

Introduction

The specification for Geography in a “normal” year comprises of 3 units which together count towards the overall award of the Geography A2 level.

Unit 3 Global systems and global governance – this is a written examination of 2 hours

Unit 4 Contemporary themes in geography - this is a written examination of 2 hours

Unit 5 Independent Investigation- this is a non-examined assessment

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic which reduced the requirement to study two option choices in Unit 4 to just one. As of Jan 2021, the requirement to formally submit Unit 5 work to the WJEC for marking and moderation was also relaxed.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Geography

All evidence intended to assist in the generation of Centre Determined Grades have been designed with WJEC guidance on assessment and grading for summer 2021 alternative arrangements in mind. Where assessments have been created by the department, they have been done in line with the WJEC Creation Guide and information video. By the time CDGs have been generated, students will have had the opportunity to provide the geography department with evidence from six distinct assessment points:

Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** covering physical geography content from Unit 3. Completed the week beginning the 23rd of November.

Assessment point 2 = Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** covering human geography content from Unit 3. Completed the week beginning the 23rd of November.

Assessment point 3 = Past paper questions combining both human and physical elements of Unit 3. This was completed during remote lesson time under **Low control** in the week beginning the 8th of February.

Assessment point 4 = Synoptic question (26 marks) from the Unit 3 paper completed in lessons under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = A choice of two past paper questions on Unit 4 using WJEC materials completed in lessons under **high control** during the week beginning **17th of May**.

Assessment point 6 = Final submission of the NEA Independent Investigation (**Low control**)- this will be marked internally and moderated within the department. Students can continue to submit drafts for feedback in line with the relaxed NEA guidance up to the final submission date, at which point the latest draft will be accepted for marking. **Due Friday 21st of May**.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in lessons Geography through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning

tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students geographical skills in map reading, sketching, graph reading and creation and statistical techniques have also been closely monitored by teachers this year.