

## 2016 Q8. C

Using evidence from the 1:50 000 Ordnance Survey map accompanying this paper, discuss the potential for the development of tourism in the area shown on the map, with reference to each of the following: • **Accessibility** • **Attractions** • **Services (excluding transport)**.

(check examinations.ie for the map)

**Accessibility** in the Westport region has the potential to develop a strong tourism industry there. There is a train station present in Westport town, located at (M 007 840 ). This will allow the fast transport of tourists to the Westport region from all areas all the country. Westport also seems to be a nodal point, as all roads converge on the town such as the primary road N5. This will allow the movement of tourists from all parts of the country to the Westport region who wish to bring their car or campervan for the duration of their holiday. The vast network of regional roads such as the R330 and third class roads will give tourists access to visit all areas of Westport, especially to the attractions on the outskirts of the town. The presence of Westport quay, located at (L 978 845), will allow tourists on boating holidays to stop at Westport and avail of its services and visit its attractions.

There are many **attractions** that would increase the potential for the development of tourism in the Westport region. Amongst them is an eighteen hole golf course located at ( L 971 856) that will draw sport enthusiasts to the area. There is also many antiquities spread throughout the Westport region such as the standing stone at (M 005 837). This would aid in the development of tourism as historians and history lovers will come to visit the sites. There is also potential to develop a historic tour in the area. The pilgrims walk is a way marked walk that runs over Croft mountain and passes by rivers. People will be drawn to use this walkway to visit such natural sites whilst exercising. There is potential to develop a guided tour to promote tourism in the area. There is a heritage centre located at ( L 977 848), this will attract tourists interested in the local history of the area.

There are an abundance of **services** in Westport town that will aid in the development of tourism in the area. There is a tourism information centre located at (L 996 846) with regular opening hours, this will help tourists find out more about the attractions and other available services in the area. There is a police station within the town at ( L 998 844 ) , this will provide a safe and secure area for tourists to enjoy their holidays. The post office at (L 999 847 ) provides a communication service. That allows tourists to send postcards to friends and relations when on holidays. There is a camping site at (L 988 852) alongside a caravan site. This attracts holiday goers going on a camping holiday as they have allocated space to park their caravans or set up their tents and avail of the facilities there such as showers.