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Supporting Your Child with GCSE Revision: Geography



Purpose of this Guide

This leaflet supports parents and carers in helping their child prepare effectively for GCSEs in Geography. It outlines key content, exam structures, and practical revision approaches that make a difference at home.

Exam Board: Eduqas GCSE Geography A

Key Themes

- Landscapes & Physical Processes – Rivers, coasts, flooding and management.
- Rural–Urban Links – Population change, retailing, global cities, urbanisation.
- Weather, Climate & Ecosystems – Climate change, weather hazards, ecosystems.
- Development & Resource Issues – Global inequalities and water management.
- Coastal Hazards & Management – UK coastlines, vulnerability and sustainability.
- Social Development Issues—Healthcare, Disease & Migration



The Exam Element

Component 1: Changing Physical and Human Landscapes
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes
35% of qualification

Section A: Core Themes

Two structured, data response questions assessing Core Theme 1 (Landscapes and Physical Processes) and Core Theme 2 (Rural-urban Links). Some questions will require extended responses.

Section B: Options

One structured question (from a choice of two) assessing either Theme 3 (Tectonic Landscapes and Hazards) or Theme 4 (Coastal Hazards and their Management). These themes provide additional breadth of study for the content assessed in the core themes.

Component 2: Environmental and Development Issues
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes
35% of qualification

Section A: Core Themes

Two structured, data response questions assessing Core Theme 5 (Weather, Climate and Ecosystems) and Core Theme 6 (Development and Resource Issues). Some questions will require extended responses.

Section B: Options

One structured question (from a choice of two) assessing either Theme 7 (Social Development Issues) or Theme 8 (Environmental Challenges). These themes provide additional depth of study for the content assessed in the core themes.

Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes
30% of qualification

A written examination in three parts using a variety of structured data response questions, some of which will require extended responses.

Part A will assess approaches to fieldwork methodology, representation and analysis.

Part B will assess how fieldwork enquiry may be used to investigate geography's conceptual frameworks.

Part C will assess the application of broad geographical concepts to a wider UK context and assess the ability to make and justify a decision.



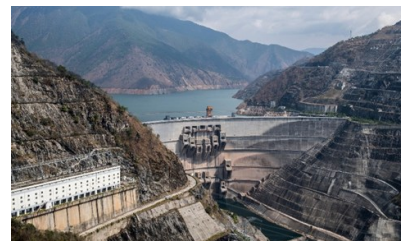
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Examples of Effective Revision Tools

Flashcards:

- Landform creation – Waterfalls, Meanders, Headlands, Bays, Spits.
- River processes – Erosion, Transportation, Deposition.
- Climate factors – Latitude, Altitude, Distance from Sea.
- Global circulation and storm formation.
- Migration push and pull factors.
- Development indicators – GNI, GDP, HDI.



Mind Maps:

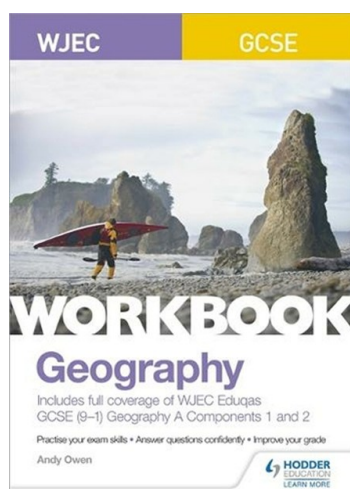
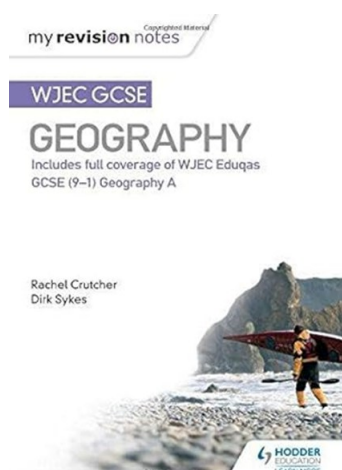
- Coastal Management Strategies – Hard vs. Soft Engineering (advantages, disadvantages, stakeholder views).
- Global Cities – London and Lagos: challenges and sustainable solutions.
- Ecosystem Management – Rainforest conservation, ecotourism, biosphere reserves.
- Flood Management – Comparing approaches and community impacts.
- Retail Change – Causes, impacts and strategies to revitalise high streets.

Flow Diagrams:

- Hydrological Cycle – Evaporation → Condensation → Precipitation → Run-off.
- Carbon & Nutrient Cycles – showing stores and transfers.

How Parents Can Help

- Encourage regular short revision sessions using Educake (Homework platform), BBC Bitesize, GCSEPod, and YouTube (e.g. “Time for Geography”).
- Review flashcards together to test definitions and key terms.
- Discuss real-world examples such as flooding, coastal erosion, or urban growth.
- Support completion of past papers and use exam mark schemes to check progress – Use Free AI platforms to produce model answers to help students develop exam technique
- Use Free AI platforms to create Multiple Choice Quizzes on the Course Key Themes



Useful Revision Guides

Official Eduqas Spec A—My Revision Notes:
WJEC GCSE Geography Second Edition

WJEC GCSE Geography workbook

Gcse Geography Revision Guide - Not course specific but useful for general Geography revision