

Introduction

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

Unit 1 Changing Physical and Human Landscapes – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

Unit 2 Environmental and Development Issues - this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

Unit 3 Fieldwork Enquiry – this is the Non-Examined Assessment

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Removing the NEA from the qualification. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 11 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Geography

Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** tectonic landscapes and processes. Completed the week beginning the 9th of November.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question on weather, climate and ecosystems 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 development and resource issues. This was completed during remote lesson time under **Low control**.

Assessment point 4 = Multiple choice questions on river landscapes and processes completed in lessons under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = Past paper questions on coastal landscapes and processes using WJEC materials completed in lessons under **medium control** during a 2 week assessment window. **(19th-26th April)**

Assessment point 6 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess a broad range of covered content in both unit 1 and unit 2. This assessment was completed over 2 lessons under **high control**. **(w/b 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.

Non-Examined Assessment = There has been no fieldwork completed by any student to be considered in a portfolio of evidence due to its cancellation from the course in June 2020.

Due to the restrictions in place support is likely to be in the form of formal feedback, supporting materials for self-study, or an online “revision” session to help improve knowledge or skills. Students will be aware of the materials on offer which include:

- Seneca revision online
- Pixl app (students can check their username/password with Mr Smith if needed)
- WJEC revision guides (purchasable via the school gateway)
- WJEC student textbook (.pdf version available via Teams of class teachers directly)
- Student companion workbooks (to be distributed on an individual basis as need arises)