

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course.

Subject content

Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards (tectonic hazards; weather hazards; climate change)

Section B: The living world (ecosystems; tropical rainforests; hot deserts or cold environments)

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK and **two** units from coastal landscapes; river landscapes; glacial landscapes

There is a 1hour 30 minutes written examination for this section, comprising 35% of the total marks.

Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment

Section A: Urban issues and challenges (urbanisation; case study of city in the less developed world; case study of a city in the more developed world; sustainability)

Section B: The changing economic world (measuring development; reducing the development gap; the economy of a less developed city; the economy of a UK city)

Section C: The challenge of resource management and **one** unit from food; water; energy

There is a 1hour 30 minutes written examination for this section, comprising 35% of the total marks.

Paper 3 - Geographical applications

Section A: Issue evaluation (critical thinking and problem solving tasks. The assessment will provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate geographical skills and applied knowledge and understanding by looking at a particular issue(s) derived from the specification using secondary sources).

Section B: Fieldwork (2 geographical enquiries need to be done based on fieldwork done outside the classroom)

There is a 1hour 15 minutes written examination for this section, comprising 30% of the total marks and this is based on an issue evaluation, fieldwork and geographical skills.

