

Assessment Schedule – 2013

Geography: Demonstrate understanding of how a cultural process shapes geographic environment(s) (91427)

Evidence Statement

Question One: Spatial variations	
<p>This question is about spatial variations that result from the operation of a cultural process.</p> <p>Scores of A3–E8 MUST contain evidence of analysis. Maps and diagrams generally set the scene showing what and where of the spatial variations; the writing usually provides the explanation demonstrating why and how.</p> <p>A candidate could use their visuals to completely answer the question (including discussion).</p> <p>Candidates may answer (b) with more than one geographic environment. Candidates could develop their analysis of a second environment through a second map / cross section, and MUST be credited with this if the criteria are met for grades. Should a candidate use a second environment, the spatial variations that are analysed may be the same, or different aspects of variation to the map in (a).</p>	
Not Achieved	<p>N0 No response; no relevant evidence.</p>
	<p>N1 Very limited answer.</p> <p>Some correct material, but the candidate does not address the question.</p>
	<p>N2 Little accurate information about spatial variations.</p> <p>The answer may correctly describe where / how a cultural process operates, but provides no analysis of the way the process operates to cause variations of either features or characteristics.</p>
Achievement	<p>A3 Answer demonstrates some understanding of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes some supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations, but may focus in parts, more on the stages in the operation of the process, rather than the variations caused in each place, or the location of characteristics, rather than the causes of the locations / patterns / variations.</p>
	<p>A4 Answer demonstrates some understanding of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes some supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations.</p>

Merit	M5	<p>Answer demonstrates a detailed understanding of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described in detail.</p> <p>Analyses, in some detail, how the cultural process operates to create the variations.</p>
	M6	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a detailed understanding of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process, operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described in detail.</p> <p>Analyses, in detail, how the cultural process operates to create the variations.</p>
Excellence	E7	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a comprehensive understanding with some insight of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described in detail.</p> <p>Comprehensively analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations, with some insight.</p>
	E8	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a comprehensive understanding with insight of the spatial variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout.</p> <p>Spatial patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described in detail.</p> <p>Comprehensively analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations with insight.</p>

Question Two: Temporal variations

This question is about temporal variations that result from the operation of a cultural process.

Scores of A3–E8 MUST contain evidence of analysis. Maps and diagrams generally set the scene showing **what** and **when** of the temporal variations; the writing usually provides the explanation demonstrating **why** and **how**.

A candidate could use their visuals to completely answer the question (including discussion).

Candidates may answer (b) with more than one geographic environment. Candidates could develop their analysis of a second environment through a second map / cross section and MUST be credited with this if the criteria are met for grades. Should a candidate use a second environment, the spatial variations that are analysed may be the same or different aspects of variation to the map in (a).

Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.
	N1	Very limited answer. There is some correct material, but the candidate does not address the question.
	N2	Little accurate information about temporal variations. The answer may correctly describe where / how a cultural process operates, but provides no analysis of the way the process operates to cause variations of either features or characteristics.
Achievement	A3	Answer demonstrates some understanding of the temporal variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described. Analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations, but may focus in parts, more on the stages in the operation of the process, rather than the variations caused in each place or the location of characteristics, rather than the causes of the locations / patterns / variations.
	A4	Answer demonstrates some understanding of the temporal variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described. Analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations.

Merit	M5	<p>Answer demonstrates a detailed understanding of the temporal variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Analyses, in detail, how the cultural process operates to create the variations.</p>
	M6	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a detailed understanding of the temporal variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Analyses, in detail, how the cultural process operates to create the variations.</p>
Excellence	E7	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a comprehensive understanding, with some insight, of the temporal variations of a cultural process, and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout.</p> <p>Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Comprehensively analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations with some insight.</p>
	E8	<p>Visuals and written answer demonstrate a comprehensive understanding, with insight, of the temporal variations of a cultural process and how the cultural process operates to create these variations.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout.</p> <p>Temporal patterns of a cultural process operating in a geographic environment are described.</p> <p>Comprehensively analyses how the cultural process operates to create the variations with insight.</p>

Judgement Statement

	Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Score range	0 – 2	3 – 4	5 – 6	7 – 8