



Regions - European
Geography past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Section 1 – Q4 A

A. European Region

Draw an outline map of a **European** region (not in Ireland) that you have studied. On it, correctly show and name the following:

- A named feature of relief in the region
- A named river in the region
- **Two** named urban centres in the region.

[20m]

Q4 C

C. Concept of a Region

Examine how socio-economic factors can be used to define regions, with reference to examples that you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 C

C. Population in a European Region

Account for the distribution of population throughout a **European** region (not in Ireland) that you have studied.

[30m]

Q6 C

C. Economic, Political and Cultural Activities

Examine the interaction between economic, political and/or cultural activities in any region that you have studied.

[30m]

2012

Section 1 – Q4 B

B. Agriculture in Europe

Account for the development of agriculture in a **European** region (not in Ireland) that you have studied, with reference to any **two** of the factors listed below:

- Relief
- Markets
- Climate.

Q5 C

C. Economic Activities

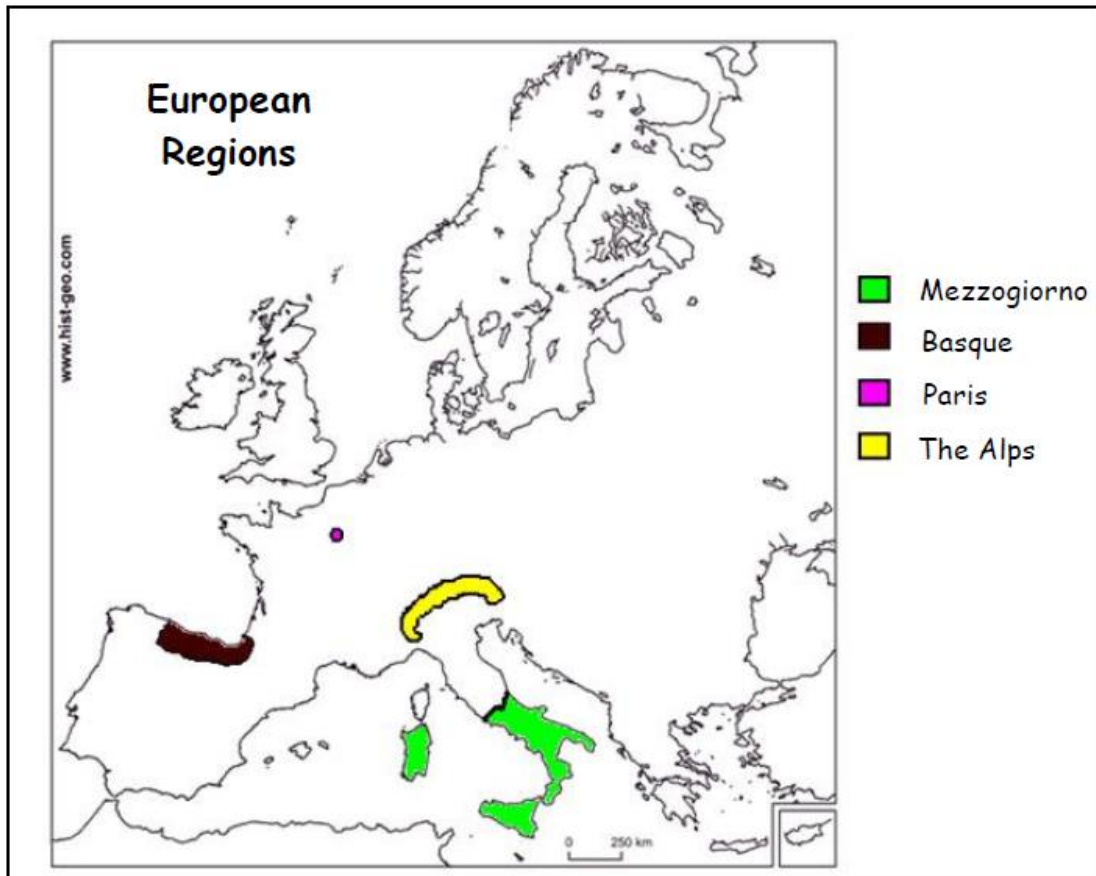
Examine how any **two** of the factors listed below have influenced the development of **one** urban area in a **European** region (not in Ireland) that you have studied:

- Transport
- Location
- Primary economic activity.

[30m]

Part A – Q4

4. Types of Region



Examine the map above.

Match **each** region shown on the map above with the type of region which **best** describes it in the table below.

Region Type	Name of Region
Cultural region	
Physical region	
Peripheral region	
Urban region	

[8m]

Section 1 – Q4 C

C. Urban Regions

Discuss the factors which influenced the development of **one** urban area in a **European** region (not in Ireland) that you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 C

C. Concept of a Region

A region is an area on the earth's surface which can be defined by one or more criteria. Explain this statement with reference to example(s) that you have studied.

[30m]

2010

Section 1 – Q4 B

B. Economic Activities

Examine the factors that influence the development of **one** tertiary economic activity in a **European region (not in Ireland)** that you have studied.

[30m]

Q4 C

C. Culture

Describe and explain the importance of culture in defining **any region** studied by you.

[30m]

Q6 A

A. European Regions

In your answer book, draw an outline map of a **European Region (not in Ireland)** that you have studied.

On it show and name the following:

- (i) Any **two** physical features in the region
- (ii) Any **two** urban centres in the region.

[20m]

Q6 C

C. European Regions

Describe and explain any **two** factors that influence the development of secondary economic activities in a **European Region (not in Ireland)** that you have studied.

[30m]

2009

Section 1 – Q4 C

C. HUMAN PROCESSES

Examine how the distribution of population, in a **European Region [not Ireland]** that you have studied, has been influenced by the region's level of economic development.

[30m]

Q6 B

B. URBAN GROWTH

Examine the development of **one** urban area in a **European region [not Ireland]** that you have studied.

[30m]

2008

Part 1 – Q3

3. Types of Region

Match each of the region types in Column X with the correct example in Column Y:

Column X		Column Y	
Climate Regions	A	Ireland's Counties	
Administrative Regions	B	Gaeltacht	
Socio-Economic Regions	C	Cool Temperate Oceanic	
Cultural Regions	D	Core and Periphery	

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Section 1 – Q4 B

B. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Examine the factors that influence the development of **one** economic activity in a **European region [not Ireland]** that you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 B

A. ENERGY

Energy Consumption per capita in EU25 in 2004 [% of total]

Energy Source	% of Total Consumption
Renewable Energy	6%
Nuclear Energy	15%
Solid Fuels	18%
Gas	24%
Oil	37%

Examine the data in the above table, showing the percentage of total energy by source consumed in the 25 EU member states in 2004.

Using **graph paper**, draw a suitable graph to illustrate this data.

[20m]

Q6 A

A. NON-IRISH REGIONS

In your answer book, draw an outline map of a **European Region [not Ireland] OR a Continental/Sub-Continental Region** that you have studied.

On it show and name the following:

- (i) Any **two** physical features in the region
- (ii) Any **two** large urban centres in the region.

[20m]

Q6 C

C. EUROPEAN UNION EXPANSION

Examine the economic and /or cultural impact of expansion on any **one member state of the EU**.

[30m]

2007

Part 1 – Q5

5 Concept of a Region

Match each of the region types in Column A with its description in Column B.

Column A		Column B	
Geomorphological Regions	A	Local Councils / Corporations / constituency boundaries / county divisions etc	
Cultural Regions	B	Less-developed regions / core regions / peripheral regions / regions of industrial decline	
Administrative Regions	C	Regions based on distinctive landforms e.g. karst landscapes, ridge & valley landscapes, plains etc	
Socio-Economic Regions	D	Regions that are associated with language and religion	

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Section 1 – Q5 A

A CONCEPT OF A REGION

A region is an area that has one or more characteristics that distinguish it from other areas. Describe the key characteristics of a **climatic** region or a **geomorphological** region of your choice.

[20m]

Q6 B

B URBAN GROWTH

Examine the growth of an urban area in a **European region – not Ireland** - of your choice.

[30m]

2006

Part 1 – Q8

8 Regions

From your study of regional geography, identify an example of any four of the following types of region:

Climatic Region	
Administrative Region	
Cultural Region	
Socio-economic region	
Nodal/city/urban region	

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Section 1 – Q4 A

A EUROPEAN UNION UNEMPLOYMENT

Examine the table below, showing selected unemployment statistics for 2004.

COUNTRY	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (% of adult population)
Austria	3.8%
Estonia	9.7%
France	9.5%
Latvia	14.6%
Poland	16.1%
Spain	10.5%

Using graph paper, draw a graph suitable to illustrate these data.

[20m]

Q4 B

B MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Examine some of the factors that have influenced the development of one economic activity in a non-Irish region that you have studied.

[30m]

Q4 C

C URBAN GROWTH

“The boundaries of city regions have expanded over time”.

Discuss this statement, with reference to **one** example you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 A

A NON-IRISH EUROPEAN REGIONS

Examine the development of primary activities in **one** non-Irish European region of your choice.

[20m]

Q5 B

C CULTURE

“Culture is an important factor in defining some regions”.

Examine the above statement with reference to **any** region you have studied.

[30m]

Q6 C

C TERTIARY ACTIVITIES

Account for the development of tertiary activities in **one** non-Irish European region of your choice.

[30m]