New Advanced Levels – Draft Specifications Sept 2016

OCR

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Paper 1: 90 marks: 2 hour paper (60%)

- Landscape systems (coasts **OR** cold **OR** hot)
- Changing spaces: making places
- Fieldwork and Geographical skills.

Paper 2: 60 marks: 1hr and 30 mins (40%)

- **Options 1 of 5**: climate change **OR** disease dilemmas **OR** exploring oceans **OR** future of food **OR** hazardous Earth
- Geographical skills

A2

Paper 1: Physical systems: 72 marks 1 hours and 45 minutes (24%) (3X 4,6,8,18 mark Qu)

- Landscape systems
- Earth`s Life Support systems
- Geographical skills

Paper 2: Human interactions: 72 marks 1 hours and 45 minutes (24%) (3X 4,6,8,18 mark Qu)

- Changing Spaces; making places
- Global connections
- Geographical skills

Paper 3: Geographical debates 96 marks 2 hours and 30 minutes (32%) (*2X10 mark Qu AND 2X38 mark Qu – 38 mark qu. 2 choices per topic)*

- **Options: 2 of 5**: climate change **OR** disease dilemmas **OR** exploring oceans **OR** future of food **OR** hazardous Earth
- Geographical skills

P**aper 4: (teacher assessed) Independent investigatio**n 60 marks 20%

AQA

AS

Paper 1: **Physical geography and people and the environment 1** hour and 30 minutes 80 marks (50%)

- Section A: Water and carbon cycles OR hot deserts OR Coasts
- Section B: hazards OR Contemporary urban environments

Paper 2: Human geography and geographical fieldwork investigation 1 hours and 30 mins 80 marks (50%)

- **Section A:** either global systems and global governance **OR** Changing Places
- **Section B:** Geographical fieldwork investigation and geographical skills

A2

Paper 1: Physical geography 2 hours and 30 mins 96 marks (40%) *Section A and B = 3x1, 6, 2X9 Section C = 3,9,30 mark Qu*

- Section A: water and carbon cycle
- Section B: Hot deserts **OR** coasts
- Section C: Hazards OR ecosystems OR Cold

Paper 2:Human Geography 2 hours and 30 mins 96 marks (40%) *Section A and B = 3x1, 6, 2X9 Section C = 3,9,30 mark Qu*

- Section A: global systems and global governance
- Section B: Changing places
- Section C: Contemporary urban environments **OR** population and the environment **OR** Resource security

Paper 3: teacher assessed geographical Investigation 35 marks (20%)

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Paper 1: Changing Landscapes 2 hours (60%) *Section A 11 questions. inc. 2x10 mark 4X short qu. on F/W 5 qu. on tectonics inc. 1X15 mark*

- Section A: Changing Landscapes Choice between two themes, either Coastal or Glaciated Landscapes;
- Section B: Fieldwork Investigation in Physical Geography
- Section C: Tectonic Hazard

Paper 2: Changing Places 1 hour 30 (40%) *Section A 11 questions. inc. 2x10 mark 4X short qu. on F/W*

- Section A: Changing Places
- Section B: Fieldwork investigation in human geography

A2

Paper 1: Changing landscapes and changing places: 2 hours and 15 minutes (30%) **Section Section B: 10 qu. inc 2X10 mark A: 10 qu. inc 2X10 mark**

- Section A: Coasts or glaciers
- section B: changing places

Paper 2: Global systems and global governance: 2 hours and 15 minutes (30%) 10 questions inc. 4X15 marks

- Section A: water and carbon cycle
- Section B: migration and global governance

Paper 3: Contemporary themes in Geography: 2 hours (20%) Section A: 1X20 mark Section B: 2X30 mark. 1 essay from each topic but choice of 2 for each topic

- Section A: tectonic hazards
- Section B: ecosystems OR Economic growth and challenge: India or China, Energy, weather and climate, development in the African Context

Paper 4: teacher assessed Independent investigation (20%)

Edexcel

AS

Paper 1: ***1 hour and 30 minutes 50% 80 marks up to 12 mark ques.***

- Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – including optional sub-topics from which students choose **one** from two: Glaciated Landscapes and Change **OR** Coastal Landscapes and Change

Paper 2: ***1 hour and 30 minutes 50% 80 marks***

- Topic 3: Globalisation
- Topic 4: Shaping Places – including optional sub-topics from which students choose **one** from two: Regenerating Places or Diverse Places

A2

Paper 1:*: 2 hours 30% of the qualification 90 marks up to 15 mark Qu*

- Section A: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Section B: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change (Glaciers **OR** coasts)
- Section C:The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- section D: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Paper 2*: 2 hours 30% of the qualification 90 marks Up to 15 mark Qu*

- Section A: Globalisation
- Section B: Regenerating places and diverse places (1 question only)
- Section C: Superpowers
- section D: Health, Human rights and Intervention; migration, Identity and Sovereignty (1 question)

Paper 3: ***1 hour and 45 minutes 20% 60 marks up to 18 mark questions***

- ***Synoptic examination on geographical issues***

Paper 4: teacher assessed Independent investigation 60 marks (20%)