



Regions - Ireland

Geography past Exam Questions

Higher Level

2013

Section 2 – Q4 B

B. Secondary Economic Activity in Ireland

Examine the factors that influence the development of secondary economic activity in an **Irish** region that you have studied.

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Q4 C

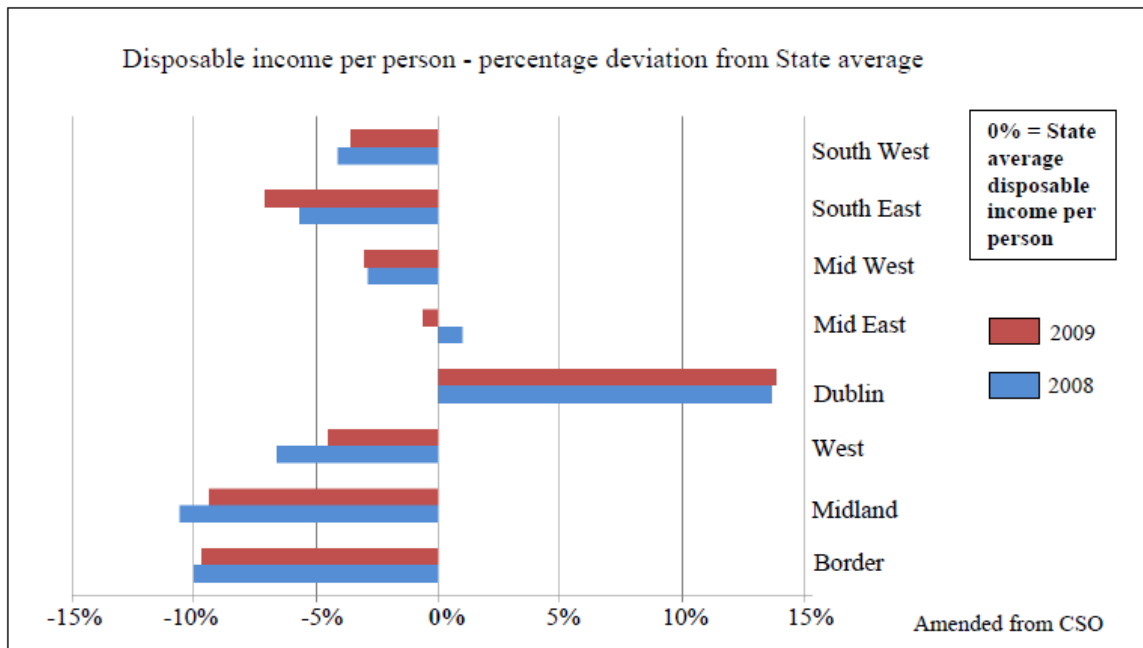
C. Concept of a Region

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

[30m]

Q5 A

A. Disposable Income of Irish Regions



Examine the graph above and answer the following questions.

- (i) How many regions had a disposable income per person below the State average in 2008?
- (ii) Which region had a disposable income per person 10% below the State average in 2008?
- (iii) Which region's disposable income per person was closest to the State average in both 2008 and 2009?
- (iv) Which region had a disposable income per person above the State average in both 2008 and 2009?
- (v) Explain briefly why this region had a disposable income per person above the State average in both 2008 and 2009.

[20m]

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 C

C. Population in Ireland

Account for the distribution of population throughout an **Irish** region that you have studied.

[30m]

Q6 B

B. Economic Activity

Discuss the factors that influence the development of **one** tertiary economic activity in an **Irish** region that you have studied.

[30m]

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Section 1 – Q4 B

B. Agriculture in Ireland

Contrast the development of agriculture in **two Irish** regions that you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 B

B. European Union

Examine the economic impact of enlargement of the European Union on Ireland.

[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]

Q6 A

A. Irish Tourism

Places of origin of tourists visiting Ireland, in thousands (000s)					
Year	Britain	Mainland Europe	North America	Rest of World	Total
2004	1,718	825	656	167	3,366
2005	1,662	950	614	139	3,365
2006	1,765	1,114	670	163	3,712
2007	1,778	1,378	687	150	3,993
2008	1,596	1,216	614	164	3,590
2009	1,118	1,115	555	143	X

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Examine the data in the table above and answer the following questions:

- (i) How many tourists from North America visited Ireland in 2007?
- (ii) Where did the greatest number of tourists come from in 2008?
- (iii) Calculate **X**, the total number of tourists visiting Ireland in 2009?
- (iv) Name any **two** Irish tourist attractions.
- (v) Briefly explain why the number of tourists visiting Ireland is decreasing.

[20m]

Q6 C

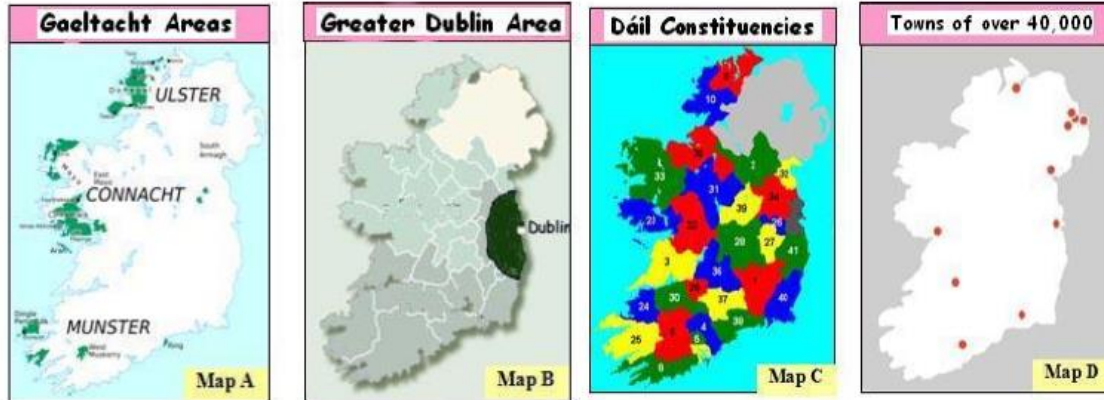
C. Manufacturing Industry

Describe and explain the development of manufacturing industry in an **Irish** region that you have studied.

[30m]

Part 1 – Q3

3. Types of Region



Match each map to a type of region it represents by writing the correct letter in the table below.

Region Type	Letter
Urban region	
Cultural region	
Core region	
Political region	

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Section 1 – Q4 A

A. Irish Regions

In your answer book, draw an outline map of **Ireland**. On it show and name the following:

- (i) **Two** Irish regions you have studied
- (ii) **One** urban centre in **each** region
- (iii) **One** feature of the physical landscape in **each** region.

[20m]

Q4 C

C. Culture

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

[30m]

Q5 B

B. Urban Regions

Examine the development of **one** urban area in any **Irish region** studied by you.

[30m]

Q6 B

B. Irish Regions

Regions can be defined by many factors including:

- Economic
- Human
- Physical.

Explain how any **one** of the above factors has defined an **Irish Region** studied by you.

[30m]

Part 1 – Q7

7. Types of Regions in Ireland

From your study of regional geography, match **each** of the examples in Column A with the region type in Column B.

Column A		Column B		Letter	Number
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Climatic</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>A</i>	
<i>Karst</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Administrative</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>B</i>	
<i>Cool Temperate Oceanic</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>Geomorphic</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>C</i>	
<i>Co. Wicklow</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>Urban</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>D</i>	

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Section 1 – Q4 B

B. PRIMARY ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Describe and explain any **two** physical factors that have influenced the development of agriculture in an **Irish Region** that you have studied.

[30m]

Q5 A

A. IRISH REGIONS

In your answer book draw an outline map of **Ireland**. Show and name the following on it:

- (i) **Two** contrasting regions.
- (ii) **Two** different physical landscape features – one in **each region**.
- (iii) **Two** urban centres – one in **each region**.

[20m]

Q6 C

C. SECONDARY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Describe and explain the development of secondary economic activities in an **Irish Region** 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 A

A. IRISH REGIONS

In your answer book draw an outline map of Ireland. On it show and name the following:

- (i) Any **one** Irish region that you have studied.
- (ii) **One** major urban centre in the region.
- (iii) **One** major routeway in the region.
- (iv) **One** major feature of the physical landscape of the region.

[20m]

Q6 B

B. IRELAND

Examine the development of primary economic activities in **an Irish region** that you have studied.

[30m]

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 – Q4 A

A IRISH REGIONS

Draw an outline map of Ireland.
Show and name the following on it:

- (i) Any **one** Irish region that you have studied
- (ii) **One** urban centre in the region
- (iii) **One** relief feature in the region
- (iv) **One** drainage feature in the region.

[20m]

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]

Q5 B

B SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

Examine the development of secondary economic activities in an **Irish region** that you have studied.

[30m]

Q6 C

C PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

Examine **two** factors that have influenced the development of primary activities in any **Irish region** you have studied.

[30m]

Part A – 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 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 C

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 A

A IRISH REGIONS

Draw an outline map of Ireland. Show and name the following on it:

- (i) Any **one** Irish region that you have studied
- (ii) Any **two** physical features in the region
- (iii) **One** urban centre in the region.

[20m]

Q6 B

B EUROPEAN UNION EXPANSION

Examine the impact of European Union expansion on Ireland’s economy **and/or** culture.

[30m]