



GCSE AQA Geography Topic Revision List & Summer 2026 Examination Schedule



Year 11 2025-2026

Your toolkit for successfully navigating the three GCSE examinations: when they are, how much they contribute to your grade, what topics are examined, what you need to know and how you can revise.



- Equipment needed: three black ball-point pens, three sharpened pencils, a 30cm transparent ruler and a calculator.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes 88 marks available

Date of the examination: **Wednesday 13th May, 2026 - AM**

Main topic covered	Sub-topics covered in this paper	Pages found in the CGP revision guide	FHS case study guide pages
Section A: The challenge of natural hazards. TOTAL MARKS: 33	1. Natural hazards	2-3	
	2. Tectonic hazards • CASE STUDY: L'Aquila 2009 (HIC) & Nepal 2015 (LIC) earthquakes	4-8	3-4
	3. Weather hazards • CASE STUDY: Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines, 2013 • NAMED EXAMPLE: Somerset Levels December 2013 – January 2014	9-14	5-6
	4. Climate Change	15-19	N/A
Section B: The Living World ANSWER QUESTION 2.6 USING YOUR COLD ENVIRONMENT KNOWLEDGE – NOT HOT DESERTS! TOTAL MARKS: 25	1. Ecosystems • NAMED EXAMPLE: British Freshwater Pond	20-22	7
	2. Tropical Rainforests • CASE STUDY: Malaysia	23-28	8-9
	3. Cold Environments • CASE STUDY: Svalbard	34-37	10
Section C: Physical Landscapes of the UK WE DO NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ON GLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS- LEAVE THESE QUESTIONS UNANSWERED! TOTAL MARKS:30	1. Location of UK physical landscapes	39	N/A
	2. Coastal landscapes in the UK • NAMED EXAMPLE: Dorset (Jurassic Coast) as an example of an erosional and depositional coastline • NAMED EXAMPLE: Coastal management at Lyme Regis	40-48	11-12
	3. River landscapes in the UK • NAMED EXAMPLE: Landforms of the River Tees • NAMED EXAMPLE: Managing floods at Banbury	49-59	13-14

Where can I find the FHS Case Study Guide?

- You will have been given a physical, paper copy of the FHS case study guide, but it is also located on the school website: Curriculum areas>Humanities>Geography>Key Stage 4 GCSE Geography case study booklet.
- Also, don't forget to use the very good quality GCSE Bitesize website to revise, test and review your knowledge.



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Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment			
Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes 88 marks available			
Date of the examination: Wednesday 3rd June, 2026 - PM			
Main topic covered	Sub-topics covered in this paper	Pages found in the CGP revision guide	FHS case study guide pages
Section A: Urban Issues TOTAL MARKS: 33	1. Urban issues and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASE STUDY: Urban growth and challenges in Rio de Janeiro • NAMED EXAMPLE: Favela Barrio Project (within your Rio case study work booklet) • CASE STUDY: Liverpool – challenges, opportunities • NAMED EXAMPLE: redevelopment of The Royal Albert Dock (within your Liverpool case study work booklet) 	69-79	Rio: 16-17 Liverpool: 18-19
Section B: The Changing Economic World TOTAL MARKS: 30	2. The changing economic world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMED EXAMPLE: Tourism in Kenya • CASE STUDY: Nigeria as an LIC • NAMED EXAMPLE: Torr Quarry, Somerset 	81-95	Kenya: 15 Nigeria: 20-21 Torr Quarry: 22
Section C: The Challenge of Resource Management TOTAL MARKS: 25 DO NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS 4 & 5 IN THIS SECTION ONLY ANSWER QUESTIONS 3 (RESOURCES) & 6 (ENERGY) IN THIS SECTION! DO NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS 4 & 5 IN THIS SECTION ONLY ANSWER QUESTIONS 3 (RESOURCES) & 6 (ENERGY) IN THIS SECTION!	3. The challenge of resource management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMED EXAMPLE: Extraction of natural gas in the Amazon (advantages & disadvantages) • NAMED EXAMPLE: Local renewable energy in an LIC – Rice husks in Bihar, India. 	Resource management: 96-99 Energy: 113-118	Amazon gas extraction: 23 Rice husks: 24



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Paper 3: Geographical applications		
Exam duration: 1 hour 15 minutes 76 marks available		
Date of the examination: Thursday 11th June, 2026 - AM		
Main topic covered	Sub-topics covered in this paper	Pages found in the CGP revision guide
<p>Section A: Issue Evaluation</p> <p>TOTAL MARKS: 37</p>	<p>1. Using the pre-release booklet about a geographical issue, you will answer the questions in the examination. We receive the pre-release booklet at the end of March 2024 and we will study it in detail before you sit the examination.</p> <p>Use your annotated AQA pre-release booklet to create flash cards and other revision materials. Make sure you have completed the pre-release overview of what is found on each page of the AQA pre-release booklet. Use other resources that you have used in class to also inform your revision.</p>	121
<p>Section B: Fieldwork</p> <p>TOTAL MARKS: 39</p>	<p>2. Generic fieldwork questions – these are a mixture of questions based on fieldwork enquiries and using geographical skills to present and analyse the data from the enquires.</p> <p>3. Questions on the fieldwork enquiry process.</p> <p>You need to revise the key information about BOTH the physical fieldwork and the human fieldwork which you have completed.</p> <p>Physical fieldwork enquiry title: What changes in the cross-profile and slope gradient of the River Afon Nant Peris occur along its course?</p> <p>Human fieldwork enquiry title: To what extent is Liverpool’s Royal Albert Dock an example of a multi-social regeneration development?</p> <p>The A3 knowledge organiser fieldwork summary sheets are crucial to help break down the knowledge of what you did for the examination.</p>	<p>Fieldwork: 122</p> <p>Geographical skills: 124-134</p>