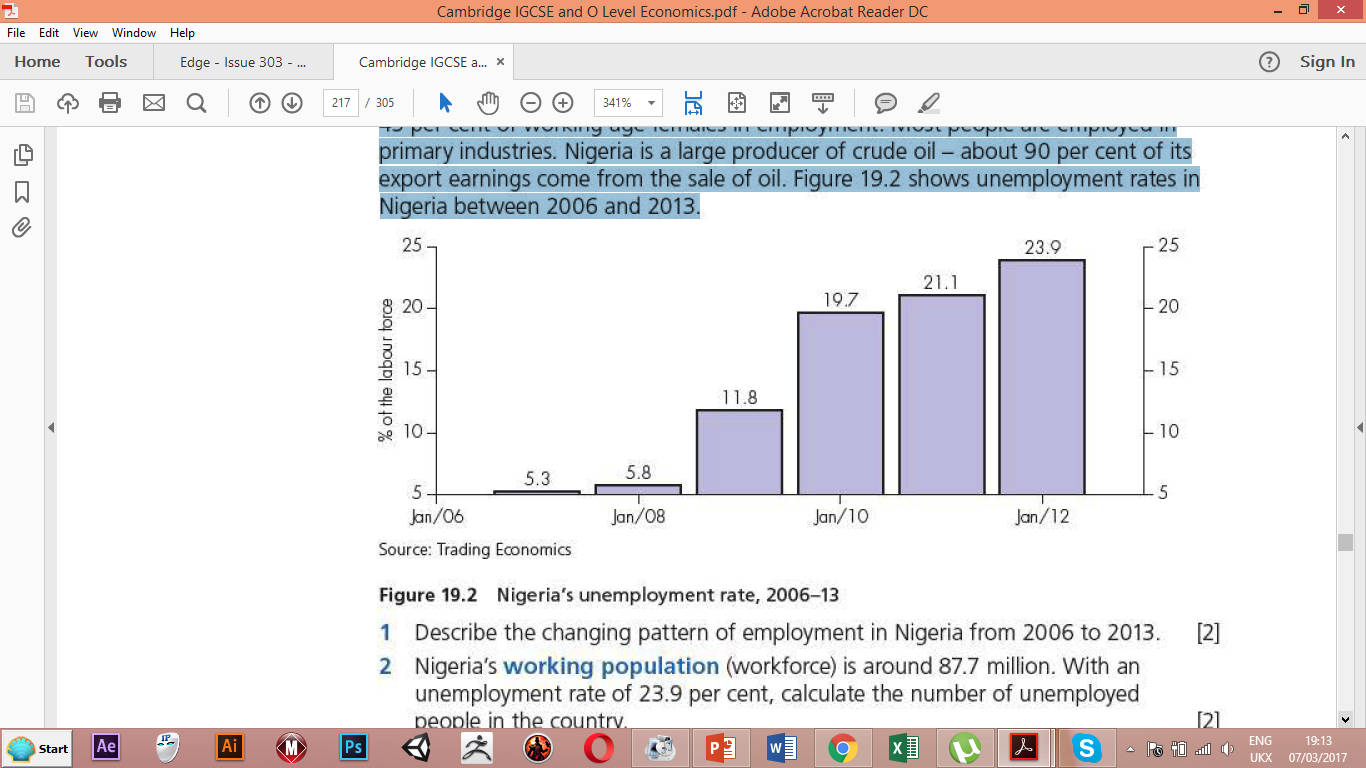
With a population of around 163m, Nigeria is one of the most populated countries in Africa. Over 42% of the population is aged below 15 and Nigeria has a large dependency ratio of almost 86%.

Gender inequalities mean the country has one of the lowest female employment rates in the world, with less than 45% of working age females in employment.

Most people are employed in primary industries. Nigeria is a large producer of crude oil – about 90% of its export earnings come from the sale of oil. Figure 19.2 shows unemployment rates in Nigeria between 2006 and 2013.

1. Describe the changing pattern of employment in Nigeria from 2006 to 2013. (2)

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1. Nigeria's working population (workforce) is around 87.7 million. With an unemployment rate of 23.9%, calculate the number of unemployed people in the country. (2)

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1. Explain two possible factors contributing to the trend described in the previous question. (4)

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