

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION JANUARY 2017

Physical Geography

Time Allowed – 1.5 hours TWO questions should be attempted.

- 1. Describe the main landforms produced by rivers in the United Kingdom and explain the processes that have contributed to creating each landform.
- 2. What are the principle causes of climate change on the timescale of a few centuries?
- 3. Summarise the most important geomorphological features in your home area.
- 4. Examine the controls on glacier flow and explain why different glaciers move at different rates.
- 5. Outline and evaluate the environmental and social risks and benefits associated with shale gas extraction (fracking).
- 6. What are the main *causes* and *processes* of desertification?
- 7. With reference to named species, explain why alien plants and animals introduced to Britain are widely believed to be a threat to native biodiversity.
- 8. There is global concern over the effects of sea level rise. Describe the mechanisms behind eustatic sea level rise.
- 9. Give an example of a landform characteristic of karst landscapes dominated by carboniferous limestone, referring to the mechanisms by which it is formed.
- 10. Describe the negative effects of large dams on the environment. Use examples to support your answer.