

Exam Board & Course title: Geography (AQA)**Qualification:** GCSE**Qan Code:** 601/8410/3**Assessment Methods:**

In GCSE Geography you will sit three separate written exams.

- **Paper 1:** Living with the Physical Environment
- **Paper 2:** Challenges in the Human Environment
- **Paper 3:** Geographical Applications

Course Overview:

- This GCSE course studies Geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes and investigates the link between them.
- Extensive use is made of up to date case studies throughout the course. Students will explore case studies in the United Kingdom and a variety of contrasting countries around the world.
- The topics all reflect current geographical thinking and all involve the study of topical issues such as climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of using resources sustainably.
- Students are encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

Course content:**Paper 1 - Living with the Physical Environment (35%)**

The Challenge of Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tectonic Hazards • Weather Hazards • Climate Change
Physical Landscapes in the UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Landscapes • Coastal Landscapes
The Living World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems • Tropical Rainforests • Hot Deserts

Paper 2 - Challenges in the Human Environment (35%)

Urban Issues and Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Growth in Manchester and Rio • Urban Sustainability
The Changing Economic World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Development Gap • Economic Development in Nigeria • Changes to the UK Economy
The Challenge of Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Resources in the UK • The demand for water around the world and strategies to increase supply

Paper 3 - Geographical Applications (30%)

Issue Evaluation	You will receive pre-release materials 12 weeks before the exam. You will be asked questions based around this booklet.
Fieldwork	You will be asked questions based on 2 contrasting fieldtrips. You will complete a river study in the Peak District and investigate regeneration at Salford Quays.
Geographical Skills	You will be asked a number of questions based around maps, graphs, numeracy and data.

Skills you need:

- An interest in geographical issues and the world around you.
- The ability to categorise information and recall key facts.
- The ability to consider various viewpoints on a given topic.
- The ability to work within a group and independently.

Skills you will acquire:

- The ability to interpret a range of sources.
- The ability to describe, analyse and evaluate data.
- The ability to make links and connections within and between topics.
- Revision/study skills appropriate for Geography.
- Exam techniques for a wide range of question types.

Progression routes and linked careers:

This course would enable you to study Geography at 'A' Level and then onto degree level. You will need a Grade 6 to do A Level Geography at most colleges.

Linked careers include; Geologist, environmentalist, teaching. However, there are a vast array of jobs that use geographical skills, jobs that are affected by geography and jobs that exist because of geography. Therefore, Geography would also be useful for any career needing analytical and evaluative skills, for example; banking or accountancy.

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