Qualification Available

GCSE

Examination Board

EDUCAS Specification B

Syllabus Content

The syllabus provides a balanced coverage of physical and human aspects of the subject and will,

through a range of exemplars, highlight the interaction between these.

The syllabus is assessed in three parts which are shown in the Assessment Matrix below

Assessment Units Nature of Assessment

Unit 1

Investigating

Geographical Issues

Written Examination: 1 hour 45 minutes

40% of qualification

Three structured data response questions. The final part of each question will require

an extended response.

Question 1 will assess aspects of Theme 1, Changing Places - Changing Economies.

Question 2 will assess aspects of Theme 2, Changing Environments.

Question 3 will assess aspects of Theme 3, Environmental Challenges.

Unit 2:

Problem Solving

Geography

Written Examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

30% of qualification

This component will assess content from across the themes using a variety of

structured data response questions.

Part A will introduce an issue and set the geographical context.

Part B will outline a number of possible solutions to the issue.

Part C will provide an opportunity for the candidates to choose a solution and justify

their choice in an extended response.

Unit 3 Applied

Fieldwork

Written Examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

30% of qualification

A written examination in three parts using a variety of structured

data response questions some of which will require extended

responses.

Part A will assess approaches to fieldwork methodology,

representation and analysis.

Part B will assess how fieldwork enquiry may be used to

investigate geography's conceptual frameworks.

Part C will assess the application of broad geographical

concepts to a wider UK context and assess the ability to make and justify a decision.

All students are given the opportunity to participate in local fieldwork exercises as well as a

residential course over four days at the world heritage Jurassic Coast on the South of England.

This will take place in May, the first half of the summer term in Year 10 and is compulsory to the

course. It is a government legal requirement that all departments offering Geography GCSE

provide at least a two day fieldwork experience for pupils. The cost will be in the region of £310

and subsistence is available for pupils eligible for pupil premium. The field work offers

students not only a valuable academic but also excellent social learning experience.