or no relevant exemplar material.		
		0	No response or no creditable response.		
	Indicative content Answers should focus on examples of aid projects dealing with any example of infrastructure; these may be large or small-scale projects and should include rural and urban projects.				
	Infrastructure includes transport and communications networks, water and power supplies, education and health facilities.				
	Canenco	uces dise increase ourages w	its: ase/illness life expectancy rork/school attendance nding time and effort collecting water		
	increaseHelp	s econom eases crop	ic development o yields oment of Kathmandu e.g. essential for attraction of		
	and urban I needs wher	Vepal. Rur reas urbar	nay indicate a difference in priorities between rural ral areas focus on infrastructure provision for basic a areas are focussing on meeting demands of nomic growth.		

Section B

Generic Level Descriptors Part (a)

Level	Marks	Description
Level 3	8–10	A developed, well-focused and organised response which addresses all the demands of the question. Good knowledge and understanding with use of relevant and detailed example(s).
Level 2	5–7	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points. Some use of example(s). Remains limited in knowledge and understanding or partial in not attempting to meet all the demands of the question.
Level 1	1–4	A few creditable points in a response of basic quality. The approach may be faulty and the focus of the response may not be the focus of the question. Little or no relevant exemplar material.
	0	No response or no creditable response.

Generic Level Descriptors Part (b)

Level	Marks	Description
Level 4	13–15	Response is structured as an argument. Well-directed knowledge, detailed examples and good understanding support a convincing argument and clear evaluation.
Level 3	9–12	A solid response with some good knowledge and understanding and some use of examples. Argument is largely firm with some gaps or limitations. Evaluation offered is partial or may be brief where the response is narrative or explanatory in approach.
Level 2	5–8	A limited response with some satisfactory points. Weak and inaccurate use of examples or some generality. Argument is partial or not sustained. Evaluation may be superficial or absent.
Level 1	1–4	A few creditable points in a brief, faulty or poorly focused response. Little or no use of relevant examples. Argument is weak and evaluation absent.
	0	No response or no creditable response.

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Describe the pressures on forest resources in Nepal and explain how forests can be managed sustainably.	10
	Indicative content	
	 Pressures on forest resources may include: importance for livelihoods and national income from timber clearance for agriculture clearance for illegal logging clearance for housing development tourism uses e.g. bird/wildlife watching poaching/foraging for food firewood collection 	
	 Sustainable management issues may include: Stakeholders including: communities living adjacent to or within the forest, community representatives/local councils, government, environmental conservation groups, commercial forestry industries, other reliant industries e.g. game meat suppliers, tourism industry, animal welfare groups. Methods (and challenges to be managed) including: land ownership – formal ownership rights are essential/remain confused about certain activities; organisational capacity – competency to organise a management programme, legal understanding is required/can be made more complex e.g. by low literacy levels; management skills – CFUGs are becoming more entrepreneurial and skills to resolve local conflicts can be lacking; capital – start-up funding is required for equipment and possibly to pay a forest manager; access to markets – can be limited in remote areas due to infrastructure. Economic returns are essential for continued community involvement and productivity. Example: Hariyo Ban Programme: works on three coreinterwoven components, biodiversity conservation, sustainable landscapes and climate adaptation – with livelihoods, gender and social inclusion being important cross-cutting themes. This five-year programme has been made possible with a grant of approximately USD 30 million through USAID. 	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	To what extent does the establishment of national parks cause conflicts of interest over the environment in Nepal? Answer with reference to examples.	15
	Indicative content	
	Responses may focus on more than one conflict in a single national park or look at different issues raised in more than one national park.	
	 Possible conflicts of interest: villages inside parks dependent on firewood, use woodland to harvest honey and use pasture land villagers hunting, e.g. wild pigs, which may be protected inside the NP wild animals, e.g. elephants/tigers, can attack people, destroying crops or structures in villages around the NP boundary tourism development, e.g. trekkers walking through or photographing local villages, litter from camping sites restrictions imposed on new development/modernisation in villages 	
	The best responses should include evaluation of the causes of potential conflict in national parks but also balance them with a view to possible solutions to those conflicts and/or the positive effects national park designation has brought in Nepal.	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Define cultural tourism and explain how it has been developed in Nepal. Answer with reference to examples.	10
	Indicative content	
	Cultural tourism is tourism concerned with Nepal's culture including the lifestyle of the people, the history of the people, their art, architecture, religions, and other features that helped shape their way of life.	
	 Examples of cultural tourism may include: Travellers being immersed in local rituals and routines, taking away photos and memories of unique experiences. Nepal is multi-ethic and multi-lingual, unique cultural groups like Tharu, Yadav and others may be visited. Nepalese are among the most hospitable hosts. Local Nepalese are generally rural people who welcome the tourists to their homes for tea, coffee or supper. Village tourism/Homestays, extension of the tea-houses, opportunity to witness traditional family life. Dress – Daura-Suruwal, is the traditional Nepali dress. The dress has several religious beliefs identified in its designs. The Nepali dress for women is a cotton sari (Guniu). Rituals – Any life-cycle rituals may be observed. Communities may organise gatherings for feasts which tourists can observe and/or take part in. 	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	With the help of examples, assess ways in which intangible heritage can be preserved in Nepal.	15
	Indicative content	
	 Any examples of intangible heritage may be considered: Oral traditions and expressions, including language Performing arts, songs, music, dance, drama and festivals Social practices, rituals, cuisine and festive events Knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe Traditional craftsmanship and skills 	
	 Methods used to preserve it: Continued use of traditional methods such as traditional medicine, storytelling, use of songs e.g. to sing about genealogy Documentation e.g. written records/archives/photographs/film footage/museums Legislation to protect intangible heritage e.g. UNESCO intangible heritage list 	
	Responses may refer to the relative success of examples/methods of preserving intangible heritage and assess which of the methods is most successful	
	The best answers should compare methods of preserving heritage and present an assessment based on evidence rather than purely opinion. They may conclude that intangible heritage is being lost in Nepal more than it is being preserved or that there is strong evidence for heritage being preserved and that Nepali or ethnic culture is safeguarded for the future.	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Outline the reasons why agreeing a constitution for Nepal took from 2008 to 2015.	10
	Indicative content	
	 Under the monarchy, kings employed commissioners to write the constitution. This was a relatively simple process as the constitution reflected what the King wanted. Under a democratic government, the views of diverse political parties must be considered. The process is likely to be more drawn out. Several governments have come and gone since 2008, slowing progress. Addressing Nepal's ethnic diversity has been problematic. Decisions about the proposed federation of states caused controversy with the biggest problem being whether to federate the country along ethnic lines. The Congress and CPN-UML wanted multi-ethnic federal states, fearing that divisions along ethnic lines would create tension. Concerns to avoid the abuse of power seen in the past are significant. The form of government has been debated and it was unclear whether to give executive powers to the president or the prime minister. Voting processes have been contentious with Maoists arguing that the adoption of certain voting procedures will lead to confrontation. RRP-Nepal also revived a bid to restore Nepal to its Hindu status which was abandoned after the declaration of the republic in 2008. The continued threat of violence if the constitution failed to meet the demands of certain groups in society also slowed down negotiations. 	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	'Improving relations with China is the main aim of Nepal's foreign policy.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.	15
	Indicative content	
	 There is evidence to suggest that China and Nepal have grown closer together in recent years There have been more trade agreements (involving steel and oil) and access to Chinese ports for Nepalese imports/exports following PM visit to China in 2016. It is possible that the 2015–16 blockade pushed Nepal closer to China, the Chinese made a gift of 1.3 million litres of petrol to Nepal to help cope with fuel shortages. Chinese tourists now make up over 30% of foreign tourists to Nepal. China was quick to come to Nepal's aid in the earthquake of 2015 and brought experience and technical skills developed through their own experiences with similar natural disasters. Responses are likely to consider relations with India and may conclude that this relationship is more important to Nepal. Despite recent tensions, India and Nepal share many cultural and political experiences and the open border means there has been much migration between the two countries. 98% of Nepal's trade is conducted through India. While China helped Nepal with fuel during a crisis this is not really a long-term option – China's nearest refinery is 2000km from Nepal while India's is only 374km. Public statements by Chinese authorities suggest that they recognise that Nepal's primary relationship is with India. Access to water from Nepal is vital for India and Nepal, in return, depends on India for power supplies. 	
	 priorities in foreign policy Policy is guided by the 5 principles of peaceful coexistence and Nepal aims to pursue a non-aligned and peaceful foreign policy. Regional co-operation is encouraged through involvement in SAARC and ADB. 	
	 International co-operation is achieved through involvement with the UN, WMF and IMF. 	