

Ensuring Success in Year 11 for Geography

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Specification	AQA Geography 8035
Website for specification	http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF
Paper 1	<p>Year 10</p> <p>Living with the physical environment: Written exam – 1 hour 30 mins; 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG)); 35% of GCSE</p> <p>Candidates answer: section A ‘The challenge of natural hazards’ 33 marks; section B ‘The living world’ 25 marks; and ‘Physical landscapes in the UK’ from section C 30 marks</p> <p>Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose</p>
Paper 2	<p>Year 11</p> <p>Challenges in the human environment: Written exam – 1 hour 30 mins; 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG)); 35% of GCSE</p> <p>Candidates answer: section A ‘Urban issues and challenges’ 33 marks; section B ‘The changing economic world’ 25 marks; and section C ‘The challenge of resource management’ from section C 30 marks</p> <p>Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose</p>
Paper 3	<p>Geographical applications: Written exam 1 hour 15 minutes; 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG); 30% of GCSE</p> <p>Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam Candidates answer: section A ‘Issue evaluation’; and section B ‘Fieldwork’</p>
Exam dates - provisional	<p>Geography Paper 1 – 18 May 2020 am</p> <p>Geography Paper 2 – 03 June 2020 am</p> <p>Geography Paper 3 – 11 June 2020 am</p>
Website for question papers, mark schemes:	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources
Website(s) for revision	<p>https://www.senecalearning.com/ (only on the Chrome browser)</p> <p>http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/</p>
Recommended revision guide	CGP GCSE Geography AQA 9 to 1 Specification
Homework expectations	Students should expect to complete 2 to 3 homework tasks in every two week timetable cycle. These will vary in activity and length.
Key mistake(s) made on exam	Students not reading the questions properly (BUG); not studying the source properly; not making a short plan for the extended prose questions; answering the wrong questions on the exam; failing to take a calculator into all three Geography exams; running out of time
Suggested revision techniques	‘Little and often’ (don’t leave it all to the end), mind maps especially for examples/case studies, post-it notes for key words, learning wheels, dual coding.
Former student advice on how to succeed in Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Make sure you catch-up on all missed notes so that you can revise properly” • “I scrapbooked every time there was a hazard in the world and this really helped me do well on Unit 1” • “Revise early” • “Take the PPE’s more seriously as it will prepare you better for the real exams” • “Don’t just learn the case studies ... they’re important ... but make sure you learn all the theory that goes with it” • “Listen to, and follow, Mr Hancock’s advice to BUG the question ... it really works!”