Comparison of New Geography GCSE Specs (First Teaching September 2016 / Examinations 2018)

AQA	Edexcel A	Edexcel B	Eduqas (WJEC) A	Eduquas (WJEC) B	OCR A	OCR B
Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment (1 hour 30 minutes / 35%) *Section A: Challenge of Natural Hazards* • Tectonic Hazards • Weather and Climate *Section B: Physical Landscapes in the UK -2 of 3 from:* • *Coast* • *Rivers* • *Glacial* *Section C: Living World* • Ecosystems and Tropical Rainforest • Hot Deserts OR Cold Environments **Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (1 hour 30 minutes / 35%)** • Urban Issues and Challenges • Changing Economic World • Resource Management (with focus on Food or Water or Energy) **Paper 3: Geographical Application (1 hour / 30%)** • Issue Evaluation (from pre-release) • Fieldwork (human and physical including interaction)	**Paper 1: Physical Environment (1 hour 30 min / 37.5%)** *Section A: The Changing landscapes of the UK (2 of 3 from) :* • Coasts • Rivers • Glaciers *Section B: Weather Hazards and Climate Change* *Section C: Ecosystems, biodiversity and management.* **Paper 2: Human Environment (1 hour 30 min / 37.5%)** • *Changing Cities* • *Global Development* • *Resource Management* (With either energy or water resource management). **Paper 3: Geographical Investigation Fieldwork and UK Challenges [1 hour 15 min / 25%)** • *Rivers or Coasts Fieldwork* • *Central/Inner Urban or Rural Settlement Fieldwork* • *UK Challenges Questions*	**Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 minutes / 37.5%)** *Topic 1: Hazardous Earth* • Climatic Hazards • Tectonic Hazards Topic 2: Development Dynamics Topic 3: Challenges of an urbanising world. **Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 minutes 37.5%)** • *Physical Landscape of the UK* • *Coastal Change* • *River Processes and Pressures* • *UK's Evolving Human Landscape* • *Fieldwork Questions(1 Coast/Rivers and 1 urban)* **Paper 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Decisions (1 hour / 25%)** • *People and the Biosphere* • *Forests under threat* • *Consuming energy resources* • *Making Geographical Decisions*	**Paper 1: Changing Physical and Human Landscapes (1 hour 30 minutes / 35%)** • Landscapes and Physical Processes (rivers / coasts) • Rural-Urban Links • Tourism **or** Hazardous Landscapes **Paper 2: Environment and Development Issues (1 hour 30 minutes / 35%)** • Weather, Climate and Ecosystems. • Economic Development Issues • Social Development Issues **or** Environmental Changes **Paper 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry** • Approaches to Fieldwork Methods • Fieldwork Enquiry • Application to UK contexts WJEC will select fieldwork method and WJEC will select concept approach – two contrasting investigations.	**Paper 1: Investigating Geographical Issues** • Changing Places – Changing Economies • Changing Environments (coast, rivers, weather and climate) • Environmental Challenges **Paper 2: Problem Solving Geography** A problem solving paper in three parts assessing the content from across the three themes described in paper 1. **Paper 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry** • Approaches to Fieldwork Methods • Fieldwork Enquiry • Application to UK contexts WJEC will select fieldwork method and WJEC will select concept approach – two contrasting investigations.	**Paper 1: Living the UK Today (1 hour 15 minutes / 30%)** • *Landscapes of the UK* • *People of UK* • *UK Environmental Challenges* **Paper 2: The World Around US (1 hour 15 minutes / 30%)** • *Ecosystems of the Planet* • *People of the Planet (development)* • *Environmental threats to the planet.* **Paper 3: Geographical Skills (1 hour 30 minutes / 40%)** • Geographical Skills • Fieldwork Assessment (should carry out fieldwork in two different environments / human and physical)	**Paper 1: Our Natural World (1 hour 15 minutes / 35%)** • *Global Hazards* • *Changing Climate* • *Distinctive Landscapes* • *Sustaining Ecosystems* • *Fieldwork* • *Geographical Skills* **Paper 2: People and Society (1 hour 15 minutes / 35%)** • Urban Futures • Dynamic Development • UK in the 21st Century • Resource Resilience • Fieldwork • Geographical Skills **Geographical Exploration (1 hour 30 minutes / 30%)** • Geographical Skills • Decision Making Exercise Fieldwork must be one human / one physical in contrasting locations.

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