

Geography

Top Tips

**AIMING FOR GRADES
8 AND 9**

The skills and/or topics needed to achieve Grades 8 & 9 are . . .

Wider readings and keeping up to date with the news. Exam questions sometimes focus on recent events so knowing what has happened can give you an idea of what could be on the exam.

Topics:

Natural Hazards

Urban Issues and challenges

Pre release

Living World

Economic World

Fieldwork (your own)

Physical Landscapes

Resource Management

Fieldwork (unseen)

Geography skills are included throughout all 3 papers (grid references, mean, median, mode, range, percentages, continents etc)

If aiming for Grades 8 & 9 you will need to particularly focus on this in your exam papers . . .

Answer the question in the correct format for the command word. e.g.

Evaluate - mention the positives and negatives. (paragraph on each)

To what extent - make sure you say to what extent (small, large, moderate etc) using examples for and against the argument.

Assess - similar to what extent but this is one sided view. (paragraphs on social, economic or environmental)

For 9 mark questions you must have an introduction (with a statistic), aim for 3 paragraphs and a conclusion.

Statistics and data - make sure you include percentages / dates / numbers in your 6 and 9 mark questions.

Link back to the question - at the end of 6 or 9 mark questions make sure you re read the question and summarise.

You can find resources to support your preparation at . . .

BBC bitesize - AQA GCSE Geography Internet Geography - AQA GCSE Geography

Physics and Maths Tutor - AQA GCSE Geography

When completing independent revision you should . . .

Simplify your notes. Ask yourself questions

Avoid passive revision (don't just read your notes)

If you have a revision guide, answer the questions at the end of each chapter

Make your own case study cards Make your own flashcards

Grade boundary for a Grade 8 in 2019

65% but we recommend over 75%

Grade boundary for a Grade 9 in 2019

77% but we recommend over 85%

Top tips for aiming for Grades 8 & 9

Colour code your revision notes, Red, Amber and Green.

When you go over those notes again, priorities the red, then amber, then green.

Always revise topics in the same order, it is like listening to an album in order, you know what song is coming next, before it has even started.

Voice record yourself going over your notes. You can listen back to your own voice (if it isn't too cringe) while you do other things such as tidying / on the bus / eating breakfast etc.

Teach others - this gives your revision connections to other memories, family members might add something interesting or ask questions. You are more likely to remember an interesting conversation you had about Nigeria's economy than if you were just writing down the notes.