

GEOGRAPHY A (GEOGRAPHICAL THEMES) J383

Key benefits

Our specification makes it clear what you need to teach

- No hidden content
- 10 clearly sign posted case studies
- Six easy to follow themes

Our well designed assessments allow your students to show their potential

- Short assessment time
- Teachers tell us that having all fieldwork questions in one paper makes preparation straightforward
- No optionality – students know what they need to do and will not get confused as to which option they should answer
- A command word guide to support your students in knowing what they need to do for each question



Content overview

Component	Marks	Duration	Weighting
Living in the UK today (01) Students investigate the dynamic and diverse geography of the UK. There are three themes assessed in this component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapes of the UK • People of the UK • UK environmental challenges. Students answer all questions	60	1 hour	30%
The world around us (02) Students explore the complexities of the planet and its interconnections. There are three themes assessed in this component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems of the planet • People of the planet • Environmental threats to our planet. Students answer all questions	60	1 hour	30%
Geographical skills (03) Geographical skills are integrated into all aspects of the subject. Learning these skills in the context of components 01 and 02 stimulates students to 'think geographically' and apply the skills in a range of contexts. Fieldwork skills include understanding and applying specific geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to real-world physical and human geographical contexts.	80	1 hour 30 minutes	40%

Our support and resources

We understand that moving exam boards is a big step, and we are here to **support you**.

Planning and teaching resources freely available on the [GCSE Geography A webpage](#) include:

- Delivery guides
- Geographical skills guides

Assessment resources freely available on the [GCSE Geography A webpage](#) include:

- Past papers
- Practice papers
- Candidate exemplars
- Examiner reports
- ExamBuilder - our **free** assessment builder platform, ideal to create more papers for your students. <https://ocr.org.uk/exambuilder>
- Active Results - our **free** online results analysis service that allows you review your students' exam performance. <https://www.ocr.org.uk/activeresults>

Textbooks and endorsed resources

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/geography-a-geographical-themes-j383-from-2016/textbooks/>

For all your specific subject-related queries, you can get in touch with our friendly, knowledgeable OCR Geography subject advisor team at geography@ocr.org.uk.

CPD and Teacher Networks

We have a wide range of CPD on offer, including face-to-face training, webinars and videos – see <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/professional-development/>

Our **free teacher networks** will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to discuss your subject with our subject advisors and like-minded colleagues in your local area.

Please see our [teacher networks page](#) for a full listing of events and to book your place.

Next steps

If you're an OCR-approved centre, all you need to do is download the specification and start teaching.

Make sure you sign up to receive subject emails, so that we can share new resources and important updates with you <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/email-updates/>.

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