

Introduction

The specification for Geography in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the Geography AS level.

Unit 1 Changing landscapes – this is a written examination of 2 hours

Unit 2 Changing places - this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic which while not adjusting the content of the AS course did remove the requirement to complete off site fieldwork experiences. The scope of the fieldwork component of the Unit 2 examination was also reduced from two fieldwork experiences to one to reflect the limited fieldwork opportunities available.

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** on tectonic landscapes and changing places. Completed the week beginning the 16th of November.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question on changing landscapes completed in lesson under **low control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week beginning the 6th of January.

Assessment point 3 = Past paper questions on coastal landscapes and tectonic processes. This was completed during remote lesson time under **Low control** in the week beginning the 8th February.

Assessment point 4 = Single fieldwork exam question completed in lessons under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = Past paper questions on Unit 2 changing places using WJEC materials completed in lessons under **high control** during the week beginning **26th of April**.

Assessment point 6 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess a broad range of covered in Unit 1. This assessment was completed over 2 lessons under **high control** during the week beginning **17th 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.

