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Level 2 Geography 2021

91240 Demonstrate geographic understanding of a large natural environment

Credits: Four

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Demonstrate geographic understanding of a large natural environment.	Demonstrate in-depth geographic understanding of a large natural environment.	Demonstrate comprehensive geographic understanding of a large natural environment.

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INSTRUCTIONS

In your answer, you need to integrate case study evidence as well as geographic terminology and concepts.

Name the large natural environment you have studied this year. The environment can be in New Zealand or overseas:

Refer to this environment when answering the question.

Definitions

A **large natural environment** means a distinctive part of the earth's surface defined by its common natural characteristics (e.g. mountain, desert, forest, river valley) that occurs at a regional, national, or continental scale.

Natural characteristics (elements) of an environment include landforms (relief), climate, soils, and vegetation.

Geographic concepts you may choose to use in your answer include:

Environments

May be natural and/or cultural. They have particular characteristics and features, which can be the result of natural and/or cultural processes.

Location

Where something is found. Location can be an advantage or a constraint. Location can be described in absolute or relative terms.

Perspectives

Ways of seeing the world that help explain differences in decisions about, responses to, and interactions with environments. Perspectives are bodies of thought, theories, or worldviews that shape people's values and have built up over time.

Change

Involves any alteration to the natural or cultural environment. Change can be spatial and/or temporal. Change is a normal process in both natural and cultural environments. It occurs at varying rates, at different times, and in different places.

Interaction

Involves elements of an environment affecting each other and being linked together. Interaction incorporates movement, flows, connections, links, and interrelationships, which work together and may be one- or two-way interactions. Landscapes are the visible outcome of interactions. Interaction can bring about environmental change.

QUESTION

Explain how the large natural environment is formed and changes over time. Include maps and/or diagrams to support your explanation.

Space for planning is provided below. Begin your answer on page 4.

PLANNING

Maps/diagrams to show how the large natural environment is formed and changes over time

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