

GCSE Geography



Career Options

- Management
- Conservation
- Planning
- Research
- Media

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Subject Content

Unit 1 (Living with the Physical Environment)

This unit is concerned with the dynamic nature of physical processes and systems, and human interaction with them in a variety of places and at a range of scales. The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the tectonic, geomorphological, biological and meteorological processes and features in different environments, and the need for management strategies governed by sustainability and consideration of the direct and indirect effects of human interaction with the Earth and the atmosphere.

Unit 2 (Challenges in the Human Environment)

This unit is concerned with human processes, systems and outcomes and how these change both spatially and temporally. They are studied in a variety of places and at a range of scales and must include places in various states of development, such as higher income countries (HICs), lower income countries (LICs) and newly emerging economies (NEEs). The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.

Assessment Information

Exam Board: AQA (8035)

Unit 1 (Living with the Physical Environment)

Exam (1hr 30min) – 35%

- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- The Living World
- Physical Landscapes in the UK

Unit 2 (Challenges in the Human Environment)

Exam (1hr 30 min) – 35%

- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenges of Resource Management

Unit 3 (Geographical Applications)

Exam (1hr 15 min) – 30%

- Fieldwork (Physical and Human)
- Unseen fieldwork
- Pre-release material

Why Study...?

Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. The GCSE course is a good mix of topics such as urban issues, world development, extreme environments, rivers and hazards – to name but a few. The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.

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