



GEOGRAPHY (Upper Secondary Core)

AIMS

The syllabus¹ aims to enable students to:

- Acquire knowledge and skills to describe, explain and analyse geographical processes and phenomena that occur in Singapore and beyond
- Examine selected geographical phenomena and processes through data analysis
- Be aware of different value orientation(s) towards the environment which can influence people's actions
- Be imbued with a sense of responsibility towards the environment
- Be provided with opportunities to discuss solutions and take actions to achieve a more sustainable world.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Knowledge with understanding

Students should be able to construct responses based on an understanding of geographical theories, generalisations, models and concepts.

Skills with analysis

Students should be able to apply their understanding to break down information into its component parts and/or to carry out a geographical investigation.

Judgement and decision-making

Students should be able to use defined criteria and standards to evaluate methods, outcomes and proposals in Geography.

EXAMINATION FORMAT

Paper 1 – 1h 45min (50 marks, 50%)

Students will answer three compulsory structured questions.

- **Q1** – Cluster 1: Geography in Everyday Life - Fieldwork (20 marks)
- **Q2** – Cluster 2: Tourism (15 marks)
- **Q3** – Cluster 3: Climate (15 marks)

[Note: Candidates will be required to answer one 9-mark question in either Q2 or Q3.]

Paper 2 – 1h 45 min (50 marks, 50%)

Students will answer three compulsory structured questions.

- **Q1** – Cluster 1: Geography in Everyday Life (15 marks)
- **Q2** – Cluster 4: Tectonics (15 marks)
- **Q3** – Cluster 5: Singapore (20 marks)

[Note: Candidates will be required to answer one 9-mark question in either Q2 or Q3.]

N.B.

Selected questions in the exam paper will be marked using generic level descriptors whereas other questions will be point-marked.

Each structured question will consist of no more than 9 sub-parts.