



GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Paper 1

Living with the Physical Environment

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG)). 35% of GCSE.

Section A: The Challenge of Natural Hazards.

answer all questions (33 marks).

Section B: The Living World.

answer all questions (25 marks).

Section C: Physical Landscapes in the UK (Uplands, Rivers and Coasts).

answer any two questions from questions 3, 4 and 5 (30 marks).

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose.

Paper 2

Challenges in the Human Environment

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG). 35% of GCSE.

Section A: Urban Issues and Challenges.

answer all questions (33 marks).

Section B: The Changing Economic World.

answer all questions (30 marks).

Section C: The Challenge of Resource Management.

answer question 3 and one from questions 4, 5 or 6 (25 marks).

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Paper 2

Geographical applications

Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes
76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG). 30% of GCSE. Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam

Section A: Issue evaluation including decision making exercise (DME).

answer all questions (37 marks).

Section B: Questions on unfamiliar and familiar field work/skills.

answer all questions (39 marks).

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

Exam Board

AQA
GCSE Geography (8035)



Useful Links/Resources

<https://www.tutor2u.net/live/archive?subject=geography&level=gcse> – replay archive for live streamed interactive revision sessions covering all topics on the AQA specification

<https://www.tutor2u.net/geography/collections> - collection of revision videos, study notes, MCQs and other support materials, by topic group – these will be added to in the run up to the exams.

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/> – collections of GCSE and A-level revision videos and knowledge boosters (worked exam questions).

<https://www.senecalearning.com> – you have an account already. Good to go over the basics.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc> - revision for every topic.

Useful Information

We recommend that students use their 'CGP Revision Guide Book for GCSE AQA Geography'. They were given their own copy at the start of Year 10. We stock copies if they need to buy a new one (£3.50). Students may also choose to buy 'Clear Revise: Illustrated Revision and Practise for GCSE AQA Geography', which has more detailed content and a rather cool Augmented Reality (AR) function when used with the accompanying smart phone app. These are available to buy within the department, or from the Ticket Office (£6.00).

All GCSE geographers have already set up their Seneca Learning account and have used this in class on many occasions. The Academy has a subscription for 2022-3 to the Premium content and students can access this from any device, whenever they want. There is also revision material on the Geography Department Teams page. Your teachers are also ready to help you whenever you need them. P6 on Monday's and Wednesday mornings 0800-0830 – speak to Mr Cox about either of these.



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Year 10

Term 1

Living with the Physical Environment: Section A: The Challenge of Natural Hazards.

Term 2

Challenges in the Human Environment: Section A: Urban Issues and Challenges.

Term 3

Living with the Physical Environment: Section B: The Living World.

Living with the Physical Environment: Section C: Physical Landscapes in the UK (Uplands, Rivers and Coasts).

Introduction to fieldwork and field work methods.

Year 11

Term 1

More fieldwork and field work methods.

Living with the Physical Environment: Section C: Physical Landscapes in the UK (Uplands, Rivers and Coasts).

Challenges in the Human Environment: Section B: The Changing Economic World.

Term 2

Challenges in the Human Environment: Section B: The Changing Economic World.

Challenges in the Human Environment: Section C: The Challenge of Resource Management.

Term 3

Organise. Revise, review and rehearse.

