



Geography Exam News 2019; how can I succeed?

Managing your time to get the best grade



There's nothing worse than running out of time before you complete the last question.

Each exam will have enough time, but none to waste. Use the following tips to help you finish on time:

What & how to Revise; paper 1 = 'our natural world' & Paper 2 = 'People and society'

- You only need YEAR 10 PHYSICAL geography for paper 1; GLOBAL HAZARDS, CHANGING CLIMATE, DISTINCTIVE LANDSCAPES & SUSTAINING ECOSYSTEMS.
- You only need YEAR 11 HUMAN geography for paper 2; URBAN FUTURES, DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT, UK IN 21ST CENTURY & RESOURCE RELIANCE.
- All the lessons and revision ideas can be found on the home access.
- All topics have a RAG check list. Make sure you work through each point systematically (in order), carefully taking notes on key ideas and concepts. These can be achieved via; *revision clocks, glossaries, mind maps, topic wheels, flash cards*. Try using a range of methods, until you find the ones that work for you!
- Case study cards work very well with this exam. Provide specific place locational info on:
-Causes -Consequences (effects) -Responses
- Use CONNECTIVES to link points, e.g. *however... as a result... conversely... on the other hand...*
- You must know map skills very well in these papers as they always use an OS map. Make sure you know grid references, distances, and feel comfortable with symbols and the key of an OS map.
- There's always a resource booklet. Make sure to refer to the resource stated in the Q, but alter it to show understanding, i.e. say 27% as just over a quarter.
- Fieldwork on the Westgate shopping centre & the River Thame will be tested. You must know; *What surveys you did? Why you did them? What your results show? How to complete varied graphs. How it could be improved?*

Never leave a question blank! You may be right!

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Included facts and data from your revision.
- Given more than one reason for your opinion.
- Alter data from resources; map, graph, etc.
- Constantly practise on PAST PAPERS, and use this:

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zpsx2p3>

What & how to Revise; Paper 3 = 'geographical exploration'

- NO CASE STUDY KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR THIS EXAM!
- The best way to prepare for paper 3 is to carefully take notes on key ideas/concepts and know the key terms for all 8 topics.
- You will need to be very good at interpreting resources such as graphs, choropleth maps, people's opinions, tables of data, etc.
- They will ask you to **evaluate** an aspect. Give a clear opinion e.g. *The scheme is environmentally sustainable because...*
- There is a 15 mark question at the end asking you to propose (suggest) a way that you could improve an aspect. Make sure to use both the resources and your own revision to develop this.

Paper 1; Tuesday 21st May 1 hour 15 mins (35% of GCSE)

Paper 2; Wednesday 5th June, 1 hour 15 mins (35% of GCSE)

Both out of 70 marks, where you need to answer 4 sections from the general topics of physical (paper 1) and human (paper 2). There is also a fieldwork question. There's always a longer mark **case study type question** at the end of each section. Make sure to leave enough time to finish it!

TIMINGS; 1 mark= 1 minute (try to stick to it)

Paper 3; Monday 11th June 1 hour 30mins (30% of the GCSE)

Worth 60 marks & is based on any ONE of the 8 topics covered.

This will assess your ability to make decisions about '*sustainability*' (*doing something today that won't harm/hinder tomorrow*)

Familiarise yourself with the format/layout of the exam.

TIMINGS; 2 mark= 3 mins (more time to fully read the booklet)

What help is there?

Lunchtime revision on Tuesday's and Wednesday's.

There will be a revision session in Easter with Mr Speke. Date TBC.

What other resources can I use?

The best resource is your class book/notes, as your teacher has given you exactly what is needed for you!

The Geography department recommends the revision guide books. These are available to purchase through the department. Prices vary according to the books.

ASK FOR HELP – DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF! ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR GUIDANCE, SO YOU ARE NEVER UNSURE! BUT DON'T FORGET YOUR CLASSMATES CAN HELP AS WELL

There's no big secret to success. Providing you have revised effectively (both at home & by attending the revision sessions in school), are well organized and answer the questions with examples and evidence, you'll succeed!