

# GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Examination Board: AQA GCSE GEOGRAPHY (8035)

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

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## HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED AND ASSESSED?

Geography GCSE is composed of 3 units. You will be examined on:

**Unit 1:** Living with the Physical (35%)

**Unit 2:** Challenges in the Human Environment (35%)

**Unit 3:** Geographical Applications (30%)

### UNIT 1 (1.5 HOUR EXAM):

The Challenge of Natural Hazards – Understanding the impacts that Natural Hazards have on the Human Population

Physical Landscapes in the UK – Understanding the diverse landscapes of the UK, including our coasts and river systems.

The Living World – Understanding the world's Ecosystems, including Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts.

### UNIT 2 (1.5 HOUR EXAM):

Urban Issues and Challenges – Why do we have such a diverse variety of Human Environments?

The Changing Economic World – What are the global variations in Economic Development and Quality of Life?

The Challenge of Resource Management – Why is the distribution of food, water and energy resources uneven?

### UNIT 3 (1.15 HOUR EXAM):

Issue Evaluation – Based on Pre-Release Material surrounding a particular Geographical Issue, it will involve critical thinking and problem solving, by using the secondary resources made available to you.

Fieldwork – There will be two fieldwork investigations, that will involve data collection and a mixture of Physical and Human Geographies.

Your Unit 1 and Unit 2 assessments will take in May/June, at the end of Year 11.

Your Unit 3 Pre-Release Material will become available in March ready for preparation work.

Fieldwork will take place in Year 10 and Year 11.







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