

GCE Geography Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below details any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions for Summer 2021.

Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2021

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
AS 1: Physical Geography	External written examination 1 hour 15 mins Section A: students answer three short structured questions, one on each theme. Section B: there are three questions requiring extended writing, one on each theme. Students answer any two questions.	40% of AS 16% of A level	No changes
AS 2: Human Geography	External written examination 1 hour 15 mins Section A: students answer three short structured questions, one on each theme. Section B: there are three questions requiring extended writing, one on each theme. Students answer any two questions.	40% of AS 16% of A level	No changes

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<p>AS 3: Fieldwork Skills and Techniques in Geography</p>	<p>External written examination</p> <p>1 hour</p> <p>Students must bring a table of data and a summary statement to the examination covering the aims and context for their fieldwork.</p> <p>There are two compulsory, structured questions.</p> <p>For Question 1 students may be required to present, analyse, interpret and evaluate their fieldwork data and the techniques they used to collect it.</p> <p>For Question 2 students respond to quantitative and qualitative data from secondary sources.</p>	<p>20% of AS</p> <p>8% of A level</p>	<p>The requirement for students to collect primary data has been removed. Centres are allowed to use archive data; for example, data collected in a previous year or data provided by a field studies centre.</p>
<p>A2 1: Physical Processes, Landforms and Management</p>	<p>External written examination</p> <p>1 hour 30 mins</p> <p>The paper has four parts. Each part corresponds to one of the four options and includes two structured questions. Students answer two questions, one from each of their two chosen options.</p>	<p>24% of A level</p>	<p>No changes</p>

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A2 2: Processes and Issues in Human Geography	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins The paper has four parts. Each part corresponds to one of the four options and includes two structured questions. Students answer two questions, one from each of their two chosen options.	24% of A level	No changes
A2 3: Decision Making in Geography	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins This is a compulsory decision-making exercise in the form of a case study.	12% of A level	No changes

For candidates who started their GCE course in September 2019 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2021, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

If a candidate decides they wish to re-enter for the corresponding AS units, they will be awarded the higher of two options:

- a) the grade based on the outcome of the A2 exams; or
- b) the grade based on the outcome of the AS and A2 exams together.

Candidates who commenced their course in September 2019 and wish to re-enter AS units must enter for all AS units.

For candidates commencing their GCE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.