

# How to Succeed in Geography

## Course Information

<b>Exam Board</b>	<b>AQA</b>
<b>Exam Structure</b>	This qualification is linear, meaning that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course in summer term 2025. There are three exams: Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment. 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, 88 marks and is worth 35% of GCSE. Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment. 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, 88 marks and is worth 35% of GCSE. Paper 3: Geographical Applications. 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, 76 marks and is worth 30% of GCSE. This exam contains a pre-release resources booklet which is made available to students 12 weeks before the Paper 3 exam.
<b>Specification weblink</b>	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification/specification-at-a-glance">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification/specification-at-a-glance</a>
<b>Practice exam papers weblink</b>	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes?qualification=GCSE%20Geography">https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes?qualification=GCSE%20Geography</a>

## Units/Topics studied

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment:

- Natural Hazards: Earthquakes, volcanoes, tropical storms, and climate change.
- Ecosystems: Tropical rainforests and hot deserts.
- Physical Landscapes in the UK: Coastal and river landscapes.

Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment:

- Urban Issues and Challenges: Urbanization, sustainable urban development.
- The Changing Economic World: Development, economic futures in the UK.
- The Challenge of Resource Management: Food, water, and energy resources.

Paper 3: Geographical Applications:

- Issue Evaluation: Pre-release resources provided 12 weeks before the exam.
- Unfamiliar Fieldwork: general fieldwork skills and techniques, map skills, graphical skills, numerical skills, and statistical skills.
- Familiar Fieldwork: Two fieldwork investigations – one human and one physical enquiry.

## Revision strategies and materials

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Includes detailed and extensive information on:

- Content checklists
- Command words and specialist vocabulary support
- Past exam papers
- How to revise effectively: tips and strategies with practical examples
- All lessons and resources used in school
- Revision resources: collection of online support curated by learning style: listening, reading, watching.
- Exam and course specific FAQs