Year 8 Geography Knowledge Organiser – Economic Activity



- 1. **Economic activity** Types of jobs/employment people do these can be categorised into primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary jobs
- 2. Industry Any type of economic activity that produces goods or provides a service
- 3. Employment structure The proportion of people working in primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary industries
- 4. Industrialised A country with highly developed industries that use advanced machinery and skilled workers
- 5. Primary industry Activities that collect and use natural resources, e.g. farming, fishing, forestry, mining
- 6. **Secondary industry** Activities that make or manufacture things by processing raw materials or assembling parts to make a finished product, e.g. steelmaking and car assembly
- 7. **Tertiary industry** Activities that provide a service for people, e.g. nursing, teaching, transport and retail. Also known as service industries
- 8. Quaternary industry High-tech activities that provide information and advice or are involved in research
- 9. Market A group of people who buy raw materials and goods or a place where the raw materials and goods are sold
- 10. Manufacturing The making or assembling of goods e.g. steel making and car assembly
- 11. Labour Workers, employees
- 12. High-tech industries Industries such as computing, research, technology and telecommunications that use advanced techniques and skill
- 13. Subsistence farming Farming which is carried out on a smaller scale to feed a family and only a little left over to trade
- 14. Commercial farming Farming on a large scale with high inputs of fertiliser and high outputs and profit
- 15. Diversification When farmers carry out other activities to earn money, e.g. renting out land for camp sites and paintballing
- 16. Arable farming The ploughing of the land and the growing of crops
- 17. Pastoral farming Where the land is left under grass for the grazing of animals
- 18. Mixed farming When both crops are grown and animals are reared in the same area
- 19. Sunrise industries Activities that are growing in importance, e.g. computers
- 20. Sunset industries Activities that are declining in importance, e.g. shipbuilding
- 21. Globalisation The increasing links between countries around the world as a result of the movement of goods, services and money
- 22. Site The land which a factory is built on
- 23. **Just-in-time system (JIT)** A way of manufacturing where components (parts) are supplied to the assembly line just minutes before they are needed. Expensive parts do not have to be stored on site so costs are reduced.