

Geography Year 10/11

Name of the Subject: Geography

Exam Board: Cambridge (IGCSE)

Specific Options / Components: Paper 4 (Alternative to Coursework)

Overall Aims and Objectives of the Syllabus:

The aims of IGCSE Geography are to encourage candidates to develop:

- an understanding of location on a local, regional and global scale
- an awareness of the characteristics, distribution and processes affecting contrasting physical and human environments
- an understanding of the ways in which people interact with each other and with their environment
- an awareness of the contrasting opportunities and constraints presented by different environments
- an appreciation of and concern for the environment
- an appreciation of the earth including its people, places, landscapes, natural processes and phenomena.

Course Outline:

Geography IGCSE	
Year 10	
Term 1:	
September – October:	Population and Migration
November-December:	Settlements and Urbanization
Term 2:	
January-February:	Plate Tectonics
March-April:	Rivers
Term 3:	
May:	Coasts
June:	Weather, Climate and Natural Vegetation
Year 11	
Term 1:	
September – October:	Development
November-December:	Food Production; Industry
Term 2:	
January-February:	Tourism; Energy; Water
March-April:	Environmental risks of Economic Development; Revision
Term 3:	
Exams	

Final IGCSE Assessment:

All candidates take:

Paper 1	1 hour 45 minutes	Weighting:
<i>Geographical Themes</i> Candidates answer three questions, each worth 25 marks. The paper has three sections and each section will be based on Themes 1, 2 or 3. Candidates must answer one question from each section: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme 1: Population and settlement• Theme 2: The natural environment• Theme 3: Economic development (75 marks, weighted to 100 marks)		45%

and:

Paper 2	1 hour 30 minutes	Weighting
<i>Geographical Skills</i> Candidates answer all the questions. The paper is based on testing the interpretation and analysis of geographical information, decision making and the application of graphical and other techniques as appropriate. The questions will not require specific information about places but will require the use of a 1:25 000 or 1:50 000 map with a key. (60 marks)		27.5%

and

Paper 4	1 hour 30 minutes	Weighting
<i>Alternative to Coursework</i> Candidates answer two compulsory questions, completing a series of written tasks. The field work scenarios for the two questions will be taken from different aspects of the Syllabus content (see section 5). The questions involve an appreciation of a range of techniques used in fieldwork studies. (60 marks)		27.5%

Assessments: End of unit tests / projects / formative assessments / Mid-Year Exam / Mock and Final Exams.

Resources: Cambridge IGCSE Geography, 2nd Edition; Paul Guinness & Garrett Nagle; 2015.

Supplies required by students for the course:

- pens (red and blue/black), pencils, erasers
- Ruler, scissors, glue
- Felt tips (12 colors), pencil crayons (12 colors)