

Paper 1: Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of GCSE

88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG))

Living with the physical environment

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards (33 marks)

- Tectonic hazards – Earthquake case studies Nepal (LIC) and Christchurch, New Zealand (HIC)
- Weather hazards – Tropical storm case study Hurricane Katrina
- Climate change

Section B: The living world (25 marks)

- Ecosystems
- Tropical rainforests – Amazon case study
- Hot deserts – Thar desert case study

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK (30 marks)

- Coastal landscapes – Lyme Regis, Dorset

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels marked 4, 6 and 9 mark questions.

Paper 2: Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes, 35 % of GCSE

63 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG) at the end of Section A)

Challenges of the human environment

Section A: Urban Issues (33 marks)

- Urbanisation
- NEE city case study Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- UK city case study Birmingham

Section B: The changing world (30 marks)

- Development
- Economic development in a NEE country case study, Brazil
- Economic development in the UK

Section C: Resource Management – YOU WILL NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS SECTION

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels marked 4, 6 and 9 mark questions (in section A only).

Paper 3: Written exam: 1 hour, 30 % of GCSE

56 marks (There are 3 SPaG marks on a 6-mark questions within Section A (issue evaluation))

Section A: Issue evaluation – Pre-Release booklet

Section B: Fieldwork