



Curriculum Description for Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level

Geography (2234)

The aims of the syllabus are set out below and describe the educational purposes of a course in Geography for the examination. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable students to develop an understanding of:

1. the characteristics and distribution of physical (natural) and human (cultural) phenomena;
2. physical-human inter-relationships;
3. processes affecting physical and human environments;
4. different communities and cultures throughout the world and an awareness of contrasting opportunities and constraints which people face in different environments.

Scheme of Papers

PART A

Physical geography

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| I Weather and climate | Elements of weather and climate
The components and siting of school weather stations,
Climatic types; nature, distribution and explanation,
Climatic disasters |
| II Natural vegetation | Vegetation types,
Human modification of natural vegetation. |
| III Plate tectonics | Basic understanding of plate tectonics, resulting from tectonic processes
Landforms: distribution, formation and processes. |
| IV Weathering and Rivers | Weathering,
Development of a river system,
River processes and resulting landforms,
River and human activities. |
| V Coasts Coastal | Coasts and human activities. |

Paper 2

(2¼ hrs) 70% of the total marks

The paper consists of two sections. Candidates must answer four questions of which at least one must be from Section A (Physical Geography) and one from Section B (Human Geography)

Section A Physical Geography

There are 5 questions in this section based on the following themes:

I Weather and climate

II Natural vegetation

III Plate tectonics and landforms resulting from tectonic processes

IV Weathering and rivers

V Coasts

Three questions will be set on specific themes.

Two other questions will be set and each of these questions may be based on one theme or a combination of themes from this section.

Section B Human Geography

There are 5 questions in this section based on the following themes:

I Population

II Settlement

III Agriculture

IV Resource and industries

V Development: Physical and human resources

Three questions will be set on specific themes. Two other questions will be set and each of these questions may be based on one theme or a combination of themes from this section.

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