

**CCEA Entry Level in Geography
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Principal Moderator's Report

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Foreword

This booklet outlines the performance of candidates in all aspects of CCEA's Entry Level Geography for this series.

CCEA hopes that the Chief Examiner's and/or Principal Moderator's report(s) will be viewed as a helpful and constructive medium to further support teachers and the learning process.

This booklet forms part of the suite of support materials for the specification. Further materials are available from the specification's microsite on our website at www.ccea.org.uk.

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It was pleasing to note an increase in the number of entries for Entry Level Geography. The senior moderating team noted that candidates' work submitted for moderation was generally well organised and included some excellent, high-quality resources which had been carefully designed to meet the assessment criteria. The range of evidence presented was good; whilst written tasks predominated, never-the-less there was an interesting and imaginative range of methods of assessment evident across the units submitted for moderation.

Administrative requirements were all adhered to with Candidate Unit Record Sheets, Portfolio Progress Tracking Records and TAC1 forms all comprehensively completed and submitted in order. This is to be commended as it greatly facilitates the moderation process.

Teacher assessment was accurate reflecting the assessment criteria. No adjustments were required to centre marking.

It is important to note that to achieve the entry level qualification overall, evidence of student achievement must be submitted for six units of work in total: three units from Physical Geography and three from Human Geography. It should be noted that Unit 1 Changeable Weather, Unit 2 Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Unit 5 Development Issues and Unit 6 Managing Resources are mandatory for this qualification. Thus sufficient evidence must be submitted for these and two optional units in order to allow candidates to achieve the Entry Level qualification. The Physical Geography optional units are Unit 3 Rivers and Flooding or Unit 4 Coasts. Similarly, for Human Geography, the optional units are Unit 7 Population or Unit 8 Settlement.

Teachers are encouraged to design resources that adhere closely to the assessment criteria for each unit. Candidates must meet all the assessment criteria for the appropriate level (Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3) within the unit.

Teacher annotation was most helpful to the moderation process. Best practice was evident when the teachers provided summative comments either on the work or on the Candidate Unit Record Sheet and identified key pieces of evidence throughout the work.

When reporting outcomes, we award each unit separately and report attainment in each unit on the candidate's certificate. Where a candidate achieves a pass in six units that meet the qualification requirements stated above, we also report an overall level of achievement on the certificate. It should be noted that where a candidate does not achieve a level, then we cannot award an overall level. For details of the criteria for each overall level please see the Specification, Section 4.7.

Teachers are encouraged to attend the agreement trial held in the autumn term. The agreement trial provides an opportunity to teachers to receive further guidance on the delivery of the course and the preparation of resources. Exemplar resource material will be provided. There will also be opportunity to discuss any difficulties and to seek further clarification on any issues which may have arisen.

Finally, bespoke resources are currently being developed for use with this specification. When the resources have been formatted and all pre-publication checks completed, the resources will be uploaded to the Geography microsite.

For further information and support please log on to www.ccea.org.uk/geography.

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