

Exam Board: Edexcel Geography B

Website link: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-b-2016.html>

Course structure:

Unit title	Worth	Assessment
Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues Topic 1 - Hazardous Earth Topic 2 - Development Dynamics Topic 3 - Urbanising World	37.5 % 94 marks	A 1hr 30 minute exam with skills based questions plus multiple choice, describe, explain and 8 mark assess questions for each topic.
Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues Topic 4 - UKs evolving physical landscape Topic 5 - UKs evolving human landscape Topic 6 - Geographical investigations (human and physical fieldwork)	37.5% 94 marks	A 1 hour 30 minute exam with skills based questions plus multiple choice, describe, explain and 8 mark assess questions based on resources, plus fieldwork for each topic.
Paper 3: People/Environment Issues Topic 7 - People and the biosphere Topic 8 - Forests under threat Topic 9 - Consuming energy resources	25% 64 marks	A 1 hour 30 minutes exam based on an unseen resource booklet about energy resources in a forest biome. Students answer multiple choice, describe, explain, 8 mark assess (resource based) and 12 mark justify questions.

Students will be sitting a Paper 1 & 2 exam for their March mocks. To prepare, they should:

1. **Audit** their Paper 1 and 2 confidence using the table below that summarises content/case studies
2. Make sure they have revisited their **knowledge organisers** for paper 1 and 2
3. Make sure they have **case study cards** for all of the case studies listed in the table below
4. **Complete the application revision exam style questions booklet on urbanising world**

Student exercise books should contain all the information students need to do well. If students are missing any content, lesson and revision resources can be found on google classroom. Students also have access to:

- **A3 knowledge organisers**, which have been given out for each topic.
- **Seneca learning**, which is an excellent online resource, great for testing knowledge recall.
- Student **homework booklets** have lots of exam style questions to practise.
- The **Edexcel Geography B website** has all past papers, mark schemes and summary guides.
- **Application revision** resources have been uploaded onto google classroom e.g practice questions.
- **Case study summary slides** for each paper have been uploaded onto google classroom.
- **Revision guides** can also be purchased if required – the geography team will be happy to discuss the most suitable publications.
- **Intervention sessions** for students identified as needing support run on Monday after school.
- After school **higher attainer support sessions** run Monday and Friday after school.

To be successful, it is vital that all geography students:

1. Attend ALL lessons and prep; arrive punctually with homework. Be engaged/contribute in lessons.
2. Complete independent revision (1 hour using google classroom resources) and green pen weekly.
3. Complete application revision with plenty of exam question practice (all on google classroom).
4. Attend after school interventions when instructed to do so.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your teachers via the following emails:

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Geography Exam Preparation – the push to success!

The tables below summarise the content and case studies that students need to know and understand if they are to do well in their geography exams. They should audit their confidence and work from there!

Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues

Final Exam Date: Friday 17th May (pm)

Hazardous earth	Development dynamics	Urbanising world
Key content to revise: Global atmospheric circulation Natural/human climate change causes Impacts of climate change Future climate uncertainty Causes, impacts and management of tropical cyclones Earth structure & plate boundaries Earthquake, volcano, tsunami Primary/secondary earthquake impacts Earthquake management	Key content to revise: Defining & measuring development Global inequality and theories Top down/bottom up development Location and context of India Changes in India since 1990 Impacts of globalisation on India Impacts of development on people and the environment in India Rapid development and the impact on India's role in the world.	Key content to revise: Past and current urbanisation trends Megacities and world cities Causes of city growth Differences in urban economies Changes in cities/land use over time Mumbai's site, situation & structure Causes of Mumbai's growth Impact of growth on land use Positives/negatives of Mumbai's growth Strategies to improve Mumbai
Case studies required: Hurricane Katrina & Typhoon Haiyan Haiti & Japan Earthquake (tsunami) Climate change impacts	Case studies required: Malawi Main study is India (emerging country)	Case studies required: Kampala, New Delhi, Detroit New York Main study is Mumbai (emerging megacity)

Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues

Final Exam date: Wednesday 5th June (am)

UK physical landscape	UK human landscape
Key content to revise: How geology and past processes shape the landscape Upland & lowland; weathering and slope processes Human activity and distinct landscapes Coastal geology, processes and landforms Impact of human activity on coasts Increasing risks of flooding Coastal management (hard, soft, sustainable, ICZM) Features and processes along a river profile Causes and impacts of flooding, plus increased risk Managing flood risk	Key content to revise: Features of core and periphery areas with UK and policies Impact of migration and population change on the UK Changes in employment sectors, globalisation and FDI London's site, situation, connections, structure, function Causes of types of migration and inequality in London City decline and growth - causes and impacts Regeneration, rebranding, sustainable urban strategies Interdependence of city and rural areas – impacts. Causes and impacts of rural change Strategies to improve rural life
Case studies required: Upland (Lake District) & Lowland (The Weald) Human activity – South Downs Holderness Coast flooding and management River Don, Sheffield flooding and management Coasts fieldwork: Eastbourne	Case studies required: Main study is London (Richmond, Newham, Lambeth) Terling (interdependence with London) Exeter (causes and impacts of change) Cornwall (problems and solutions) Urban fieldwork: Kensington and Chelsea

Paper 3: People and Environment Issues

Final Exam date: Friday 14th June (am)

People and the biosphere	Forests under threat	Consuming energy resources
Key content to revise: Global distribution of biomes Global and local influences Biosphere resources & exploitation Biosphere impact on climate, water and nutrient cycles Global & regional resource and population trends Malthus and Boserup theories	Key content to revise: TRF structure, function & adaptation Taiga features reflecting its climate TRF threats; deforestation and climate change Taiga threats; logging, acid rain, forest fires and pests. Global (CITES/REDD) and sustainable forest management. National parks & sustainable forestry	Key content to revise: Classification of energy resources Resource extraction has impacts Access to energy is uneven, as is use Demand for oil is rising, access is uneven Pros and cons of using new resources Reducing fossil fuel use has technical challenges Fossil fuel alternatives & future technologies Changing attitudes to energy

Main tips for exam success: Always BUG questions, try every question, double develop explanations, use the GCSE acronym when describing patterns, use specific case study facts, balance your argument, use different ways of analysing (SEE, scale etc), add conclusions in 8 mark Qs, check SPAG to gain 4 easy marks.