

Editors' preface

The *Top Spec Geography* series is designed to be used by 16–19 year olds in schools and colleges. The writing teams, combining the expertise of a specialist in their field with that of an experienced classroom teacher, have been chosen to ensure that contemporary and exciting geography, which brings together the latest research and thinking on topical themes, is accessible to post-16 students.

Each book in the series consists of:

- written chapters, with illustrations and data which complement the text
- activities for use in groups and as guides for private study. Some activities are designed to encourage discussion, while others help to promote students' understanding of the issues
- ideas for further research: most post-16 teaching encourages students to become independent learners and some specifications have research units designed to help prepare students for this
- a glossary of key words and terms.

In addition, there are online resources which have been written to extend and complement the book, and will ensure that the most up-to-date research and data are available. Each chapter will remind you about these

resources which can be found at www.geography.org.uk/topspec.

Although the books have been written mainly with geography students in mind, the series may also prove useful for students:

- taking public examination or diploma courses in other subjects
- who want to read beyond their exam courses in order to apply or prepare for university
- looking at new topics in their first year of university.

Emerging Superpowers: India and China

Although India and China will have been studied at key stages 3 and 4 as very large and important countries, this book puts the two countries in a geopolitical framework appropriate for post-16 studies of superpower geographies.

The book follows a themed structure, looking at population migration, economic development and environmental impacts, as well as current global importance and aspirations. It deliberately separates out India and China for students who need to choose one of the countries to study, yet at all stages throughout the book it invites them to make comparisons by exploring the similarities and investigating the reasons for their different pathways and progress.

This book will provide particular support for students studying:

- Edexcel's A2 'Contested Planet' unit
- WJEC's A2 contemporary geography and research theme (China or India)

Other students who may also find this book useful include:

- IB, OCR, AQA and CCEA students needing a contemporary perspective on issues in their population globalisation and development units
- students studying politics, world development, environmental and general studies
- those preparing for HE courses in international relations and development

This book also links well with the *Top Spec Geography* title *Energy Questions*.

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Online resources

Each book in the *Top Spec Geography* series has a range of supplementary materials and resources including:

- extra information
- extended question lists
- model answers and mark schemes
- links to relevant websites
- extended glossaries
- photo galleries.

To access these go to www.geography.org.uk/topspec, then click on the button for this book. You will then be asked for your password.

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