

GCSE from 2009 Geography B: Evolving Planet



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Geography B differ to that taken through the old B 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 Scores	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Geography B: Evolving Planet full course (2GB01) 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.
	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 B: (1313)

		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS						
A1, A2, A3 Population Dynamics, planning change, coping with environmental change. Papers 1F and 3H			25	Exam	100	Overall grade
A1, A2, A3, B4, B5, C6 and C7. Water, Weather and Climate, Farming, Recreation and Tourism. Papers 2F and 4H.			50	Exam		
Coursework - Geographical Investigation supported by fieldwork. Paper 05			25	Cwrk		

New GCSE 2009: Geography B: Evolving Planet (2GB01)

Unit Availability				weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
Jan →	June →	Jan →	June →				
5GB1; 5GB2	5GB1; 5GB2; 5GB3; 5GB4	5GB1; 5GB2	5GB1; 5GB2; 5GB3; 5GB4				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
1B F/H: Dynamic Planet		RESIT*		25	Exam	100	Overall grade
2B F/H: People and the Planet				25	Exam	100	
3B F/H Making Geographical Decisions				25	Exam	100	
4B: Researching 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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