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Geography

Cambridge International Examinations Syllabus Code 9696

IGCSEs needed

Geography
History
Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Business/ Economics
English Language

Course Overview

The Geography syllabus builds upon skills gained at Cambridge IGCSE level study. You will widen your knowledge and understanding of the subject, while developing your investigative abilities and evaluation and decision-making skills.

The syllabus is wide-ranging and comprises a variety of options. For example, you can study topics such as hydrology and fluvial geomorphology, atmosphere and weather, rocks and weathering, population change and resource management. The syllabus considers a range of environments, from tropical to arid, and you can also study subjects such as environmental management and hazard management.

Syllabus Units/Topics

AS Geography (Year 12)	
PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
Hydrology, river processes and hazards	Population and Migration
Atmospheric processes and global climate change	Water resources and management
Earth processes and mass movement	Urban areas and Management

A2 Geography (Year 13)	
PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
Hazardous Environments	Environmental Issues and Management
Coastal Environments	Disease and Geography

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Assessment Details

The A Level Geography course is split into AS and A Level with two examinations (split by physical and human geography options) in each year of study, The AS course accounts for 50% of the grade at A Level.

All AS Level candidates take:

Paper 1

Physical Geography 1 hour 30 minutes
60 marks
Section A: 45 marks
Structured questions based on:
Hydrology, river processes and hazards
Atmospheric processes and global climate change
Earth processes and mass movements.
Section B: 15 marks
One essay question from a choice of three, one on each topic.
Externally assessed
50% of the AS Level
25% of the A Level

And:

Paper 2

Human Geography 1 hour 30 minutes
60 marks
Section A: 45 marks
Structured questions based on:
Population and migration
Water resources and management
Urban areas and management.
Section B: 15 marks
One essay question from a choice of three, one on each topic.
Externally assessed
50% of the AS Level
25% of the A Level

A Level candidates also take:

Paper 3

Global Environments 1 hour 30 minutes
60 marks
Candidates choose two topics from a choice of four.
Each topic consists of one compulsory structured question – 10 marks.
And a choice of one of two essay questions – 20 marks.
Externally assessed
25% of the A Level

And:

Paper 4

Global Themes 1 hour 30 minutes
60 marks
Candidates choose two topics from a choice of four.
Each topic consists of one compulsory structured question – 10 marks.
And a choice of one of two essay questions – 20 marks.
Externally assessed
25% of the A Level

Skills Developed

An understanding of the nature and use of different types of geographical information, both quantitative and qualitative, and understanding of their limitations.

An ability to use and interpret a variety of geographical information to identify, describe and explain geographical trends and patterns,

An ability to interpret and critically evaluate information and produce reasoned conclusions.

Some of the Degree courses this will lead to:

Geography
Earth/Environmental sciences
Marine sciences
Urban and rural planning
Architecture and built environments
Tourism and hospitality.
Politics
International relations
Engineering
Sustainability
Law
Education

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