

Summary of the three Geography Exam paper and the NEA at A'level

Paper 1 – Physical Geography (2 hours and 15 minutes) – 105 marks / 30% of the qualification

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Coastal Landscapes and Change (landscape option)
- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Paper 2 – Human Geography (2 hours and 15 minutes) – 105 marks / 30% of the qualification

- Globalisation
- Regenerating Places (shaping places option)
- Superpowers
- Migration, Identity and Sovereignty (global development option)

Paper 3 – Synoptic paper (2 hours and 15 minutes) – 70 marks / 20% of the qualification

This paper links two or more of the compulsory content of the syllabus – tectonics, water, carbon, globalisation and superpowers to a particular place for the student to study and comment on the geographical issues, processes and implications for that place in a synoptic manner. A resource booklet is provided for the students to draw upon for their analysis.

Coursework – Independent Investigation (Non-Examined Assessment) – 70 marks / 20% of the qualification

The student defines their own question or issue for investigation. This topic is their choice, but must relate to an aspect of the course specification. They will undertake primary research independently, or whilst on the field trips organised in year 12. They will also gather their own secondary data and incorporate this into their report. All the training required for the fieldwork, data collection, presentation and analysis will be provided during the latter half of Year 12 and the Autumn Term of Year 13. The final report produced by the student will be 3000 – 4000 words in length.