

## Handout 5: Assessment objectives

### Activity 6

Use this AO list from the syllabus to help you identify the AOs being tested in the exam questions.

## 2.2 Assessment objectives

### **AO1: Knowledge**

Candidates should:

- 1.1 give definitions and explanations of relevant geographical terms and concepts
- 1.2 show working knowledge of relevant principles, theories and models
- 1.3 recall accurately the location and character of places and environments
- 1.4 show knowledge of physical and human processes and factors.

### **AO2: Understanding and application**

Candidates should:

- 2.1 understand the complex and interactive nature of physical and human environments
- 2.2 understand how processes bring changes in systems, distributions and environments
- 2.3 recognise the significance of the similarities and differences between places, environments and people
- 2.4 recognise the significance of spatial scale and time scale
- 2.5 apply geographical knowledge and understanding to unfamiliar contexts.

### **AO3: Skills**

Candidates should:

- 3.1 interpret a variety of types of geographical data and sources and recognise their limitations
- 3.2 use geographical data to identify trends and patterns
- 3.3 use diagrams and sketch maps to illustrate geographical features
- 3.4 demonstrate skills of analysis and synthesis of geographical information
- 3.5 communicate geographical evidence, ideas and arguments.

### **AO4: Evaluation**

Candidates should:

- 4.1 assess the effects of geographical processes and change on physical and human environments
- 4.2 evaluate the relative success or failure of initiatives
- 4.3 assess how the viewpoints of different groups of people, potential conflicts of interest and other factors interact in the management of physical and human environments
- 4.4 critically evaluate geographical principles, theories and models.