4.3 HL: Paper 3 practice

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 30 marks**

KEY WORDS stimulus • consultation • justice • legitimacy

Objective

Practise **Paper 3** (1 hour 30 minutes, stimulus-based): read a **stimulus** on a global political challenge, answer short questions from it, and write an extended answer that brings in your own case studies.

You must be able to:

- identify what a stimulus shows and what it leaves out
- apply key concepts to an unseen stimulus
- bring in own case studies that fit the question
- plan an extended answer in a few minutes
- manage time across the paper

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

The stimulus (written for practice)

A coastal city in South-East Asia, population 3 million, has seen its main river flood twice in five years. Land is sinking because of groundwater pumping. The national government plans a sea wall paid for by a foreign loan; residents of informal settlements near the river will be moved. A local NGO says that 40,000 people will lose their homes and that they were not consulted. The foreign lender says the project will protect 2 million people and create jobs.

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How to read it

ask	in the stimulus
which challenges?	environment, poverty, equality, borders of land use
which actors?	national government, foreign lender, NGO, residents
what interests?	protection, jobs, repayment, homes
who has power?	the government and lender decide; residents were not consulted
what is missing?	residents' own voices; costs of the loan; other options

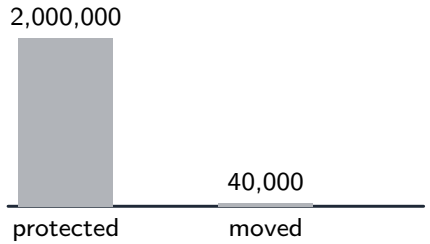
Timing

Read the stimulus twice (10 minutes), answer the short questions (about 30 minutes), plan (5 minutes) and write the extended answer (about 45 minutes).

2 Practice

2.1 Identify **two** global political challenges in the stimulus. [2]

2.2 The NGO says 40,000 people will lose their homes and the lender says 2 million will be protected. Calculate the ratio of people protected to people moved, and explain why this calculation does not settle the debate. [3]



2.3 Explain how the concept of **legitimacy** applies to the government's plan. [4]

2.4 Explain **two** perspectives on the plan that are missing from the stimulus, and why they matter. [6]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 *(Paper 3 style.)* Using the stimulus and **at least one** case study you have studied, discuss how far protecting people from environmental risk can be balanced with **justice** for the least powerful. [15]



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