**Model Essay writing**

**Question**

“Dams and reservoirs create as many problems as they solve.” Discuss this statement with reference to multi-purpose schemes. [10]

**Markscheme**

At least one example of a multi-purpose scheme should be named and located.

Solutions might include: the benefits of power generation, water supply, irrigation, transport, flood control, recreation and tourism.

These should be balanced against potential problems that could include: loss of land, displacement of population, loss of water through evaporation, silting, seismic problems, cost, diseases such as bilharzia, loss of nutrients due to flood control, salinization.

To access bands E and F, candidates should discuss both solutions and problems using at least one actual scheme.

Marks should be allocated according to the Markbands.

**Examiners report**

The approach was usually sound, with some truly outstanding responses using detailed case studies and accurate supporting data.