

Summer Preparation Task - A Level Geography

Why study Geography at Magna?

Geography is about your world. A better understanding of your local area linked with a greater understanding of its place in the world will make you stand out as a global candidate for future successes. Geography tackles the big issues: People, places, processes, environmental responsibility and global interdependence. The world in which we live is likely to change more in the coming decades than it has ever done before. Geography explains why this is and helps to prepare you for those changes. Geography is increasingly desirable in employment and further education, because it is contemporary and far-reaching, and the skills developed are an asset. As the subject combines the facts of science and the understanding of people and patterns in society and nature, Geography is becoming ever more important in the public sector and the business world, as our society becomes increasingly globalised. If you enjoy studying Geography and are good at it – carry on studying it!

Purpose of task: To introduce you to the topics studied at A-Level, the level of challenge, and encourage you to think synoptically about your world. Geography is not just about studying people and landscapes; but also the relationships that exist between people and their environment.

Task: Choose a selection of the options in the grid below to complete tasks to a total of 20 marks. i.e. you could choose a 10 mark and 2 x 5 mark tasks. Or 2 x 10 mark tasks. Or choose the all-encompassing 20 mark task which will involve wider research.

In 500 words and using diagrams, explain the biggest challenges people and the environment will face in the next 50 years

(Changing Places, Global Governance, Resource Security, Population Change, Changing Places, Hazards)- 20 marks.

Create a personal geography map of your own area- include photographs, personal reflections and places of importance (Changing Places) – 10 marks

Watch one documentary on Climate Change- Create 20 questions that people could answer if they were to watch the documentary. (Water and Carbon) – 10 marks

Create a fact file of how the UK links with other places in the world through globalisation. You should include specific examples of links such as trade/finance/migration/communication. (Global Governance) – 5 marks

Coastal Systems - waves, sediments cells, erosion, transportation & deposition. Summarise these processes on 1 side of A4 paper. (Coasts) – 5 marks

Recommended resources:

Developing as a geographer – reading around/ watching videos/listening to podcasts to develop your geography knowledge and understanding.

Become a News Buff- Watch the news- BBC news between 6am-9am or at 6pm. Or get on the BBC news app? Other websites such as the Guardian, The Independent, The Times. Even create a 'Geography in the News' scrapbook of all things that are relevant to what you are studying.

HODDER: AQA A-level Geography Fourth Edition - Ian Whittaker, Paul Abbiss, Helen Fyfe, Philip Banks, Malcolm Skinner.

OXFORD: AQA Geography A Level & AS Physical Geography Student Book - Series Editor Simon Ross, Author Tim Bayliss, Author Lawrence Collins, and Series Editor Alice Griffiths

Produce a mind map of the multi-hazard area of Haiti. You should include details on the causes, effects and responses to specific events such as earthquakes and hurricanes that have occurred in Haiti. (Hazards) - 5 marks

Deadline for Task: First lesson in the week commencing 7th September 2020

Additional Information:

Physical Exam	Human Exam	NEA
This exam will be 2 hours and 30 minutes and is worth 120 marks	This exam will be 2 hours and 30 minutes and is worth 120 marks	This is an independent enquiry meaning that you drive it. You will be given NEA support from your teacher but we will not be able to mark formally and give this back to you.
Water and Carbon (36 marks)	Global Governance (36 marks)	You will need to formulate a title and hypotheses from a topic that is in the AQA specification. You will then need to come up with methods to test your hypotheses; You will complete primary data collection through fieldwork completion and then present, analyse, conclude and evaluate your own investigation.
Coastal Environments (36 marks)	Changing Places (36 marks)	
Hazards (48 marks)	Resource Security (48 marks)	

Recommended reading & activities list:

THE CONVERSATION.COM <http://theconversation.com/uk> *we can highly recommend you use this!* You will find it useful to support many of your A Levels. It provides up-to-date articles from academics and specialists in the field written in a way that is accessible to all, summarising key points in short but insightful articles.

BBC NEWS <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> - an excellent source of up-to-date articles – explore the key headings such as Science, as well as the UK, World and other stories.

BBC World Service – The Inquiry –podcasts going beyond the headlines to explore the trends, forces and ideas shaping the world - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p029399x/episodes/downloads>

THE GUARDIAN <https://www.theguardian.com/uk> - again many useful articles and logically ordered – keep an eye on the Environment, Science, Society, Global Development stories in particular!

Costing the Earth- There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player> (many topics including climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative powers, plastics (etc)

Royal Geographical Society – ‘Ask the Geographer podcasts’

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/> = a fantastic set of podcasts to keep A Level studies up to date with the latest geographical research = pick out some that interest you.

BOOKS: If you are into reading both fiction and non-fiction, why not try some Geographically themed books/magazines:

- **[Prisoners of Geography](#) by Tim Marshall** – an insightful book which helps understanding how the physical geography impacts on political reality and really helps to understand how decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography- a good introduction to Geopolitics
- **[Geography Review Magazines](#):** Subscribe for £40 and you will get 4 up to date magazines with articles that will be really relevant to the topics that you are studying.

Required stationary and equipment

Online tools, paper and pen. For written tasks, these should be typed or VERY neatly handwritten, with appropriate title and name on it. Mind-maps or the more creative presentation tasks can be done by pencil, clippings, notes and drawings, scrapbook style, etc.

Essential resources

You will need access to the internet to do some proper research, also to view the resources provided here.

Things to consider

It is worth investing a little money into the key texts to help you get started – although at this stage we do not recommend one over the other. If you are unsure, you can wait until the course begins to get advice on which to purchase. All students are required to undertake fieldwork in relation to processes in both physical and human geography. Students must undertake four days of fieldwork during their A-level course. Fieldwork can be completed in a number of ways: locally or further afield, on full days or on part days.