Exam board

Edexcel - Geography A (1GA1)

Course description (what is this

subject about / key topics and

themes)?

The course is divided into three sections:

Component 1 - The Physical Environment - including Coasts,

Rivers, Landscapes, Weather and Climate and Ecosystems

(37.5% of the course).

Component 2 - The Human Environment - including British

and Global Cities, Global Development, Industry and Energy

Management (37.5% of the course).

Component 3 - Geographical Investigations - Fieldwork and UK

Challenges - including Physical and Human Geography

fieldwork, Climate Change, Sustainability, Migration and

Settlement (25% of the course).

Are there tiered exams?No

How is the course assessed? (including

details of practical work / controlled

assessment)

Students will complete three examinations at the end of the

course; each examination lasts for 90 minutes. Students will

complete two fieldwork assignments, but these are assessed

within the Component 3 examination.

Why should I study this subject / what

areas of study could this subject lead

to in the future?

Geography as a GCSE subject compliments Mathematics,

English Language and Science, utilising key skills gained through

these subjects. Geography is a traditional, well-respected

subject that can be used to support applications for all scientific

A-Levels and degree courses. A range of employment areas,

such as Law, Engineering and Scientific Research also use the

skills developed within a Geographical education.