



Geography

Examination Board: AQA
Examination Code: 8035

Outline of the Course

Topics studied:

The Challenge of Natural Hazards
Physical Landscapes in the UK
The Living World
Urban Issues and Challenges
The Changing Economic World
The Challenge of Resource Management

What will you learn?

The Challenge of Natural Hazards:

Looking at some of the earth's most destructive hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and tropical storms. We will also look at the influence of climate change on the frequency of extreme weather events in the UK.

The Living World:

Tropical rainforest ecosystems and human influences, as well as either hot desert ecosystems or cold environment ecosystems

Physical Landscapes in the UK:

Exploring the UK's diverse landscapes such as rivers, mountains and coasts.

Urban Issues and Challenges:

Investigating the problems faced by growing cities in both rich and poor countries. We will also examine Manchester in detail as an example of major city in the UK

The Changing Economic World:

Learning about national and global inequalities, and how issues resulting from these inequalities can be addressed

The Challenge of Resource Management:

Looking at resource management issues with specific reference to either food, water or energy.

How will I be assessed?

There are 6 units of study throughout the course and learning will be a mixture of independent work, discussion, research and group work. There will be end of unit tests regularly to prepare you for the terminal exams and so that you know exactly how much progress you are making in Geography. The specification states that you must spend

two days out of the classroom conducting fieldwork investigations with a written exam on the fieldwork you have undertaken.

Mark Breakdown

Paper 1 – Living with the Physical Environment

The challenge of natural hazards, the living world, physical landscapes in the UK, geographical skills

1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of GCSE

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

Paper 2 – Challenges in the Human Environment

Urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world, the challenge of resource management, geographical skills

1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of GCSE

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

Paper 3: Geographical Applications

3.3.1 Issue evaluation, 3.3.2 Fieldwork, 3.4 Geographical skills

1 hour 15 minutes, 30% of GCSE

Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before the Paper 3 exam.

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

Website links

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse>

Key Dates

Exam: May Year 11

Fieldwork to be completed in Year 10

Further Information


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What can I do after I have completed the course?

Geography is accepted for entry to Sixth Form and at A Level to higher education. It is a unique subject in offering a range of skills. On one hand the subject offers the chance to consider different viewpoints, discuss important global issues and construct balanced arguments, as well as nurturing team work skills and communication skills. In addition, Geography involves analytical and numeracy skills as well as problem solving, graphical and ICT skills. As such a diverse subject Geography is well placed to



support other areas of the curriculum. Geographers who go on to study the subject beyond GCSE find that these skills equip them well for university courses. Students who have studied Geography have gone onto work as Geologists, in town and countryside planning and management and into other diverse fields such as Law and Education.