

GCSE Geography A

Our Geography A specification fully embraces and offers fresh perspectives on a wide range of updated topics, such as sustainability and globalisation, to capture the imagination and interest of you and your learners.

Our GCSE Geography A specification:

- Offers learners the opportunity to look at geography from a new and exciting perspective
- Emphasises a range of issues facing today's society, e.g. sustainability, globalisation and uneven development
- Helps learners to understand the relevance of geographical studies to their lives and to the real world
- Engages learners with modern content and the opportunity to use creative methods to present their work, e.g. cartoons, reflective journals, poems and videos
- Comes with comprehensive support and pre-release materials to help teachers to prepare their learners fully
- Encourages learners to understand facts and figures about their environment as well as developing a caring attitude towards looking after it.



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Course details

Full course

Unit	Assessment Type	Duration	Weighting
Unit A671: Extreme Environments	Written examination	1 hour	25%
Unit A672: You as a Global Citizen	Controlled assessment		25%
Unit A673: Similarities and Differences	Written examination	1 hour	25%
Unit A674: Issues in our Fast-changing World	Written examination or computer-based test	1 hour	25%

Controlled assessment – what is it?

Controlled assessment is coursework in a supervised environment and it replaced traditional coursework from September 2009. This has been introduced by QCDA to address some of the issues raised in coursework reviews, such as plagiarism.

Also available for teaching – GCSE Geography B (Full or Short Course)

This quality specification has been updated to reflect modern geography. It provides an excellent start for learners who want to pursue geography at A Level or as a career. Visit www.ocr.org.uk/geographyb/gcse for further details.

Support and training

After extensive research and consultation with teachers, we have developed a range of support materials for you. They have been designed to save you time in preparing and to support you in teaching our GCSE Geography A specification. They include:

- INSET training (full day course)
- Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) for each unit
- Sample Schemes of Work and Lesson Plans
- Teacher's Handbook
- Endorsed publisher materials from Heinemann, including a Student Book
- Guide to controlled assessment
- Answers@OCR is a new service available where you can access specific and up-to-date information about our GCSE Geography qualifications by visiting <http://answers.ocr.org.uk>



For further help and support

- Call our Customer Contact Centre on **01223 553998**
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Download the specification and available support materials at

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