

GCSE GEOGRAPHY ASSESSMENT TESTS

GRADE DESCRIPTIONS

The following grade descriptions indicate the level of attainment characteristic of the given grade at GCSE. They give a general indication of what I need to have produced in my assessment test at each specific grade. I can still reach a certain grade even if there are some shortcomings in my performance, because in other areas, I may have done much better.

1. GRADE A (A mark of 30+/40 or 37+/50)

To achieve this level of performance I will need to show competence in the following areas and my answer will contain many of these characteristic features.

- I will have answered all the questions on the paper and fully utilised the space available to me for each question to write my answer.
- I will have given detailed information about places I have studied and I will be able to do this at a local, national and international scale.
- I will have used a variety of geographical words accurately.
- I will be able to apply my geographical knowledge to answer questions on areas, which might be unfamiliar to me.
- I will be able to use linked statements well that fully answer the question.
- I will be able to explain human and physical processes competently.
- I will be able to show a good standard of mapwork skills.
- I will be able to interpret and complete graphs well.
- I will be able to show good environmental awareness to global issues.

2. GRADE C (A mark of 22+/40 or 27+/50)

To achieve this level of performance I will need to show competence in the following areas and my answer will contain many of these characteristic features.

- I will have answered most of the questions on the paper and fully utilised the space available to me for some questions to write my answer.
- I will have given some information about places I have studied and I will be able to do this at some scales (local, national and international scale).
- I will have used some geographical words accurately.
- I will be able to apply some geographical knowledge to answer questions on areas, which might be unfamiliar to me.
- I will be able to use linked statements that attempt to answer the question.
- I will be able explain some human and physical processes competently.
- I will be able to show a satisfactory standard of mapwork skills.
- I will be able to interpret and complete graphs reasonably well.
- I will be able to show an environmental awareness to global issues.

3. **GRADE F (A mark of 14/40 or 17+/50)**

To achieve this level of performance I will need to show competence in the following areas and my answer will contain many of these characteristic features.

- I will have answered some of the questions on the paper and utilised the space available to me for some questions to write my answer.
- I will have given limited information about places I have studied and I will be able to do this at one scale (local, national or international scale).
- I will have used one or two geographical words accurately.
- I will be able to apply a limited geographical knowledge to answer questions on areas, which might be unfamiliar to me.
- I will be able to use a linked statement that attempts to answer the question.
- I will be able describe some human and physical processes.
- I will be able to show an elementary standard of mapwork skills.
- I will be able to interpret and complete simple graphs well.
- I will be able to show a basic environmental awareness to global issues.

Every Geography teacher in this school has just one aim and that is to see the pupils they teach succeed at the highest possible level in their GCSE examination. Practice makes perfect and it is for that reason we test you on a regular basis at the end of each unit of work.

Your test papers will be marked to GCSE examination standard, returned to you and a detailed analysis of each question will be undertaken. Therefore, you will be given the chance to see exactly where and why you won marks and more importantly see where you lost marks and be shown how to avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

You should be aiming to meet your GCSE target grade and hopefully go on to exceed it and improve your performance in each test as you gain in experience and geographical knowledge.

Good Luck!

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