

GCSE GEOGRAPHY B

Information for centres

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2022 ONLY

Component 1: Investigating Geographical Issues

Written Examination: 1 hour 50 minutes

40% of qualification

100 marks

Theme 1, Changing places - changing economies

Theme 2, Changing environments **EITHER**

Questions on Key Idea 2.1: Shaping the landscape coasts and coastal management, Key Idea 2.3: Weather and climate and Key Idea 2.4: Climate change – cause and effect

OR

Questions on Key Idea 2.2: Shaping the landscape - rivers and river management, Key Idea 2.3: Weather and climate and Key Idea 2.4: Climate change – cause and effect

Theme 3, Environmental challenges **EITHER**

Questions on Key Idea 3.1: How ecosystems function and 3.2: Ecosystems under threat

OR

Questions on Key Idea 3.3: Water resource and management and Key Idea 3.4: Desertification.

Component 2: Problem Solving Geography

Written Examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

30% of qualification

76 marks

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.

Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry
Written Examination: 1 hour 15 minutes
30% of qualification*

64 marks

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 (**qualitative surveys**).

There will be no requirement for candidates to answer about their own fieldwork.

Part B will assess how fieldwork enquiry may be used to investigate geography's conceptual framework (**place**).

There will be no requirement for candidates to answer about their own fieldwork.

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.

These adaptations will be available in **summer 2022 only**.

Candidates entering the qualification in 2023 should use the approved specification.

* For qualifications where the total mark is lower than usual, the aggregation factor for the affected component has been adjusted so that the component carries the same weight as in previous exam series.