

Geography

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Exam board: OCR specification A

Content Overview		Assessment Overview	
Paper 1: Living in the UK Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapes of the UK • People of the UK • Environmental Challenges in the UK 	60 marks 1 hour exam	30% of Total GCSE
Paper 2: The World Around Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems of the Planet • People of the Planet • Environmental Threats to our Planet 	60 marks 1 hour exam	30% of Total GCSE
Paper 3: Geographical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical Skills • Fieldwork Skills 	80 marks 1 hour 30 mins	40% of Total GCSE

How are the exams marked?

Point marking (1-4 marks)	Marking rewards each correct fact/skill with 1 mark	
Level marking (6,8,12 marks)	Level 1	Shows basic knowledge and understanding of the topic. Doesn't use much geographical vocabulary. Ideas are not well linked, and answer has poor structure
	Level 2	Shows good knowledge and clear understanding of the topic. Uses some geographical vocabulary. Some ideas are linked together, and answer is well structured.
	Level 3	Shows detailed knowledge and understanding of the topic. Uses evidence and examples to support points. Uses a range of geographical vocabulary. Ideas are well linked, and answers have a strong structure.

Please Note:

- A separate resource booklet will be provided for students to use for some questions.
- The exam board requires students to be offered 2 days of fieldwork in contrasting locations. These trips will be held nearer the exams, so techniques and data are fresh in the students' minds for the exam. More information to follow...

What will be studied in year 10?

- Students will cover the content from Paper 1: Living in the UK today.
- Term 1 and 2:
 - Landscapes of the UK- students will learn about how the physical geography of the UK varies. Included in this we will consider both river and coastal environments: the landforms found here and how they are formed; how human activity has affected the landscape. We will apply our learning to a case study- River Tees and the North Norfolk Coast.
 - People of the UK- students will learn about the UK's key trading partners, the diversity of the UK, how population has changed in the UK (including migration and ageing population). We will also discuss how the UK's economy has changed over time and the impact this has had on the population. We will apply our learning to a case study of Peterborough and Salford Quays.

Key dates for Year 10 (internal assessments)

- Assessments are regular- usually once every 6 weeks.

How you can help (Revision and support)

OCR	Specification, Past papers & mark schemes	www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/geography-a-geographical-themes-j383-from-2016/
Classwork and homework booklets	Classwork notes, practice questions	Each booklet covers one theme and contains a mixture of images, classwork notes and revision activities. Homework booklets have skills and knowledge tasks included.
Microsoft Teams	Revision resources, Lesson content	Revision booklets/ worksheets/ powerpoints/ exam style questions created by TDA Geography staff are available on Teams.

Seneca	Online quizzes and info	senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Once on the website search for 'geography ocr a' for information and quizzes linked to our specification.
Quizlet	Online quizzes and flashcards	quizlet.com/gb/211952883/ocr-gcse-geography-a-flash-cards/
Revision World	Online revision resources	revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography These have not been made specifically for OCR A so please choose the topics carefully.
Get Revising	Flashcards, key terms, quizzes, mindmaps	getrevising.co.uk/resources/level/gcse/subjects/geography These have been created for both OCR specifications (A&B) so make sure you choose appropriate resources.
BBC Bitesize	Info and quizzes	www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpsx2p3 Please note the resources are for OCR B, and we are following OCR A so you will need to be selective with the topics.
Revision Guide/ Textbook	Information, Practice questions, Examiner Hints	My revision notes OCR GCSE (9-1) Geography A. Published by Hodder. OCR GCSE (9-1) Geography A: Geographical Themes. Published by Hodder.