# The Geography Exam

## Paper One – Physical 35%
- 90 min
- 88 marks
- Hazards
- Living world (Hot desert option)
- Landscapes in the UK (Coast + River option)

## Paper Two – Human 35%
- 90 min
- 88 marks
- Urban challenges
- Economic world
- Resource management (Water option)

## Paper Three – Skills 30%
- 85 min
- 76 marks
- Issue evaluation (Building a reservoir)
- Fieldwork skills
- Eastbourne fieldwork
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What makes geography different...

• There is a very wide range of content you need to be able to recall.

• You will be asked to apply information to a range of different contexts - we can’t predict these contexts.

• In geography, practice doesn’t make perfect – it only makes permanent.

There are no shortcuts. You just need to know it.
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The good news
There is no limit to how much information your long-term memory can store.

The bad news
We aren’t always good at getting the information in there; when we do we struggle to find it.
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“Memory is the residue of thought”
(Daniel T Willingham)

• To remember something we have to think hard about it.

• Human nature is to avoid thinking hard about things.

• We tend to select revision techniques that mean we don’t have to *think* (highlighting notes, copying notes, writing things down as we read them).
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The solution

“Weighing the pig won’t make it fatter”

(John Dewey)

Actually, it will.
• Recall strengthens memory.
• Interleaving (mixing up topics) makes the effect even stronger.
• Getting a question wrong makes the right answer stick.
• Misconceptions need to be addressed as soon as possible.
Plan:

- Check: 20%
- Review: 20%
- Test: 60%

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Plan a revision session in... Geography

Plan:
1. Use your PLCs to check where your areas of weakness are in a topic.
2. Decide how you are going to address these areas of weakness.
   • Answer exam questions
   • Make a mind map
   • Quiz yourself
   • Use the case study booklet
   • Use the guided revision activities

Elaborate:
1. Use your exercise book or revision guide to make notes.
2. Define key words.
3. Look at model answers.
4. Complete a case study sheet from the booklet on firefly.
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Test: THE IMPORTANT BIT
1. Complete an exam question - in exam conditions
2. Quiz yourself on what you have read
3. Create a mind map of the topic/case study without referring to your notes.
4. Complete some of the guided revision activities.
5. Use the case study booklet.

Recreate:
Get everything ready before you begin.
You must do this without your notes.
Put away your phone and turn off the TV.
Music only helps if it is drowning out a bigger distraction.
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Check:
1. Check your work against a mark scheme where possible.
2. Check against your notes or a revision guide.
3. Check against a friend’s work.
4. Ask a family member to check your work.

Correct:
1. Make improvements to your answer.
2. Add information you had missed.
3. Correct common spelling and grammar issues (their, there, they’re or environment).
4. Add more subject specific terminology - NO stuff or pollution.
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Resources

• Quizzes are available on BBC Bitesize – link on Firefly.
• Case study revision guide is available on Firefly.
• Guided activities are available on Firefly.
• Practice papers are available on Firefly.
• There are a range of useful revision guides – Hodder and BBC.
• You have your exercise books.
• Your teachers are available. Use us!