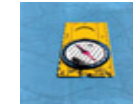


GCSE 2009 Geography A: Geographical Foundations



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Geographical Foundations differ to that taken through the old A specification?

Modular - Resits -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Terminal requirement -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Uniform Mark Scale -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Geography A: Geographical Foundations (2AGA01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3AR01) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
The GCSE standard -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification may be approached.

Old GCSE Geography A: (1312)

JUNE			
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS			
A1, A2, A3 and A4. The physical, human, economic and natural world. Papers 1F and 3H	45	Exam	100
B5, B6, C7 and C8. Managing, the environment, hazards, tourism and urban areas. Papers 2F and 4H.	30	Exam	
Coursework - Geographical Investigation supported by fieldwork. Paper 05	25	Cwrk	
			Overall grade

New GCSE 2009: Geography A: Geographical Foundations (2GA01)

Unit availability				weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
Jan →	June →	Jan →	June →				
5GA1; 5GA2; 5GA3	5GA1; 5GA2; 5GA3; 5GA4	5GA1; 5GA2; 5GA3	5GA1; 5GA2; 5GA3; 5GA4				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
1A F/H: Geographical Skills and Challenges		RESIT*		25	Exam	100	Overall grade
2A F/H: Natural Environment				25	Exam	100	
3A F/H Human Environment				25	Exam	100	
		4A: Investigating Geography*		25	Controlled	100	

*In this example these two units would count towards the overall grade because of the terminal assessment rule

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