AQA GCSE Geography



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Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study today. So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them.

Global warming, sustainable food production, natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, the spread of disease, the reasons for migration and the future of energy resources are just some of the great challenges facing the next generation of geographers.

As a subject linking the arts and the sciences it is highly flexible in terms of what other subjects you can combine it with.

Employers prize the knowledge and skills that studying geography can provide, be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team, using new technologies and communication skills – and much more.

You will find geographers working in a wide range of jobs, from the City to planning, working in the environment to travel and tourism, or in international charities or retail. Studying geography can help young people achieve careers that are professionally and financially rewarding and also enjoyable.

Paper 1 — Living with the physical		Paper 2 — Challenges in the human		Paper 3 — Geographical Applications	
	environment		environment		
Topics:		Topics:		Topics:	
✓	The challenge of natural hazards	✓	Urban issues and challenges	✓	Issue evaluation
✓	The living world	✓	The changing economic world	✓	Fieldwork
✓	Physical landscapes in the UK	✓	The challenge of resource	✓	Geographical skills
✓	Geographical skills		management		
		✓	Geographical skills		
How its assessed:		How its assessed:		How its assessed:	
•	Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes	-	Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes	•	Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
•	88 marks	-	88 marks	•	76 marks
•	35% of GCSE	•	35% of GCSE	•	30% of GCSE
				•	Pre-release resources available 12
					weeks before
Questions:		Questions:		Questions:	
•	Section A and B: answer all the	-	Section A and B: answer all the	•	Section A and B: answer all the
	questions		questions		questions
•	Section C: answer any two questions	-	Section C: answer any two questions	•	Question types: multiple choice,
	from 3, 4 and 5		from 4, 5 and 6		short answer, levels of response,
•	Question types: multiple choice,	-	Question types: multiple choice,		extended prose
	short answer, levels of response,		short answer, levels of response,		

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