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Eduqas and **Edexcel (2016)**
A level Geography specifications



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<p>Paper 1: Changing Landscapes and Changing Places</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal landscapes or Glaciated landscapes Changing places 	<p>Paper 1: Physical geography</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tectonic processes and hazards Glaciated landscapes and change or Coastal landscapes and change Water cycle and water insecurity and Carbon cycle and energy security
<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 82 marks 20.5% of the qualification 	<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes 105 marks 30% of the qualification
<p>Paper 2: Global Systems and Global Governance</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and carbon cycles Global governance: change and challenges 21st century challenges 	<p>Paper 2: Human geography</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Globalisation and Superpowers Regenerating places or Diverse places Health, human rights and intervention or Migration, identity and sovereignty
<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 2 hours 110 marks 27.5% of the qualification 	<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes 105 marks 30% of the qualification
<p>Paper 3: Contemporary Themes in Geography</p> <p>Content</p> <p>Tectonic Hazards</p> <p>Two topics from a choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystems Economic Growth and Challenge Energy Challenges and Dilemmas Weather and Climate 	<p>Paper 3: Synoptic investigation</p> <p>Content</p> <p>The synoptic investigation will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that is rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas.</p>
<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 32% of the qualification 128 marks 	<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 70 marks 20% of the qualification
<p>Paper 4: Independent Investigation. Non-examined assessment</p> <p>Content</p> <p>One written independent investigation, based on the collection of both field data and secondary information</p>	<p>Paper 4: Non-examination Assessment/Independent investigation</p> <p>Content</p> <p>Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field.</p>
<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,000 – 4,000 words 80 marks 20% of the qualification marked by teachers moderated by Eduqas 	<p>Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,000 – 4,000 words 70 marks 20 % of A-level marked by teachers moderated by Pearson Edexcel

Key similarities

- The Eduqas and Edexcel specifications both offer a choice of coastal landscapes or glaciated landscapes.
- Both specifications include a study of tectonic processes and hazards.
- Both specifications include the processes and patterns of global migration.
- Geographical skills are integrated throughout the subject content.

What is new?

- In the Edexcel specification the water and carbon cycle content is integrated with the global issues of water insecurity and energy security.
- The Edexcel specification offers a choice of regenerating places or diverse places.
- The synoptic investigation in Paper 3 will always be based on three synoptic themes drawn from the compulsory content.

Key benefits of Edexcel specifications

- A clear specification with signposted integrated skills, case studies and located examples.
- Command words that are used consistently to assess particular skills, making it clear the type of response that is required.
- Command word definitions that will stay the same for the lifetime of the qualifications and, together with question styles, will enable students to focus on 'thinking geographically'.
- More support than ever before including detailed schemes of work and topic booklets for every topic, additional specimen papers, examiner marked student exemplars and much more.
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- Coursework advisory service
- Fieldwork planner and guide
- Independent Investigation support and training materials

