

A-Level Geography Overview

Course overview

		Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Winter term 1	Winter term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year 12	Physical Geography	Paper 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards			Paper 1: Coastal Landscapes and Change Mock exam			Coursework (non-examined assessment)	
	Human Geography	Paper 2: Globalisation			Paper 2: Regenerating Places Mock exam			Coursework (non-examined assessment)	
Year 13	Physical Geography	Paper 1: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity NEA – Ongoing outside of lessons			Paper 1: The Carbon Cycle and Carbon Insecurity Mock exam			Paper 3: Synopticity Revision	
	Human Geography	Paper 2: Superpowers NEA – Ongoing outside of lessons			Paper 2: Health, human rights and intervention Mock exam			Paper 3: Synopticity Revision	

Assessment overview

Internal assessment takes place in each unit of work throughout the course, and in line with the school's assessment policy. For the award of the qualification, this linear A level from Edexcel is examined by examination at the end of Year 13 with 20% of the grade coming from the coursework element.

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	NEA
30%	30%	20%	20%
2 hours 15	2 hours 15	2 hours 15	N/A
105 marks	105 marks	70	70
<u>Section A</u> : Tectonics (16 marks) <u>Section B</u> : Coasts (40 marks) <u>Section C</u> : Water and Carbon (49 marks)	<u>Section A</u> : Globalisation and superpowers (32 marks) <u>Section B</u> : Regeneration (35 marks) <u>Section C</u> : Health (38 marks marks)	All questions draw on knowledge and understanding from compulsory* content from different parts of the course.	The student defines a question or issue for investigation, relating to the compulsory or optional content. The topic may relate to any aspect of geography contained within the specification.
Short form, 12-mark and 20-mark extended writing questions	Short form, 12-mark and 20-mark extended writing questions	8-mark, 18-mark and 24-mark extended writing questions	3000-4000 word written report

*The compulsory content is contained in tectonics, water, carbon, globalisation and superpowers.

Skills

The skills developed throughout the course include:

- recalling detailed information accurately
- drawing together information from different areas of Geography
- applying knowledge and understanding of human and physical processes, concepts, theories and issues in practical and theoretical contexts
- constructing, analysing and evaluating a range of data presentation techniques including statistical analysis
- apply knowledge and understanding of geographical information/ideas to make supported judgements about the significance of factors leading to a balanced and coherent argument
- maintaining a sustained line of reasoning, leading to a reasoned conclusion
- communicating with relevance, clarity and coherence
- Undertaking geographical enquiry which incorporates fieldwork data and secondary research as well as independent analysis and evaluation of data, presentation of data findings and extended writing.

Further details about the course can be found at <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html>