



## GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: Edexcel

### AS Level

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Geography consists of two externally-examined papers.  
Students must complete all assessment in May/June in any single year.

#### About the course

There are two units, Unit 1: Physical Processes and Unit 2: Dynamic Places

#### Unit 1 Content Summary:

- „ Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- „ Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – One topic from two (either Glaciated Landscapes and Change **or** Coastal Landscapes and Change

#### How is it assessed?

1-hour-and-30-minute examination in two sections - 50% of AS grade.

The examination may include multiple-choice questions, short open, open response, calculations and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 9-mark and 12-mark extended writing questions. Calculators may be used.

Section A, Question 2 contains a 12-mark synoptic question that assesses students' understanding of one of three synoptic themes and of one of the core geographical concepts.

Section B, Question 5 will assess fieldwork in relation to Glaciated Landscapes and Change and Section C, Question 8 will assess fieldwork in relation to Coastal Landscapes and Change.

#### Unit 2 Content Summary:

- „ Topic 3: Globalisation
- „ Topic 4: Shaping Places – One topic from two (either Regenerating Places **or** Diverse Places

#### Assessment:

1 hour 30 minutes examination in two sections – 50% of overall grade.

The examination may include multiple-choice questions, short open, open response, calculations and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 9-mark and 12-mark extended writing questions. Calculators may be used.

Section A, Question 2 contains a 12-mark synoptic question that assesses students' understanding of one of three synoptic themes and of one of the core geographical concepts.

Section B, Question 5 will assess fieldwork in relation to Regenerating Places and Section C,

Question 8 will assess fieldwork in relation to Diverse Places.

## A Level

### About the Course

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography consists of three externally examined papers and one coursework component.

#### Paper 1 – 2 hour exam (30%)

- Area of study 1 Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Area of study 1 Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change
- Area of study 3 Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- Area of study 3 Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security
- Area of study 3 Topic 7: Climate Change Futures

An externally-assessed written examination comprising four sections. Students answer **all** questions in Section A (Tectonic Processes and Hazards), Section C (The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity) and Section D (The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security). Students answer **either** Question 2 (Glaciated Landscapes and Change) **or** Question 3 (Coastal Landscapes and Change) in Section B (Glaciated Landscapes and Change and Coastal Landscapes and Change).

#### Paper 2 – 2 hour exam (30%)

- Area of study 2 Topic 3: Globalisation
- Area of study 2 Topic 4: Shaping Places
- Area of study 4 Topic 8: Superpowers
- Area of study 4 Topic 9: Global Development and Connections

An externally-assessed written examination comprising four sections. Students answer **all** questions in Section A (Globalisation) and Section C (Superpowers). Students answer **one** question from Section B (Regenerating Places and Diverse Places) and **one** question from Section D (Health, Human Rights and Intervention; Migration, Identity and Sovereignty).

#### Paper 3 – 1 hour 45 minutes hour exam (20%)

- Players
- Attitudes and actions
- Futures and uncertainties
- The synoptic investigation will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to the three synoptic themes and is rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas.

An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections. A resource booklet will contain information about the geographical issue. Students answer **all** questions in Section A, Section B and Section C.

#### Coursework: Independent Investigation (20%)

- The student's investigation will incorporate fieldwork data (collected individually or as part of a group) and own research and/or secondary data
- The fieldwork which forms the focus and context of the individual investigation may be either human, physical or integrated physical-human