



Geography GCSE: AQA

Subject Content

During Key Stage 4 we aim for a mixture between physical and human geography, so that pupils can experience a range of subject content.

The GCSE programme of study is divided into the following teaching units:

Component 1: Living with the physical environment (35%)

Topic 1.1: The challenge of natural hazards – weather, tectonics and climate change

Topic 1.2: The living world – ecosystems, tropical rainforests and hot deserts

Topic 1.3: Physical landscapes in the UK – UK landscapes – coasts and rivers

Topic 1.4: Geographical skills

Component 2: Challenges in the urban environment (35%)

Topic 2.1: Urban issues and challenges – population, urban change and development

Topic 2.2: The changing economic world – economic development and the global gap

Topic 2.3: Challenges of resource management – inc either food, water or energy

Topic 2.4: Geographical skills

Component 3: Geographical Applications (30%)

Topic 3.1: Issue evaluation – pre-released issue 3 weeks prior to the exam

Topic 3.2: Fieldwork – **one** physical and **one** human

Topic 3.3: Geographical skills

The GCSE is now 100% examination based and there is no controlled assessment.

Teaching Group Arrangements

Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups unless linear teaching groups are available and then pupils might be set according to ability. All pupils are seated boy/girl, wherever possible.

Assessment

Each unit of work will have at least **one** assessment, which will be formally marked using the 9-1 GCSE scale.

The exams will include multiple-choice questions, short open, open response and extended writing questions. A variety of marks are available from 1 mark to 9 marks + up to 6 marks for SPaGST – spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology.



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Homework

Homework will be set as and when required by the teaching staff. We abide by the school policy of having at least 1 piece each week. The type of work set will depend on the teacher and the content being covered, but we attempt to give as many past GCSE practise questions as possible.

Supportive material

Internet

www.edexcel.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.s-cool.co.uk

www.aqa.org.uk

We attempt to give pupils more focused learning sources when accessing the internet – these will be made clear throughout the course. Pupils are advised to be careful when using the internet as some information is not always reliable!

Books

The specification is brand new and therefore texts books and supportive material linked to the course will be made available as soon as possible.

Pupils can use a range of GCSE books available in the Geography Department, but we encourage pupils to watch the news regularly and keep abreast of recent changes that are applicable to elements of the course.

Many books are available through the school LRC and can be bought through good bookshops or via online sources such as Amazon.

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GCSE GEOGRAPHY



LIVING WITH THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- 1.1 CHALLENGES OF NATURAL HAZARDS - WEATHER, TECTONICS & CLIMATE CHANGE
- 1.2 THE LIVING WORLD - ECOSYSTEMS, TROPICAL RAINFORESTS & HOT DESERTS
- 1.3 UK PHYSICAL LANDSCAPES - UK LANDSCAPES, COASTS & RIVERS
- 1.4 GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS



35% EXAM
88 MARKS
1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

PAPER 1

PAPER 2

CHALLENGES IN THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- 2.1 URBAN ISSUES AND CHALLENGES - POPULATION, URBAN CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT
- 2.2 THE CHANGING ECONOMIC WORLD - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE GLOBAL GAP
- 2.3 CHALLENGES OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - INC. EITHER FOOD, WATER OR ENERGY
- 2.4 GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS



35% EXAM
88 MARKS
1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

PAPER 3

GEOGRAPHICAL APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 ISSUE EVALUATION - PRE RELEASED ISSUE 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO EXAM
- 3.2 FIELDWORK - ONE PHYSICAL AND ONE HUMAN
- 3.3 GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS

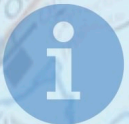
30% EXAM
76 MARKS
1 HOUR 15 MINUTES



SKILLS

AS PART OF THE GCSE YOU WILL BE TESTED ON **GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS**. THESE INCLUDE: CARTOGRAPHICAL, MATHEMATICAL, STATISTICAL, NUMERICAL, GRAPHICAL, MAP & ATLAS AND INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS.

THERE IS NO MORE CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT AND ALL PUPILS WILL SIT THE SAME PAPER!



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.AQA.CO.UK AND THEN GEOGRAPHY 8035

