

# Justify

## DESCRIPTION

Support a case with evidence – give detailed reasons for an idea.

## TYPICAL TARIFF

- 3 marks
- 9 marks

## TYPICAL AO

AO1 and AO2 – demonstrate knowledge and understanding.

AO3 – application of knowledge and/or evaluation.

## EXAMPLES

### Paper 2

‘Transnational corporations (TNCs) only bring advantages to the host country.’ Do you agree with this statement? Yes or No?

**Justify** your decision.  
**[9 marks, AO1, AO2 and AO3] SAMs 1**

### Paper 3

**Justify** one primary data collection method used in relation to the aim(s) of your physical geography enquiry.  
**[3 marks, AO3] 2018**

**Justify** the use of maps or photographs or field sketches in your physical geography enquiry.  
**[3 marks, AO3] SAMs 3**

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Students should:

- use key geographical terms
- focus on why rather than what, eg for fieldwork, why certain data collection methods or data presentation methods were chosen
- develop answers with phrases like ‘I think/know this because...’, ‘We did this because...’
- consider approaching 9-mark questions by:
  - opening their answer with their opinion if the question asks to agree/disagree
  - giving an argument that could be one-sided or balanced
- making multiple points to support arguments
- linking ideas from the figure if there’s one
- use evidence from examples, case studies or fieldwork, linking it back to the question
- extending ideas with phrases like ‘because...’, ‘this leads to...’, ‘this means that...’
- coming to a conclusion.

## COMMAND(s)

### EXAMPLE RESPONSE

**Transnational corporations (TNCs) only bring advantages to the host country.’  
Do you agree with this statement? Yes or No? Justify your decision.**

[9 marks] SAMs 1

**L3/8-mark answer:**

**AO1** – Demonstrating specific knowledge of a TNC

**AO2** – Demonstrating developed understanding of the advantages and disadvantages

**AO3** – Demonstrating application of knowledge to make a judgement and justify decision

Yes. My decision is based on that fact that the TNCs bring advantages and disadvantages to the host countries, particularly NEEs, such as Nigeria. Nigeria has 40 TNCs operating within it and one of the biggest is Royal Dutch Shell, an oil TNC. There are definitely advantages, so some of the statement is true. The extraction of oil has led to major contributions to the taxes and export revenue Nigeria. Another economic benefit is to the Nigerian people. Shell employs 65,000 Nigerians directly and another 250,000 work in related industries. This means that these employees have more money to spend in shops etc., which increases the advantage of the TNC to the wider community. However, I have disagreed with the statement due to the range of disadvantages TNCs can bring. In Nigeria, the disadvantages are largely environmental. Oil spills in particular impact agriculture and fishing industries via soil degradation and water pollution. As well as this much of the money generated within Nigeria returns to the home nation (The Netherlands), limited the advantages to Nigeria. Therefore, I must agree with the statements as TNCs won't only bring advantages.

**Examiner's commentary:**

A well-focused answer with detailed knowledge of a TNC which is used to demonstrate thorough understanding of the issues. An argument is presented with advantages/disadvantages and a clear conclusion.

Mid-L3 = 8 marks – for top marks, detail in disadvantages/stronger conclusion to balance points made.

**Justify one primary data collection method used in your physical geography enquiry.**

[3 marks] 2018

**3-mark answer:**

One primary data collection method we used was beach transects [1 mark – states method]. We needed to know the angle of the beach on both sides of the groyne [1 mark – states why data collected] which helped us to know if the groyne were stopping sand from moving along the beach through longshore drift [1 mark – develops reason].

