

GCSE GEOGRAPHY A

Information for centres

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2022 ONLY

Component 1: Changing Physical and Human Landscapes

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

35% of qualification

88 marks

Section A: Core Themes

Two structured, data response questions assessing Core Theme 1 (Landscapes and Physical Processes) **and** Core Theme 2 (Rural-urban Links). Some questions will require extended responses.

Section B: Options

One structured question (from a choice of two) assessing **either**:

Theme 3 (Tectonic Landscapes and Hazards)

or

Theme 4 (Coastal Hazards and their Management).

These themes provide additional breadth of study for the content assessed in the core themes.

Component 2: Environmental and Development Issues

Written examination: 1 hour

35% of qualification*

54 marks

Section A: Core Themes

One structured, data response question (from a choice of two) with requirement for some extended responses assessing **either**:

Core Theme 5 (Weather, Climate and Ecosystems)

or

Core Theme 6 (Development and Resource Issues).

Section B: Options

One structured question (from a choice of two) assessing **either**:

Theme 7 (Social Development Issues)

or

Theme 8 (Environmental Challenges).

These themes provide additional depth of study for the content assessed in the core themes.

Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry
Written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes
30% of qualification*

64 marks

A written examination in three parts using a variety of structured data response questions, some of which will require extended responses.

Part A will assess approaches to fieldwork methodology (**qualitative surveys**).

There will be no requirement for candidates to answer about their own fieldwork.

Part B will assess how fieldwork enquiry may be used to investigate geography's conceptual framework (**place**).

There will be no requirement for candidates to answer about their own fieldwork.

Part C will assess the application of broad geographical concepts to a wider UK context and assess the ability to make and justify a decision.

These adaptations will be available in **summer 2022 only**.

Candidates entering the qualification in 2023 should use the approved [specification](#).

* For qualifications where the total mark is lower than usual, the aggregation factor for the affected component has been adjusted so that the component carries the same weight as in previous exam series.