

At a glance comparison of the
Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Geography B
and **Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography**
specifications



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Eduqas B	Edexcel A	Edexcel B
<p>Paper 1: Investigating geographical issues Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing places – changing economies • Changing environments • Environmental challenges 	<p>Paper 1: The physical environment Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changing landscapes of the UK • Weather hazards and climate change • Ecosystems, biodiversity and management • Integrated skills 	<p>Paper 1: Global geographical issues Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous Earth • Development dynamics • Challenges of an urbanising world • Integrated skills
<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 45 minutes 96 marks 40% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour 30 minutes 94 marks 37.5% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour 30 minutes 94 marks 37.5% of GCSE</p>
<p>Paper 2: Problem solving geography Content</p> <p>A decision making exercise (DME) style paper that can draw on any of the of topics assessed in Paper 1</p>	<p>Paper 2: The human environment Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing cities • Global development • Resource management • Integrated skills 	<p>Paper 2: UK geographical issues Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK's evolving physical landscape • UK's evolving human landscape • Integrated skills • Geographical investigations – fieldwork
<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 72 marks 30% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 94 marks 37.5% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 94 marks 37.5% of GCSE</p>
<p>Paper 3: Applied fieldwork enquiry Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldwork methodology, representation and analysis • Fieldwork to investigate geography's conceptual frameworks 	<p>Paper 3: Geographical investigations Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical investigations – physical fieldwork • Geographical investigations – human fieldwork • UK challenges 	<p>Paper 3: Decision making exercise Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and the biosphere • Forests under threat • Consuming energy resources • Integrated skills
<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 72 marks 30% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 64 marks 25% of GCSE</p>	<p>Assessment overview 1 hour and 30 minutes 64 marks 25% of GCSE</p>

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A

Key similarities

- A lot of the content is similar, for example; urbanisation, coasts, rivers, climate change, ecosystems, and water.
- Case studies in a similar context: a major UK city, a major city in a developing or an emerging country and development in a developing or emerging country.
- Fieldwork will be assessed in Paper 3.
- Fieldwork will be assessed on the student's own experience of fieldwork and applied questions on an unfamiliar context.
- Two fieldwork enquiries to be carried out in contrasting environments.
- A synoptic issue evaluation element, the UK challenges question in the Edexcel specification will be based on one of four prescribed people-environment challenges we face in the UK, whereas the Paper 2 problem solving paper can be based on any of the topics assessed in Paper 1.
- Geographical skills that are integrated into all aspects of the subject.

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography B

Key similarities

- A lot of the content is similar, for example; tectonic hazards, weather hazards, climate change, ecosystems, coasts, and rivers.
- Fieldwork will be assessed on the student's own experience of fieldwork and applied questions on an unfamiliar context.
- Two fieldwork enquiries to be carried out in contrasting environments of both human and physical geography.
- A decision making element based on a global issue, in the Edexcel specification the DME will always be based on an energy issue in either the Tropical Rainforest or the Taiga, whereas the Paper 2 problem solving paper in the Eduqas specification can be based on any of the topics assessed in Paper 1.
- Geographical skills that are integrated into all aspects of the subject.
- Case studies in a similar context: a major UK city, a megacity in a developing or emerging country and development in an emerging country.

Key benefits of the Edexcel specifications

- Two distinct specifications with familiar approaches.
- Clear specifications with signposted integrated skills, case studies and located examples.
- Specified fieldwork that will stay the same for the lifetime of the qualifications, so you can be confident students are meeting the fieldwork requirements.
- 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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