Study Figure 4, a photograph of a river at Cuckmere Haven, East Sussex.

Figure 4

6 Using Figure 4 and your own knowledge, explain how a floodplain is formed. (4 marks, ★★★)

NAIL IT!

Make sure you learn the formation of all river landforms in four simple steps – this could be done as a flow diagram or a sequence of annotated diagrams in your revision. Include key terms and what they mean.

WORK IT!

Using a named example, assess whether hard engineering has been a success in managing floods in an area of the UK. (6 marks, ★★★★★)

An ‘assess’ question requires you to make an informed judgement. You need to offer both advantages and disadvantages in your answer.

How to tackle an ‘assess’ question:

Step 1 Give a definition of hard engineering.

Step 2 Give two ways in which hard engineering has been a success (think economic, social and environmental).

Step 3 Expand each point by explaining how it has helped in managing floods.

Step 4 Try to include an example to support your point, for example, the Jubilee River flood relief channel.

Step 5 Add a conclusion to say whether or not you think it has been a success.