

GCSE GEOGRAPHY – EDEXCEL B SPECIFICATION FROM 2016

Component 1: Global Geographical Issues (*Paper 1 code: 1GB0/01)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes</i> <i>37.5% of the qualification</i> <i>94 marks</i>
Content overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1: Hazardous Earth• Topic 2: Development dynamics• Topic 3: Challenges of an urbanising world
Assessment overview <p>An externally-assessed written exam with three 30-mark sections. Of the 94 raw marks available, up to 4 marks are awarded for spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology¹.</p> <p>Section A: Hazardous Earth</p> <p>Section B: Development dynamics</p> <p>Section C: Challenges of an urbanising world</p> <p>The exam includes multiple-choice questions, short open, open response and extended writing questions, calculations and 8-mark extended writing questions.</p>
Component 2: UK Geographical Issues (*Paper 2 code: 1GB0/02)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes</i> <i>37.5% of the qualification</i> <i>94 marks</i>
Content overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4: The UK's evolving physical landscape – including sub-topics 4A: Coastal change and conflict and 4B: River processes and pressures.• Topic 5: The UK's evolving human landscape – including a Case Study - Dynamic UK cities.• Topic 6: Geographical investigations – including one physical fieldwork investigation and one human fieldwork investigation linked to Topics 4 and 5.
Assessment overview <p>An externally-assessed written exam with three sections. Of the 94 marks available up to 4 marks are awarded for spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology.</p> <p>Section A: The UK's evolving physical landscape</p> <p>Section B: The UK's evolving human landscape</p> <p>Section C: Geographical investigations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C1: Students choose one from two optional questions (Coastal change and conflict or River processes and pressures)• C2: Students choose one from two- optional questions (Dynamic urban areas or Changing rural areas). <p>The exam includes multiple-choice questions, short open, open response, calculations and 8-mark extended writing questions.</p>

Component 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions
(*Paper 3 code: 1GB0/03)

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes

25% of the qualification

64 marks

Content overview

- Topic 7: People and the biosphere
- Topic 8: Forests under threat
- Topic 9: Consuming energy resources

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written exam with four sections. Of the 64 raw marks available, up to 4 marks are awarded for spelling, punctuation, grammar and their of specialist terminology.

Section A: People and the biosphere

Section B: Forests under threat

Section C: Consuming energy resources

Section D: Making a geographical decision

The exam includes multiple-choice questions, short open, open response and extended writing questions. Section C will include 8-mark extended writing questions and Section D will offer a choice of **one** from three decisions assessed through a 12-mark extended writing question.