

AS Geography Edexcel Year 12s only

New Geography- Specification 2016

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.

Paper 1: (*Paper code: 8GE0/01)

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes

50% of the qualification

90 marks

Content overview

- Area of study 1, Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Area of study 1, Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – one sub-topic from either: 2A Glaciated Landscapes and Change or 2B Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections. Students answer Section A and **either** Section B **or** Section C.

Section A relates to Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards.

Section B relates to Topic 2A: Glaciated Landscapes and Change

Section C relates to Topic 2B: Coastal Landscapes and Change.

The examination may include multiple-choice questions, short open, open response, calculations and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 12-mark and 16-mark extended writing questions. Calculators will be required.

In optional Sections B or C, one question will assess fieldwork in relation to Glaciated Landscapes and Change or Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Each section ends with one 16-mark synoptic question that assesses students' understanding of one of three synoptic themes and of one of the core geographical concepts.

Paper 2: Dynamic Places (*Paper code: 8GE0/02)

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes

50% of the qualification

90 marks

Content overview

- Area of study 2, Topic 3: Globalisation
- Area of study 2, Topic 4: Shaping Places– one sub-topic from either: 4A Regenerating Places or 4B Diverse Places.

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections. Students answer Section A and **either** Section B **or** Section C.

Section A relates to Topic 3: Globalisation.

Section B relates to Topic 4A: Regenerating Places

Section C relates to Topic 4B: Diverse Places

The examination may include multiple-choice questions, short open, open response, calculations and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 12-mark and 16-mark extended-writing questions. Calculators will be required.

In optional Sections B or C one question will assess fieldwork in relation to Regenerating Places or Diverse Places. Each section ends with one 16-mark synoptic question that assesses students' understanding of one of three synoptic themes and of one of the core geographical concepts.

The AS is now decoupled from the Full GCEA Level – which means that marks from the AS are not carried over into the Second Year-this a stand-alone course. Candidates continuing into the Second Year will sit Paper 1 and paper 2 again to an Advanced Level plus do an additional Synoptic paper 3 based on the compulsory themes covered in the specification and also complete an Independent Investigation of 3000-4000 words.

Full details can be found:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html>