

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 9 (13+) SCHOLARSHIP

March 2026
for entry in September 2026

HUMANITIES

Your Name: _____

Your School: _____

Time allowed: 1 hour

Equipment needed: Pen, pencil, lined paper, eraser.

Information for candidates:

1. Write your name and school on this page.
2. Write your answers on the lined paper provided. Please put your name on all the sheets of paper you use.
3. **There are two parts to this paper (Geography and History). Answer both parts, beginning each part on a separate piece of paper.**
4. The paper will be marked out of 40. The Geography part is worth 20 marks and the History part is worth 20 marks.

PART 1: GEOGRAPHY

Total time: 30 minutes. Total marks: 20

There are 2 sections. Section A is resource-based and Section B is extended writing. You should complete both sections.

SECTION A

1. Study the resource below about Mount Etna.

Referring to the resource, and using your own knowledge and understanding, describe and explain the settlement distribution.

[4 marks]

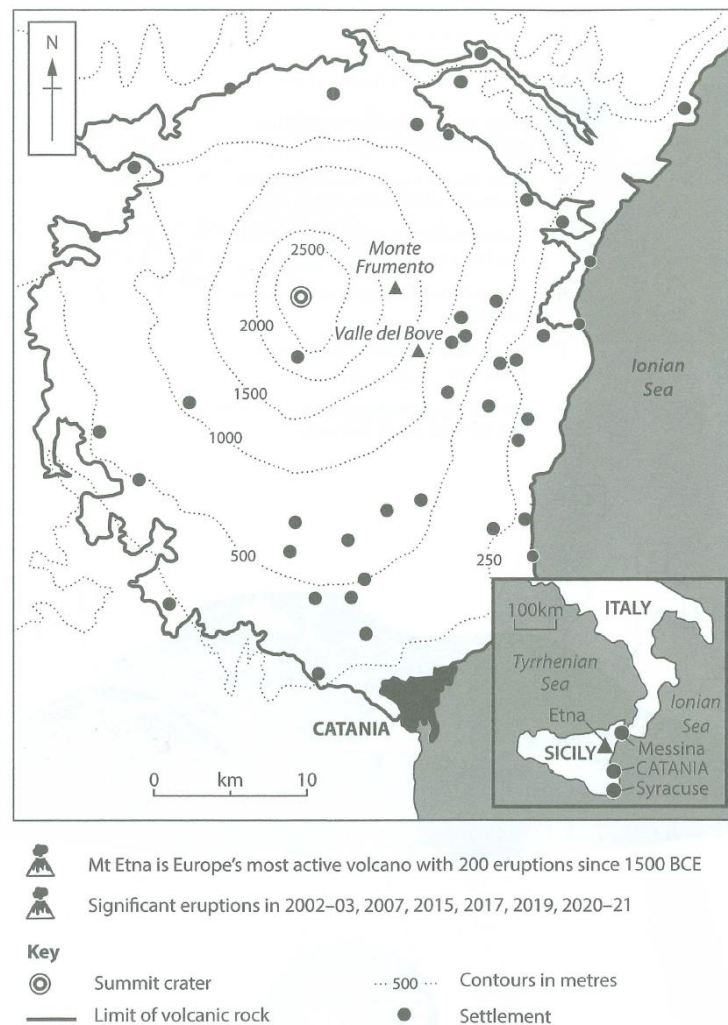


Figure 3a

Information about Mount Etna's eruptions and settlement distribution

2. Study the resource below about air pollution in some of the world's cities.

Referring to the resource, and using your own knowledge and understanding, describe and explain why some cities have much worse air pollution than others.

[6 marks]

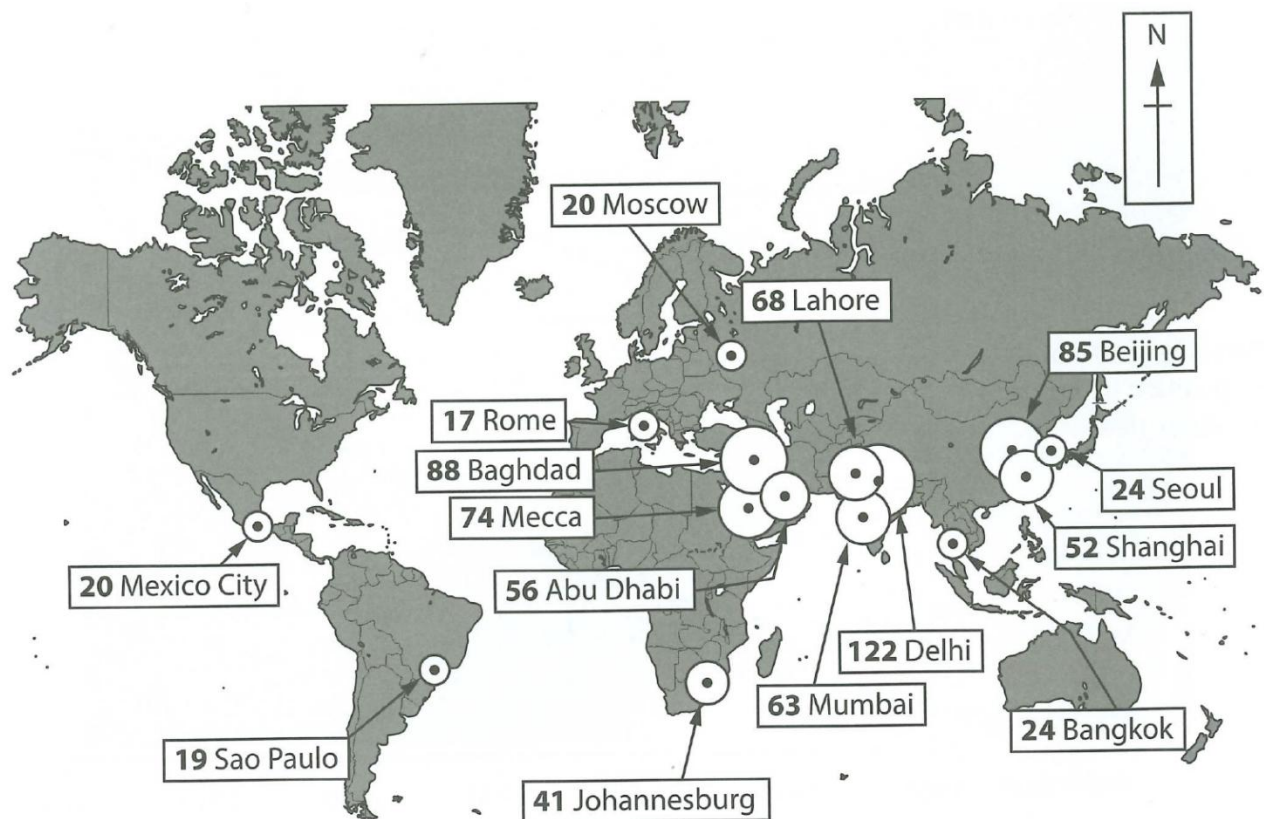


Figure 3c

Map of how air pollution varies across the world's cities, 2019
(PM 2.5 fine particulate material in the air contributing to air pollution)

SECTION B

Answer ONE of the questions below. You should plan your answer. Your answer should have an introduction, main body and conclusion.

1. Global Climate Change is a contemporary geographical issue.

“Climate Change will only have negative impacts around the world.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

[10 marks]

or

2. Trade has been a frequent topic in the news over the past year.

“Trade deals are more important to a country progressing on the international stage than tariffs*.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

[10 marks]

*a tariff is when one country could decide to add taxes to the import of goods from another country.

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PART 2: HISTORY

Total time: 30 minutes. Total marks: 20

There are 2 sections: Section A and Section B. You should complete both sections.

Section A:

Spend **10 minutes** answering this question:

1. What can you learn from the painting below about the image Queen Elizabeth II wanted to present to the world in her Coronation portrait by Cecil Beaton, 1953?
[5 marks]



Section B:

You have **20 minutes** to answer **ONE** question from this section: You should spend **5 minutes** thinking about and planning your answer.

1. 'Good leaders need to have a strong army to maintain power.' How far do you agree with this statement? Use any rulers or leaders you have studied as examples.
[15 marks]

or

2. Explain how advances in technology have impacted daily life in a society you have studied.
[15 marks]

or

3. Evaluate how individual men and/or women have changed a society, country or community you have studied.
[15 marks]

or

4. 'The main cause of a war is the desire for peace and stability.' How far do you agree with this statement? Use the causes of any wars you have studied as examples.

[15 marks]

Total for Part 2: [20 marks]

