

# Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) in Geography (4GE1)

## May/June 2021 assessment arrangements

Ofqual announced on 3 August 2020 changes to the 2021 May/June examination series for UK Qualifications. The changes are an interim measure to address any impact COVID-19 has had/will have on students taking their examinations in 2021.

Although the changes announced do not have an impact on this qualification, we have decided to make the changes listed below to ensure that the International Qualifications remain comparable to their UK counterparts. The information below details what changes have been made to our specification for students taking their final examinations in May/June 2021.

### Summary of the [current assessment](#)/content arrangements

Paper	Contribution
<p><b>01 – Physical Geography</b></p> <p><b>Assessment</b> Examination of 1 hour and 10 minutes, consisting of two sections.</p> <p><b>Section A</b> Candidates choose two out of three questions on: river environments, coastal environments, hazardous environments.</p> <p><b>Section B</b> Candidates choose one out of three fieldwork-related questions on: river environments, coastal environments, hazardous environments.</p>	<p>40% contribution</p> <p>Section A – 50 marks Section B – 20 marks <b>Total marks – 70</b></p>
<p><b>02 – Human Geography</b></p> <p><b>Assessment</b> Examination of 1 hour and 45 minutes, consisting of three sections.</p> <p><b>Section A</b> Candidates choose two out of three questions on: economic activity and energy, rural environments, urban environments.</p> <p><b>Section B</b> Candidates choose one out of three fieldwork-related questions on: economic activity and energy, rural environments, urban environments.</p> <p><b>Section C</b> Candidates choose one out of three questions on: fragile environments and climate change, globalisation and migration, development and human welfare.</p>	<p>60% contribution</p> <p>Section A – 50 marks Section B – 20 marks Section C – 35 marks <b>Total marks – 105</b></p>

## Summary of changes to May/June 2021 assessment/content arrangements only

**Remove** requirements for:

- (i) students to answer questions in the exam relating to their own fieldwork experience.

We would still encourage students to conduct their own fieldwork, if possible, as this develops skills to support students' progression within the subject, and the content related to fieldwork and the enquiry cycle still needs to be delivered and will be assessed in unfamiliar contexts within the exam.

### Changes to the specification (Fieldwork) for May/June 2021 examinations only

Paper	Specification states:/Information in the specification	Changes made for May/June 2021 assessments only
Paper 1: Physical Geography	<b>Fieldwork assessment - Section B:</b> Students are required to undertake a geographical investigation involving fieldwork and research, in one natural environment. Fieldwork questions will include questions set in a familiar and unfamiliar fieldwork context.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of all references of students' own fieldwork.</li> <li>• <b>Section B Geographical enquiry:</b> Questions 4, 5 &amp; 6 will be reviewed to include only unfamiliar contexts. Details of mark allocation will be published shortly.</li> </ul>
Paper 2: Human Geography	<b>Fieldwork assessment - Section B:</b> Students are required to complete one geographical enquiry involving fieldwork relating to one topic in Paper 2. Fieldwork questions will include questions set in a familiar and unfamiliar fieldwork context.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of all references of students' own fieldwork.</li> <li>• <b>Section B Geographical enquiry:</b> Questions 4, 5 &amp; 6 will be reviewed to include only unfamiliar contexts. Details of mark allocation will be published shortly.</li> </ul>
Appendix 6	Appendix 6: Fieldwork requirements. Candidates are required to undertake fieldwork from topics in Paper 1 and Paper 2, so that they can complete the assessments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The requirement for students to conduct their own fieldwork has been removed for 2021.</li> <li>• Assessment questions in <b>Section B, Geographical enquiry</b>, in both Paper 1 and Paper 2 will be reviewed to not include reference to students' own fieldwork.</li> <li>• Students will answer unfamiliar fieldwork questions.</li> </ul>