

GCSE (9-1) Geography A

Key features

Exciting geography your students will want to learn

Our GCSE Geography A specification features the popular topics you've told us your students want to learn. Students will explore physical and human environments and undertake geographical investigations via fieldwork.

Clear specifications you can teach with confidence

Our easy-to-navigate specifications, show you:

- Where you need a broad overview or in-depth geographical understanding
- Where and how to cover geographical skills in lessons
- Clarity and choice in the three in-depth case studies.

A meaningful and structured approach to fieldwork

- A range of popular fieldwork tasks to choose from, which will stay the same for the lifetime of the specification
- Fieldwork tasks and parameters for collecting data are specified, so you can be confident students are meeting the fieldwork requirements.

Assessments that give every student the chance to succeed

- Our exam papers are designed to be straightforward to navigate, with clear instructional text, gradual ramping of demand, and consistent use of question types and command words.

Expert support, every step of the way

- Your dedicated Geography Subject Advisor Victoria Fowell, is on-hand to help and advise when you need it.
- Our Pearson Geography community provides ongoing support via our subject specialists and collaborative network events.
- Plus, comprehensive support for tracking progress through the Progress and Assess service, exam feedback training and ResultsPlus results analysis.

Fantastic resources to help students think geographically

Our specifications, support and published resources are all designed to help your students:

- ask geographical questions
- learn about places, patterns and issues
- use, interpret and analyse geographical data
- use geographical terminology confidently in their writing.

Assessment at a glance

Our Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A will be assessed through three shorter written papers so students are less likely to suffer from exam fatigue.

| | The Physical Environment | The Human Environment | Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges |
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| Content overview | The changing landscape of the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose 2 from coastal, river or glaciated landscapes Weather hazards and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tropical storms and drought Ecosystems, biodiversity and management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tropical rainforests and temperate deciduous woodlands | Changing cities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A case study of a UK city and a city in an emerging or developing country Global development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A case study of a developing or emerging country Resource management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose one from Energy of water | Fieldwork <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One physical and one human investigation UK Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigation of contemporary UK challenges based on:• Resource consumption and environmental sustainability• Settlement, population and economics• Landscape• Climate change |
| Assessment overview | 37.5% 94 marks <i>1 hour 30 minutes</i> | 37.5% 94 marks <i>1 hour 30 minutes</i> | 25% 64 marks <i>1 hour 30 minutes</i> |

Assessment objectives

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| A01 | Demonstrate knowledge of locations, places, processes, environments and different scales. | 15% |
| A02 | Demonstrate geographical understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• concepts and how they are used in relation to places, environments and processes;• the interrelationships between places, environment and process. | 25% |
| A03 | Apply knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues and to make judgements. | 35% |
| A04 | Select, adapt and use a variety of skills and techniques to investigate questions and issues and communicate findings. | 25% |

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Mapping documents from your current exam board

To help make the transition from your current exam board as easy and straightforward as possible, we have created mapping charts for you to download:

[AQA mapping chart](#)

[OCR mapping chart](#)

[Eduqas mapping chart](#)

You said, we did

We have continually listened to feedback on our GCSE (9-1) Geography A qualification. You told us that you need step-by-step support so we have developed a range of unbeatable support materials including:

- Getting started guides.
- Additional specimen papers.
- Student exemplars and examiner commentaries.
- Mocks marking training.
- examWizard.
- ResultsPlus.

We also run free network events with experts at locations around the UK to ensure that you feel confident teaching the specifications.

Your subject advisor

Your dedicated Geography Subject Advisor **Victoria Fowell** is also here to support you and your colleagues with a smooth transition.

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The Physical Environment – Question paper



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The Physical Environment – Mark Scheme



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Paper 2 –
The Human Environment – Question paper



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Paper 2 –
The Human Environment – Mark Scheme



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Paper 3 –
Geographical Investigations – Question paper



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