

Structure and timing

Paper 1

1 hour 30 minutes

50% of AS

25% of A Level

Paper 1 Topic - (core) physical geography

Section A = 30 marks / 60 marks,

3 questions - 10 marks each - **all three** must be answered

1 question on Hydrology and Fluvial Geomorphology (referred to as 1.1)

1 question on Atmosphere and Weather (referred to as 1.2)

1 question on Rocks and Weathering (referred to as 1.3)

Section B = 30 marks / 60 marks, or 50%

3 questions - 30 marks each - you must choose **one** to answer - on topic 1.1, or 1.2, or 1.3

Paper 2

1 hour 30 minutes

50% of AS

25% of A Level

Paper 2 - (core) human geography

Section 1 = 30 marks / 60 marks, or 50%

3 questions - 10 marks each - **all three** must be answered

1 question on Population (referred to as 2.1)

1 question on Migration (referred to as 2.2)

1 question on Settlement Dynamics (referred to as 2.3)

Section 2 = 30 marks / 60 marks, or 50%

3 questions - 30 marks each - you must choose **one** to answer - on topic 2.1, or 2.2, or 2.3

Section A - Advice and timing

- A short question
- A 'describe' question
- An 'explain' question
- But not always
- some questions are 6 marks

Section A **IS** 50% of your marks so give it 50% of your time (C-B grade)

It is generally easier to get all marks in section A than in section B

Misinterpreting the resource is common

Forgetting to use the resource accurately is common

Students often describe when they should explain and explain when they should describe

Answering Section A warms you up and some information could be used in Section B

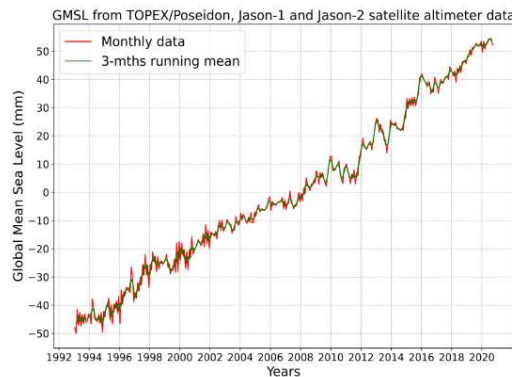
Example

2.

A - State the global mean sea level in 2014 on figure 2. (1 mark)

B - Describe the change in the global mean sea level from 1992-2020, shown on figure 2. (4 marks)

C - Explain what is causing the trends shown in figure 2. (5 marks)



Timing:

50% of the exam, so 50% of the time = 45 minutes

3 questions = 15 minutes each

Section B (2)

- 7 marks, usually broke into one or two short-questions, but sometimes 7 marks
- One 8 mark question
- One 15 mark question

Section 2 **IS** 50% of your marks so give it 50% of your time (C-B grade)

It is generally more difficult to get all marks in Section 2 than in Section 1

Students who did not stick to the timing in Section 1 regret it a lot in Section 2

It is common for students to get full marks for the 7 mark short-questions and most for the 8 mark question

However, not often for the 15 marker

Timing:

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7 marks - 8 minutes

Example:

Explain why stepped migration is more likely to occur with internal migration. [4]

Compare the character of migration flows between economic migrants and forces migrants. [7]

8 mark question - 12 minutes

With reference to examples, explain why rural-urban migration happens in HICs. [8]

15 mark questions - 25 minutes

'Refugee flows impact HIC destinations more than MIC/LIC destinations'. Using examples, to what extent do you agree?

