

National curriculum or specification coverage

AQA A-Level Geography specification develops understanding of how physical and human systems interact across different scales and places. In year 13, students study the physical geography topic of Coastal systems and landscapes, alongside human geography topics including Global systems and global governance and Contemporary urban environments. The course emphasises key geographical concepts such as systems, processes, sustainability, inequality, risk, and interdependence, while developing skills in data analysis, map interpretation, statistical techniques, GIS, and independent fieldwork. Throughout the specification, students are expected to apply knowledge to real-world case studies, evaluate different viewpoints and management strategies, and explain how natural and human processes shape environments, societies, and economies at local, national, and global scales.

Date	Exams/ Assessments	Learning Intentions	Core Task / Assessments
31/08/26		3.1.3 Coastal systems and landscapes	Core task 1. PPE 2 hours 30 minutes
07/09/26		3.1.3.1 Coasts as natural systems	
14/09/26			
21/09/26		3.2.1 Global systems and global governance	
28/09/26		3.2.1.1 Globalisation	
05/10/26			
12/10/26		3.2.3 Contemporary urban environments	
19/10/26	Y13	3.2.3.1 Urbanisation	
26/10/26		HALF TERM	

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02/11/26		3.1.3 Coastal systems and landscapes 3.1.3.2 Systems and processes 3.2.1 Global systems and global governance 3.2.1.2 Global systems 3.2.3 Contemporary urban environments 3.2.3.2 Urban forms 3.2.3.3 Social and economic issues associated with urbanisation	Core task 2. Synoptic essay questions [20]
09/11/26			
16/11/26			
23/11/26			
30/11/26			
07/12/26			
14/12/26			
21/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
28/12/26			
04/01/27		3.1.3 Coastal systems and landscapes 3.1.3.3 Coastal landscape development 3.2.1 Global systems and global governance 3.2.1.3 International trade and access to markets 3.2.3 Contemporary urban environments 3.2.3.4 Urban climate 3.2.3.5 Urban drainage	Core task 3. PPE 2 2 hours 30 minutes.
11/01/27			
18/01/27			
25/01/27			
01/02/27			
08/02/27	Y13		
15/02/27	HALF TERM		
22/02/27		3.1.3 Coastal systems and landscapes 3.1.3.4 Coastal management 3.2.1 Global systems and global governance 3.2.1.4 Global governance 3.2.3 Contemporary urban environments 3.2.3.6 Urban waste and its disposal 3.2.3.7 Other contemporary urban environmental issues	Core task 4. Synoptic essay questions [20]
01/03/27			
08/03/27			
15/03/27			
22/03/27			
29/03/27			
05/04/27	SPRING BREAK		
12/04/27		3.1.3 Coastal systems and landscapes 3.1.3.5 Quantitative and qualitative skills 3.1.3.6 Case studies	Core task 5. Synoptic essay questions [20]
19/04/27			
26/04/27			
03/05/27			

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10/05/27		3.2.1 Global systems and global governance	
17/05/27		3.2.1.5 The 'global commons'	
		3.2.1.5.1 Antarctica as a global common	
24/05/27		3.2.3 Contemporary urban environments	
		3.2.3.8 Sustainable urban development	
		3.2.3.9 Case studies	
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27		Exam season	
14/06/27			
21/06/27			
28/06/27			
05/07/27			
12/07/27			