Geography Assessment: The Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the physical and human geography of the United Kingdom, including its nations, regions, and major cities.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of UK geography to provide clear and accurate answers. Ensure you use geographical terminology where appropriate.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming around the coast of the United Kingdom, mapping the diverse landscapes and bustling cities he sees from the shoreline. From the rugged mountains of the Scottish Highlands to the flat, fertile plains of East Anglia, Finn has noticed that every region has its own unique character. He is now helping us understand how these regions differ in their culture, trade, and natural environment.

Word bank: Capital city · Topography · Human geography · Physical geography · Urbanisation · Climate · Economy

1. Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and identify the capital city for each. (4 marks)

2. Explain the difference between physical geography and human geography. Provide one example of each found within a UK region. (3 marks)

3. Why does the climate often vary between the north-west of the UK and the south-east of the UK? (3 marks)

4. Identify one major UK city (excluding capital cities) and describe one way in which it contributes to the UK economy. (3 marks)

5. Imagine you are planning a holiday to a region in the UK. Choose one region (e.g., South West England, Wales, or Northern Ireland) and describe two physical features that make it distinct from other parts of the country. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing: Compare the characteristics of a highly urbanised region of the UK (like Greater London) with a more rural region (like the Scottish Highlands). Consider land use, population density, and transport links in your answer. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple map of the United Kingdom. Label the four countries and draw a symbol in each to represent a famous physical or human landmark (e.g., a mountain in Scotland or a famous bridge in London).

Extension challenge: Research a regional product from your own local area. If this product were sold for £5.00, how would its price be influenced by the cost of transport and distribution across the UK? Total: /25