

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations

OCR GCSE IN GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)

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KEY SKILLS GUIDANCE

Introduction

Key Skills are central to successful employment and underpin future success in learning independently. Whilst they are certificated separately, the Key Skills guidance for this qualification has been designed to support the teaching and learning of the content. Opportunities for developing the generic Key Skills of Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology are indicated through the use of a support 'key symbol' in Section C of the specification. The wider Key Skills of Working with Others, Problem Solving and Improving Own Learning and Performance may also be developed through the teaching programmes associated with the specification.

The following matrix indicates those Key Skills for which opportunities for at least some coverage of the relevant Key Skills Unit exist within Geography B (Avery Hill).

	Communication	Application of Number	IT	Working with Others	Improving Own Learning and Performance	Problem Solving
Level 1	1	~	1	1	1	1
Level 2	1	1	1	1	1	1

This document offers detailed guidance on the Key Skills evidence that a candidate might produce during the course. It focuses on the evidence required to meet the criteria for the internally assessed Key Skills portfolio. For example, in producing the work for assessment as evidence of C2.1a (Contribute to a discussion about a straightforward subject) a candidate is required to:

- Make clear and relevant contributions in a way that suits their purpose and situation.
- Listen and respond appropriately to what others say.
- Help to move the discussion forward.

The Key Skills and Evidence Requirements on the following tables are quoted from Part B of the QCA Key Skills specification and, as such, are addressed to the candidate. The Opportunities for Development provide guidance for teachers about how the specification might be used to provide teaching and learning opportunities and/or assessment opportunities for the Key Skill.

For further information about the requirements of these units, teachers should refer to QCA's Key Skills specifications (2000 version).

For further information about the assessment and certification of Key Skills, teachers should contact OCR.

The discrete examples given on the following pages are meant to show how 'normal' class teaching can generate evidence of Key Skills attainment. It should be noted, however, that a

more complete view of Key Skills competence can be achieved in the preparation for, progress in and completion of the coursework package. Even though reference is made to both the Study and the Cross-Unit Task, taken together, they allow candidates to acquire naturally occurring evidence for a significant proportion of the Key Skills at levels 1 and 2. This is summarised in the diagram below.

COURSEWORK ↑	
Problem Solving	
Problem solving is the basis of the coursework design.	
Teachers can use the Coursework Design Model as a	
'check list' to generate discussion with the candidate	
and the creation of opportunities to collect and check	
the evidence.	
Communication	
C1.1, 2.1: especially if there is an oral Cross-Unit Task.	
C1.2, 2.2: Preparation and note taking for both Study and Cross-Unit Task.	
C1.3, 2.3: taken together, the Study and Task present this evidence.	
Application of Number	
N1.1, 2.1: Planning and data collection.	
N1.2, 2.2: Evidence (data) is refined and checked.	
N1.3, 2.3: Stages 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Coursework Design Model.	
Information Technology	
IT1.1, 2.1, 2.2: Interrogating and accessing computer data.	
IT1.2, 2.3: Presentation of at least one of the coursework items by ICT.	
Save it. Evaluation.	
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Working With Others	
WO1.1, 2.1: Planning and organising fieldwork, the structure of data designs,	
Questionnaire analysis.	
WO1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3: Not normally part of the coursework.	
To be added in discussion with teacher. Based on individual	
and group discussion between teacher, colleagues and candidate.	
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Improving Own Learning and Performance	
Normally done informally and in an ad hoc way. To meet Key Skills	
criteria this will entail 'training' the candidate, developing documentation	
and 'creating' time in the teaching programme.	
Deficiencies in all or part of a Key Skill at the end of this 'audit' of coursework can	
be made up from the classwork, homework, 'trial' examinations in geography listed	
in the tables above. These may be replaced or complemented by examples	
developed by the teacher/Centre. Also by other subjects being studied.	
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CON	COMMUNICATION LEVELS 1 & 2 GCSE GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)				
KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT		
C1.1	Take part in a one-to-one discussion and a group discussion about different, straightforward subjects.	 Provide information that is relevant to the subject and purpose of the discussion. Speak clearly in a way that suits the situation. Listen and respond appropriately to what others say. 	Group work on Unit 3 , Key Ideas 4 and 5 - the arguments for and against a local planning issue. The topic treated as a conflict between two groups of people, planners and residents. Discussion based on group work.		
C1.2	Read and obtain information from two different types of documents about straightforward subjects, including at least one image.	 Read relevant material. Identify accurately the main points and ideas in material. Use the information to suit your purpose. 	Homework exercise derived from Unit 3 , Key Ideas 7 and 8 - migration. The task is based on a short newspaper report without an image, and one produced by an NGO, with illustrations, e.g. maps, graphs. Link with class discussion for C1.1.		
C1.3	Write two different types of documents about straightforward subjects. Include at least one image in one of the documents.	 Present relevant information in a form that suits your purpose. Ensure text is legible. Make sure that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so your meaning is clear. 	The coursework , comprising the Study , with its extended writing format, and the Cross-Unit Task with the possibility of a newspaper format, a letter to the local council or a firm arguing a particular case. Answers from 'mock' tests.		
C2.1a	Contribute to a discussion about a straightforward subject.	 Make clear and relevant contributions in a way that suits your purpose and situation. Listen and respond appropriately to what others say. Help to move the discussion forward. 	Classroom discussion/ presentation showing two clearly defined points of view, e.g. Unit 3, Key Ideas 4 and 5 . Arguments for and against a local planning issue.		
C2.1b	Give a short talk about a straightforward subject, using an image.	 Speak clearly in a way that suits your subject, purpose and situation. Keep to the subject and structure your talk to help listeners follow what you are saying. Use an image to clearly illustrate your main points. 	Presentation to the class/group using at least two of map/graph/ photograph. Example would be a consideration of 'sustainability' in the context of Unit 4 , Key Idea 9 .		
C2.2	Read and summarise information from two extended documents about a straightforward subject. One of the documents should include at least one image.	 Select and read relevant material. Identify accurately the lines of reasoning and main points from text and images. Summarise the information to suit your purpose. 	Homework task based on Unit 3 , Key Ideas 7 and 8 - migration. The exercise uses a newspaper article without any images, and an illustrated pamphlet produced by a NGO. The exercise requires students to summarise the two articles/viewpoints and draw conclusions.		

C2.3	Write two different types of documents about straightforward subjects. One piece of writing should be an extended document and include at least one image.	 Present relevant information in an appropriate form. Use a structure and style of writing to suit your purpose. Ensure text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate, so your meaning is clear. 	The coursework , comprising the Study , with its requirement for extended writing, and the Cross-Unit Task with its more focused writing activities, such as a newspaper article. The context of the exercise is flooding and its consequences. The activities are to produce (a) an account (with illustrations) of the local flooding for local residents, and (b) to write a letter to the Environmental Agency. Answers from 'mock' tests.
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APP	LICATION OF NUMBER	LEVELS 1 & 2 GC	SE GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)	
KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT	
N1.1	Interpret straightforward information from two different sources. At least one source should be a table, chart, diagram or line graph.	 Obtain the information you need to meet the purpose of your task. Identify suitable calculations to get the results you need. 	At a small scale, a class exercise using local weather data – Unit 1, Key Idea 1 . Contrast local weather data with comparable information derived from a global scale, e.g. data, maps, satellite photographs from India or Brazil.	
N1.2	 Carry out straightforward calculations to do with: a) amounts and sizes; b) scales and proportion; c) handling statistics. 	 Carry out calculations to the levels of accuracy you have been given. Check your results make sense. 	Unit 2, Key Idea 1 and 2 : an exercise on the uses of water supply in the home region or the local area. The task to discover the relationships between domestic use, leisure use and industrial use. This will involve calculations involving a, b and c.	
N1.3	Interpret the results of your calculations and present your findings. You must use one chart and one diagram.	 Choose suitable ways to present your findings. Present your findings clearly. Describe how the results of your calculations meet the purpose of your task. 	Coursework – the Study. An exercise on Unit 3, Key Ideas 1, 2 and 3 – improving the local urban environment. The interpretation of house survey data, traffic counts, questionnaire responses of residents. Represent and interpret the data.	
You mu	ust: carry through at least one substantial activity	that includes straightforward tasks for N2.1, N2.2 and N2.3		
N2.1	Interpret information from two different sources, including material containing a graph.	 Choose how to obtain the information needed to meet the purpose of your activity. Obtain the relevant information. Select appropriate methods to get the results you need. 	Unit 1, Key Idea 1 – produce information about local weather. Obtain, record and interpret data from Centre or local weather station, supported by satellite photographs. Production of extended prose writing, including illustrative graphs and tables.	
N2.2	Carry out calculations to do with: a) amounts and sizes; b) scales and proportion; c) handling statistics; d) using formulae.	 Carry out calculations, clearly showing your methods and levels of accuracy. Check your methods to identify and correct any errors, and make sure your results make sense. 	Unit 2, Key Idea 2 – an exercise on the sources and uses of local water supply, e.g. relationships between different uses, plotting and mapping, handling data, correlations (means, and standard deviations, Spearman Rank Order). Evidence from 'mock' tests.	
N2.3	Interpret the results of your calculations and present your findings. You must use at least one graph, one chart and one diagram.	 Select effective ways to present your findings. Present your findings clearly and describe your methods. Explain how the results of your calculations meet the purpose of your activity. 	In depth exercise from Unit 3, Key Ideas 4 and 5 – improving the local urban environment. Interpretation of housing surveys, traffic counts, opinions of residents. Study or essay using graphs, charts, diagrams.	

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		LEVELS 1 & 2 GCSE	GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)
KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
IT1.1	Find, explore and develop information for two different purposes.	 Find and select relevant information. Enter and bring in information, using formats that help development. Explore and develop information to meet your purpose. 	The use of computer-aided learning programmes, such as CD Roms in, for example, Unit 3, Key Idea 1. Study of residential areas of the UK and of selected LEDCs.
IT1.2	Present information for two different purposes. Your work must include at least one example of text, one example of images and one example of numbers.	 Use appropriate layouts for presenting information in a consistent way. Develop the presentation so it is accurate, clear and meets your purpose. Save information so it can be found easily. 	An investigation in class or as part of the Study/Cross-Unit Task will allow the candidate to enter and bring together information in a consistent form, e.g. list tables, printing out of data, saving data. Ideally assessed in relation to the progress in and completion of the coursework . Example, Unit 1, Key Idea 8 – a synthesising exercise.
IT2.1	Search for and select information for two different purposes.	 Identify the information you need and suitable sources. Carry out effective searches. Select information that is relevant to your purpose. 	The use of computer-assisted learning, such as CD ROMs in, for example, Unit 3, Key Idea 2: Study of residential areas of the UK compared with selected LEDCs.
IT2.2	Explore and develop information, and derive new information, for two different purposes.	 Enter and bring together information using formats that help development. Explore information as needed for your purpose. Develop information and derive new information as appropriate. 	An investigation in class or for the Study which will allow candidates to show the development of a complete exploration-development package, from entering data to accessing and amending/saving data. Exercise in Unit 1, Key Idea 8 .
IT2.3	Present combined information for two different purposes. Your work must include at least one example of text, one example of images and one example of numbers.	 Select and use appropriate layouts for presenting combined information in a consistent way. Develop the presentation to suit your purpose and the types of information. Ensure your work is accurate, clear and saved appropriately. 	Cross-Unit Task based on Unit 2, Key Idea 6 – sustainable development. Newspaper article or 'publicity brochure' format to show the total challenges of a development scheme on a beach in Thailand.

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	st: Provide at least two examples of meeting the star u can work in group situations).	ndard for WO1.1, WO1.2 and WO1.3 (one example must show you car	n work in one-to-one situations and one example must
WO1.1	Confirm what needs to be done to achieve given objectives, including your responsibilities and working arrangements.	 Check that you clearly understand the objectives you have been given for working together. Identify what needs to be done to achieve these objectives and suggest ways you could help. Make sure that you are clear about your responsibilities and working arrangements. 	Plan, with a group, a piece of research into a problem/ issue, e.g. in Unit 4, Key Idea 1 , an investigation into past, present and possible future changes in employment in the local area.
WO1.2	Work with others towards achieving given objectives, carrying out tasks to meet your responsibilities.	 Carry out tasks to meet your responsibilities. Work safely, and accurately follow the working methods you have been given. Ask for help and offer support to others, when appropriate. 	Planning group collection of data, questionnaire design and administration for a class project on Unit 3, Key Idea 2 – 'Quality of life in part of a town or village' (not in the local area). Carried out in class and in the field.
WO1.3	Identify progress and suggest ways of improving work with others to help achieve given objectives.	 Identify what has gone well in working with others. Report any difficulties in meeting your responsibilities and say what you did about them. Suggest ways of improving work with others to help achieve the objectives. 	Monitor progress made in collecting evidence, reflecting on ways the collaborative working could be improved. Ideally assessed in relation to the evaluation of the Study or Cross-Unit Task . The use of the 'Coursework Design Model' on page 13 of the Specification.

WOF	WORKING WITH OTHERS LEVEL 2 GCSE GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)				
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	st: Provide at least two examples of meeting the star u can work in group situations).	ndard for WO2.1, WO2.2 and WO2.3 (one example must show you car	n work in one-to-one situations and one example must		
WO2.1	Plan straightforward work with others, identifying objectives and clarifying responsibilities, and confirm working arrangements.	 Identify the objectives of working together and what needs to be done to achieve these objectives. Exchange relevant information to clarify responsibilities. Confirm working arrangements with those involved. 	Class-based group work involving planning a piece of research into a problem/issue, e.g. Unit 4, Key Idea 1, an investigation into past, present and possible future changes in employment in the local area.		
WO2.2	Work cooperatively with others towards achieving identified objectives, organising tasks to meet your responsibilities.	 Organise your own tasks so you can be effective in meeting your responsibilities. Carry out tasks accurately and safely, using appropriate working methods. Support cooperative ways of working, seeking advice from an appropriate person when needed. 	Planning group collation of collected data, questionnaire design and administration for a class- based project on Unit 3, Key Idea 2, - 'Quality of life'. Fieldwork exercise not in the local area.		
WO2.3	Exchange information on progress and agree ways of improving work with others to help achieve objectives.	 Provide relevant information on what has gone well and what has gone less well in working with others, including the quality of your work. Listen and respond appropriately to progress reports from others. Agree ways of improving work with others to help achieve the objectives. 	Ideally done in relation to the Study/Cross-Unit Task . Integral part of the assessment of the work up to the 'Conclusion' in the Coursework Design Model, in particular, 'Critical Evaluation'.		

KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
You mu	ust: Provide at least two examples of meeting the star	ndard for LP1.1, LP1.2 and LP1.3.	
LP1.1	Confirm understanding of your short-term targets, and plan how these will be met, with the person setting them.	 Make sure targets clearly show what you want to achieve. Identify clear action points and deadlines for each target. Identify how to get the support you need and the arrangements for reviewing your progress. 	Establish with the teacher through 1 to 1 discussion, targets for homework, classwork, e.g. Unit 1, Key Idea 7. One piece of work aimed at obtaining data from the local area and another from a printed/computer held source of global information.
LP1.2	 Follow your plan, using support given by others to help meet targets. Improve your performance by: Studying a straightforward subject. Learning through a straightforward practical activity. 	 Work through your action points to complete tasks on time. Use support given by others to help you meet targets. Use different ways of learning suggested by your supervisor, and make changes, when needed, to improve your performance. 	In coursework , use the Coursework Design Model as a log for the evaluation of personal planning, progress and attainment to make relevant changes when needed.
LP1.3	Review your progress and achievements in meeting targets, with an appropriate person.	 Say what you learned and how you learned, including what has gone well and what has gone less well. Identify targets you have met and your achievements. Check what you need to do to improve your performance. 	Keep a portfolio of tasks which have been assessed during the course of study and how, possibly through a log (see LP1.2) the candidate learnt and improved performance from a range of comments. Extension of LP1.1 and LP1.2.

IMPROVING OWN LEARNING LEVEL 1 AND PERFORMANCE

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IMPROVING OWN LEARNINGLEVEL 2AND PERFORMANCE

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KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
You m	ust: Provide at least two examples of meeting the sta	andard for LP2.1, LP2.2 and LP2.3.	
LP2.1	Help set short-term targets with an appropriate person and plan how these will be met.	 Provide accurate information to help set realistic targets for what you want to achieve. Identify clear action points for each target. Plan how you will use your time well to meet targets, including use of support and arrangements for reviewing your progress. 	Establish with the teachers through 1 to 1 discussion, targets for homework, classwork, e.g. Unit 1, Key Idea 7. One piece of work aimed at obtaining data from the local area and another from a printed/computer held source of global information.
LP2.2	 Take responsibility for some decisions about your learning, using your plan and support from others to help meet targets. Improve your performance by: Studying a straightforward subject. Learning through a straightforward practical activity. 	 Use your action points to help manage your time well and complete tasks, revising your plan when needed. Identify when you need support and use this effectively to help you meet targets. Select and use different ways of learning to improve your performance, working for short periods without close supervision. 	In coursework , use the Coursework Design Model as a log for the evaluation of personal planning, progress and attainment to make relevant changes when needed.
LP2.3	Review progress with an appropriate person and provide evidence of your achievements, including how you have used learning from one task to meet the demands of a new task.	 Identify what and how you learned, including what has gone well and what has gone less well. Identify targets you have met and evidence of your achievements. Identify ways to further improve your performance. 	Keep a portfolio of tasks which have been assessed during the course of study and how, possibly through a log (see LP1.2) the candidate learnt and improved performance from a range of comments. Extension of LP1.1 and LP1.2.

PROBLEM SOLVING LEVEL 1		GUSE	GEOGRAPHY B (AVERY HILL)
KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
You mu	ust: Provide at least two examples of meeting the star	ndard for PS1.1, PS1.2 and PS1.3.	
PS1.1	Confirm your understanding of the given problem with an appropriate person and identify two options for solving it.	 Check that you are clear about the problem you have been given and how to show success in solving it. Identify different ways of tackling the problem. Decide, with help, which options are most likely to be successful. 	Classwork task – role play exercise for Unit 4, Key Idea 9, 'What aspects of economic activity affect the physical environment and what conflicts arise?'
PS1.2	Plan and try out at least one option for solving the problem, using advice and support given by others.	 Confirm with an appropriate person the option you will try for solving the problem. Plan how to carry out this option. Follow through your plan, making use of advice and support given by others. 	Present notes or essay plan which is then executed through the writing of an extended piece of writing or essay. Example, Unit 1, Key Ideas 4-7 , how to produce a report on the question of whether management of an ecosystem is important to its survival.
PS1.3	Check if the problem has been solved by following given methods and describe the results, including ways to improve your approach to problem solving.	 Check if the problem has been solved by accurately following the methods you have been given. Describe clearly the results of tackling the problem. Identify ways of improving your approach to problem solving. 	Discussion with teacher of the work to ensure the problem or issue has been addressed appropriately. Describe the results in a log of progress/research. Example: Unit 2, Key Ideas 4 and 5, task on the formation of a landform. How to evaluate the contribution of erosion.

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KEY S	KILL	EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
You m	ust: Provide at least two examples of meeting the sta	andard for PS2.1, PS2.2 and PS2.3.	
PS2.1	Identify a problem and come up with two options for solving it.	 Identify the problem, accurately describing its main features, and how to show success in solving it. Come up with different ways of tackling the problem. Decide which options have a realistic chance of success, using help from others when appropriate. 	Discussion with teacher of the work to ensure the problem or issue has been addressed appropriately. Describe the results in a log of progress/research. Example: Unit 2, Key Ideas 4 and 5, task on the formation of a landform. How to evaluate the contribution of erosion.
PS2.2	Plan and try out at least one option for solving the problem, obtaining support and making changes to your plan when needed.	 Confirm with an appropriate person the option you will try for solving the problem, and plan how to carry it out. Use your plan, organising the relevant tasks and making changes to your plan when needed. Obtain and effectively use any support needed. 	Present notes or essay plan which is then executed through an essay, etc. example, Unit 1, Key Ideas 4-7 , how to produce a report on the question of whether management of an ecosystem is important to its survival.
PS2.3	Check if the problem has been solved by applying given methods, describe results and explain your approach to problem solving.	 Check if the problem has been solved by accurately applying the methods you have been given. Describe clearly the results, and explain the decisions you took at each stage of tackling the problem. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your approach to problem solving, and describe what you would do differently if you met a similar problem. 	Discussion with teacher of the work to ensure a problem or issue has been appropriately addressed. Describe the results in a log of progress/research. Example: Unit 2, Key Ideas 4 and 5, a task on the formation of a landform – 'How to discover the role of erosion in its formation'.

PROBLEM SOLVING LEVEL 2

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