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# Geography GCSE

## AQA Specification (8035)

Exam breakdown – (1 hr 30 minutes each)

- **Paper 1** Living with the Physical Environment = 35%
- **Paper 2** Challenges in the Human Environment = 35%
- **Paper 3** Geographical Applications = 30%

Across all exams geographical skills are tested (AO4 25%)





# **Paper 1** Living with the **Physical**

Environment = 35% (88 Marks 1 hr 30 mins)

This comprises of:


3.1.1 The Challenges of Natural Hazards

3.1.2 The Living World \*(3.1.2.3 *Hot Deserts*)

3.1.4 Physical Landscapes in the UK

\*(3.1.3.2 *Coasts and 3.1.3.3 Rivers*)

*\*Options selected for teaching*



## **Paper 2** Challenges in the **Human Environment**= 35% (88 Marks 1 hr 30 mins)

This comprises of:

3.2.1 Urban Issues and Challenges

3.2.2 The Changing Economic World

3.2.3 The Challenge of Resource Management

*\*(3.2.3.3 Water)*

*\*Options selected for teaching*

# Paper 3 Geographical Applications = 30%

This comprises of:

## **3.3.1 Issue Evaluation**

Pre-release booklet made available 12 weeks before the paper 3 exam

## **3.3.2 Fieldwork**

### **23 marks familiar fieldwork**

- Human Fieldwork – How has regeneration affected Liverpool?
- Physical Fieldwork – How does a river change downstream?

### **16 marks unfamiliar fieldwork**


# GCSE Courses – Grades explained

<b>Current GCSE Grading</b>	<b>Old Grading</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>A*</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>A*</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>B/C</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>D/E</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>E/F</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>E/G</b>
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Students will be getting their year 10 target grades very soon. They must aim for these. Aiming for just a 4, when they have a target grade of 6 is not acceptable.

Students achieving less than a 4 in English or Maths may not be accepted on college courses.

Students achieving a 6 rather than a 7, will not be able to study certain A-Level courses due to their challenge.



This GCSE course allows you to gain a qualification which is recognised as an **EBACC subject** and would put you in a favourable position for those of you wishing to go on to study at **A-Level and Degree Level**.

*Geographers look at issues from a wide perspective and develop a range of skills which are attractive to a very broad range of future employers'*

***'No other subject can offer you such an extensive array of skills as Geography can'.***

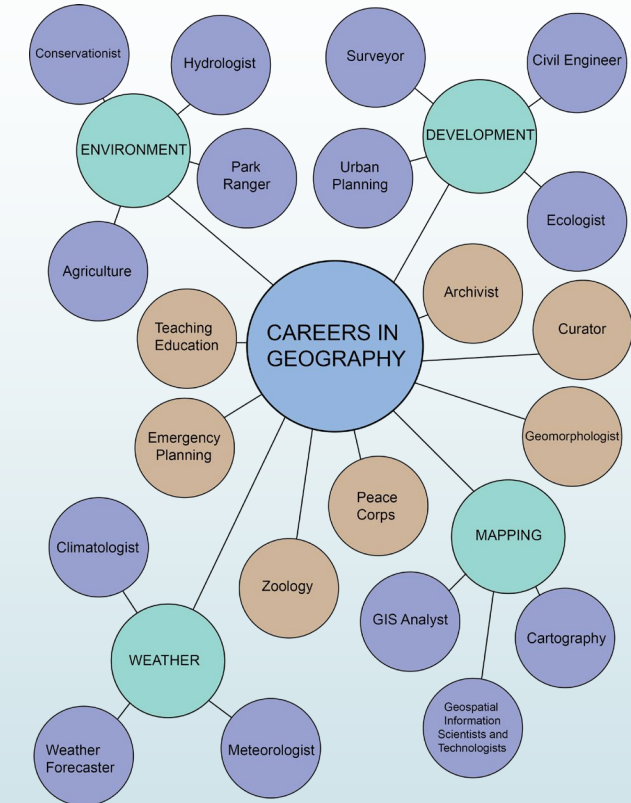
**Geographers are:**

- Self-managers
- Team workers
- Reflective learners
- Creative thinkers
- Independent enquirers
- Effective participators
- Information management
- Teamwork Skills
- Inclusive visioning
- Project management
- Leadership in sustainable communities
- Breakthrough thinking
- 'Making it happen'
- Analysis - evaluation
- Communication
- Conflict resolution

The field of geography is broad and versatile, encompassing both **physical science** (like earth systems and climate) and **social science** (such as urban development and planning).

Therefore it can open careers in the following fields:

- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Officer
- Urban Planner
- Transport Planner
- Land surveyor
- GIS Specialist / Developer
- Cartographer
- Countryside officer / Heritage officer
- Remote sensing specialist
- Disaster risk Management Specialist
- Geomorphologist / Climatologist / Hydrologist / Geoscientist



### What is the average salary for Geography jobs?

The average salary for Geography jobs is £42,500.

Read on to find out how much Geography jobs pay across various UK locations and industries.

