

How will you be assessed?

There are two exams for AS Geography (and no coursework). The table below shows what the exams are like.

Unit	Assessment information	Marks and method of marking
Unit 1 Global Challenges	<p>This exam is 90 minutes long and consists of two sections. You will have a resource booklet.</p> <p>You will have to answer all the questions in Section A, and one question in Section B.</p> <p>Section A uses the resource booklet and consists of multiple choice – or choosing one of several (fixed right answers, no interpretation), data response and short answer questions.</p> <p>Section B also uses the resource booklet, plus your own ideas, and consists of a choice of Going Global or World at Risk longer/guided essay questions.</p>	<p>There is a total of 90 marks for this exam</p> <p>Section A is point marked.</p> <p>Section B is level marked.</p>
Unit 2 Geographical Investigations	<p>This exam is 60 minutes long and consists of two sections. You will have a resource booklet.</p> <p>You will choose one physical question from Section A and one human question from Section B, based on the topics you have studied for Unit 2. The questions have three parts and need longer responses. They are designed to include data response, investigation and evaluation skills and related impacts/management issues.</p> <p>You will be expected to use the resource booklet and your own ideas from fieldwork and research that you have done. You cannot take any materials into the exam.</p>	<p>There is a total of 70 marks for this exam.</p> <p>Sections A and B are level marked.</p>

Know your exam papers

What will the questions be like?

The table explains what type of questions you will get in the exams. Here are 2 examples.

Sample question for Unit 1 Section B

7 Study Figure 7.

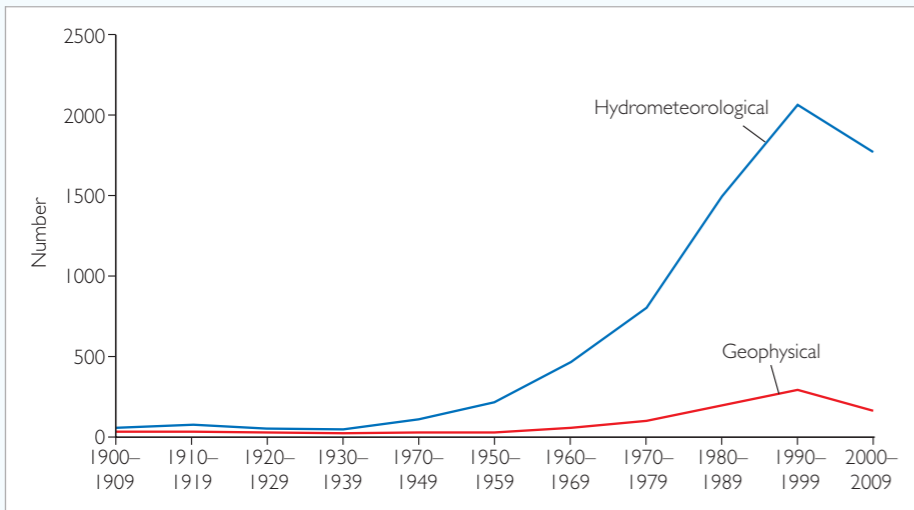


Figure 7: Trends in the number of global natural disasters in the 20th century

- a Suggest reasons for the trends in natural disasters shown in the graph. (10)
- b Choose **one named** area of the world and explain why it is considered a disaster hotspot. (15)

(Total 25 marks)

Sample question for Unit 2

Sections A and B have the same type of question. This one is from Section B.

3 Study Figure 3.

Figure 3: Best and worst places to live in the UK

	WINCHESTER	HACKNEY
Lifestyle		
Average house price	£280 000	£430 000
Average income per year	£22 120	£25 000
Income support claimants	1540 people	18 920 people
Crime figures 2005/6		
Violence against persons	1310	7471
Theft of a motor vehicle	115	1749
Education		
15-year-olds with 5 or more GCSE passes A* - C	77.2%	17.2%
Environment		
Total area of gardens	23 970 sq m	3496 sq m
Total area of green space	609 738 sq m	62 city parks
Population		
Total numbers	110 000	205 000
Type	White, middle-class	–



Winchester comment:

"It's very nice here, being so near the countryside and with so few problems. The schools are really good. But finding work isn't easy and the night life is a bit limited for younger people."



Hackney comment:

"We manage to rub along and help each other but we live under pressure all the time, especially financially. Hackney is a grubby, overcrowded place that needs big money spending on it, and right now!"

- a Comment on how well this information shows the inequalities of living in Winchester and Hackney. (10)
- b With reference to **one or more** named **urban** areas, examine the impacts of deprivation on people's lives. (10)
- c Describe the **results** of your **fieldwork and research** into how to reduce inequality, and explain how these help you to judge the success of **either** the urban **or** rural schemes involved. (15)

(Total 35 marks)