

Human Geography marks are lost to answers that define a term and stop. Nearly every FRQ point requires the term APPLIED to a named place or the scenario given. 人文地理必须把术语用于具体地点或情境, 只写定义不得分。

Answering the task verb

DESCRIBE wants characteristics, EXPLAIN wants a cause, and COMPARE wants both sides. Answering the wrong verb earns nothing however accurate.

Defining the term and stopping. The definition is rarely the point; the application to the named place is.

Giving an example with no explanation of how it illustrates the concept.

Writing an introduction or conclusion. FRQ answers are scored point by point; framing paragraphs earn nothing and cost time.

Answering (A), (B) and (C) in one continuous paragraph. Label each part.

Concepts that are routinely confused

Confusing a nation with a state. A nation is a people; a state is a sovereign territory.

Confusing site with situation: site is the place's own physical characteristics, situation is its position relative to others.

Confusing relocation diffusion with expansion diffusion, or naming 'diffusion' without saying which kind.

Describing the demographic transition model without naming a stage, or placing a country in a stage without the birth and death rates that justify it.

Confusing arithmetic density with physiological density – the second uses ARABLE land, which is why it can be far higher.

Treating von Thünen's rings as a description of real cities rather than a model with stated assumptions.

Using 'urbanisation' to mean city growth. It is the rising SHARE of population living in urban areas.

Scale and evidence

Answering at the wrong scale. A question about local effects is not answered with global trends.

Giving a stereotype rather than evidence – 'poor countries have high birth rates' asserts what the data should show.

Ignoring a map, chart or table supplied with the question. If data is given, the points expect it to be used.

Naming a region without specifying it. 'Africa' is rarely enough; the point usually requires a country or a city.