
(Section B: The Living World)

Hot Deserts

Question Paper

These practice questions can be used by students and teachers and is Suitable for GCSE
AQA Geography Topic Questions 8035

Course	AQA GCSE Geography
Section	The Living World
Topic	2.3 Hot Deserts
Difficulty	Medium

Level: GCSE AQA 8035

Subject: Geography Exam

Board: GCSE AQA

Topic: Challenge of Hot Deserts

Question 1

Choose **one** of the following environments.

Hot desert environment

Cold environment

Tick the box to show which environment you have chosen.

Using a case study, to what extent have opportunities for economic activity been developed in your chosen environment?

[9 marks]

Question 2

Study either **Figure 9** or **Figure 10**.

Figure 9 (plants and animals in a hot desert)



Figure 10 (plants and animals in a cold environment)



'Plants and animals adapt in order to survive in a hostile environment.'

Explain this statement.

Use either **Figure 9** or **Figure 10** and your own understanding.

Tick (✓) the box to show which environment you have chosen.

Hot desert environment (**Figure 9**)

Cold environment (**Figure 10**)

[6 marks]

Question 3

Either

To what extent is human activity the cause of desertification in areas on the fringes of hot deserts?

or

To what extent are cold environments at risk from economic development, and therefore in need of protection?

Tick (✓) the box to show which environment you have chosen.

Hot desert environment

Cold environment

[9 marks]

Question 4

Outline one way that plants are adapted to the climate in either hot deserts or cold environments.

[9 marks]

Question 5

Assess the importance of inaccessibility and extreme temperatures as challenges to development in one of the following environments.

Hot desert environment

Cold environment

Use a case study and your own understanding.

Tick (✓) the box to show which environment you have chosen.

Hot desert environment

Cold environment

[1 marks]