

# What do I need to know my Geography GCSE...?

## Exam Structure:

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment (1hr30)

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment (1hr30)

Paper 3: Geographical applications (1hr15)

## What will they be expected to know / do in the exam?

Living with the physical environment	Challenges in the human environment	Geographical applications
<b>Worth 35% of the GCSE</b>  88 marks in total  <b>Section A:</b> Natural Hazards including tectonic and atmospheric hazards, extreme weather and climate change  <b>Section B:</b> The Living World with a focus on tropical rainforests and hot deserts – <b>not cold environments.</b>  <b>Section C:</b> Physical Landscapes in the UK, focusing on rivers and coasts – <b>not glacial landscapes.</b>	<b>Worth 35% of the GCSE</b>  88 marks in total  <b>Section A:</b> Urban Issues and Challenges with an in-depth study on Rio de Janeiro and Birmingham  <b>Section B:</b> The Changing Economic World focusing on how Nigeria and the UK have been affected by economic development  <b>OR</b>  <b>Section C:</b> Resource Management including food, water and energy demand in the UK and global water – <b>do not need to know global food or global energy.</b>	<b>Worth 30% of the GCSE</b>  76 marks in total  <b>Section A:</b> Issues of Evaluation which includes a pre-released booklet that is available 12 weeks before the paper 3 exam  <b>Section B:</b> Fieldwork including your specific examples of Bewdley (physical geography) and Longbridge (human geography)

## Top Tips for Geography Revision

- Buy a copy of the CGP revision guide – letters have been handed out this year for you to purchase off ParentPay
- Attend study supports that are put on as part of the Geography Revision programme on Thursdays in the run up to mock exams and the actual exams in May and June
- Ensure you know your case studies – it is not good enough to just know the name, location and date of them! Try to cut down your case studies into 5 pieces of important information on a flash card.
- Make sure you understand the different command words, so you are answering the question properly e.g. there is a difference between describe and explain!
- Practice the structure of your exam answers – try to give 3 developed points using the PEEL structure (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link)
- Mind-maps, revision clocks and flash cards are useful revision tools – there will be chance for you to complete these with the help of your teacher.

## Next Steps

- Plan which study supports you are going to attend as they will provide you with a condensed recap of each topic using revision clocks, a really great way to start your revision.
- Look back over your DIRT task sheets from the November Trial Exam, what areas of improvement did you pick out and focus on how you are going to achieve this – remember your geography teacher is happy to help.
- Exam Practice!! Use the AQA website below to help you answer sample questions. Try to use the designated times and some even have the mark schemes so you can self-assess OR ask your teacher to mark the 6 and 9-mark questions for you.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

