

## PAPER 3 MARKBANDS

Markband	Mark range Part (a) Maximum 10 marks	Descriptor	Mark range Part (b) Maximum 15 marks	Descriptor
A	0	No relevant knowledge or inappropriate; the question has been completely misinterpreted or omitted; no appropriate skills	0	No relevant knowledge or inappropriate; the question has been completely misinterpreted or omitted; no synthesis/evaluation; no appropriate skills
B	1–3	Little relevant knowledge and/or understanding; important aspects of the question are ignored; little attempt at organization of material	1–4	Little relevant knowledge and/or understanding; important aspects of the question are ignored; little attempt at synthesis/evaluation; little attempt at organization of material
C	4–6	Some relevant knowledge and understanding; answer partially addresses question; some indication of structure or organization	5–8	Some relevant knowledge and understanding; answer partially addresses question; basic synthesis; basic or unsubstantiated evaluation; some indication of structure or organization
D	7–8	Generally accurate knowledge and understanding; answer is developed, and covers most aspects of the question; appropriate structure with generally appropriate terminology	9–12	Generally accurate knowledge and understanding; answer is developed, and covers most aspects of the question; synthesis that may be partially undeveloped / evaluation that may be partially unsubstantiated; appropriate structure with generally appropriate terminology
E	9–10	Accurate, relevant knowledge and understanding; well-developed answer that covers most or all aspects of the question; well-structured response with sound terminology	13–15	Accurate, relevant knowledge and understanding; well-developed answer that covers most or all aspects of the question; clear, developed synthesis and substantiated evaluation; well-structured response with sound terminology

Source: Adapted from the Geography Subject Guide, IBO

These markbands are devised to assist examiners in grading answers. A best fit approach is adopted, which means that the students' answer should fulfill most but not all the requirements of any markbands.