

Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom: Assessment

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and understand the human and physical geographical characteristics of the regions of the United Kingdom.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical knowledge of the UK to provide detailed answers. Ensure you use specific terminology where appropriate.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastlines of the UK. From the rugged, mountainous terrain of the Scottish Highlands to the bustling, industrialised hubs of the Midlands and the rolling, fertile agricultural landscapes of the South East, Finn notes that every region possesses a unique character shaped by both nature and human activity.

Word bank: Topography · Climate · Urbanisation · Industry · Agriculture · Demographics · Penine Chain · Highlands · Lowlands · Service sector

1. Identify two significant physical features that distinguish the Scottish Highlands from the South East of England. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. Explain why the population density is generally higher in the South East of England compared to the rural areas of Wales. (3 marks) (3 marks)

3. Name one major UK city located in the North West and describe one primary industry that historically shaped its development. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the climate of the North West of England with the South East. How does latitude influence these differences? (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Justify why many people choose to move from rural regions to major urban centres in the UK. Consider employment and infrastructure. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Finn is planning a trip. If he were to travel from the Peak District to the coastal regions of Cornwall, describe how the topography and land use might change. (4 marks) (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are a regional planner. Choose one UK region and propose a sustainable development project that balances economic growth with environmental protection. Explain why your proposal is suitable for that specific landscape. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch map of the United Kingdom. Label the four countries and shade one specific region (e.g., The Midlands or The Highlands), adding two symbols to represent its main human or physical features.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Consider this: What might happen to the economy of a coastal town if tourism were to decline significantly? Propose two alternative ways for the town to diversify its income beyond the service sector.