

Grade 9 – IGCSE Geography Focused Revision List – April 2024

Your examination will consist of three questions.

Question 1 – Population – 35 minutes

Question 2 – Coasts – 35 minutes

Question 3 – Tectonics – 35 minutes

Total 1 hour 45 minutes (but you have up to 2-hours)

The format of each of the three questions is as follows.

- At the start of each of the three questions, you will have a photo, a chart, a graph, or a map to study. This will either be on your exam paper or in the accompanying resource booklet. You will be asked short response questions based on this information. The answer is in front of you, you just need to find it! These questions test your skills.
- Then, the questions will start to get a bit more complicated. They will start to ask you about content that you will have revised for using the list on the next page. These questions test your knowledge and understanding.
- The final question in each section is the 7-mark essay question. This will be about a case study and will expect you to PEEL, PEEL, PEE! These essay questions test your skills, knowledge and understanding and **structure is REALLY important.**
- The 'pin-code' for the three questions is generally **1,2,3,4,3,5 & 7** – This refers to how many marks each question is worth and in the order that they appear in each question. For any question worth 1 – 5 marks, you need to use the marks as a guideline for how many things you need to talk about e.g. a 3-mark question will generally say something like 'suggest **three** reasons why some places have low population densities.
- Generally a 3-mark question will give you 6 lines to fill, a 4-mark question will give you 8 lines to fill etc. If they give you two lines, it is because they expect you to write two lines worth of information. **You can be very sure that if you write one word, you are not going to get the marks!**

The revision list on the following page gives you the 18 **things that you MUST revise** for your April 2024 exam. If you get stuck or need help, you can send me a message on Teams. I'll try to get back to you as soon as I can.

Question 1 Population – Make sure you know the following:

1. Know definitions of birth rate, death rate, fertility rate.
2. Know that population growth happens if birth rates are higher than death rates. Know how to calculate a population growth rate i.e. take deaths / 1000 per yr. away from births /1000 per yr.
3. What is population structure and how can it be shown (population pyramid)?
4. How can population structure change over time (population pyramids)
5. I can read and interpret a population pyramid.
6. What are the impacts of many young dependents (0-15 yrs.) or many old dependents (65+ yrs.) on countries?
7. The push and pull factors behind one international migration movement – (Mexico to the USA)

Question 2 Coasts – Make sure you know the following:

1. The four processes of coastal erosion and how they work together to erode coastlines.
2. At least three different methods of coastal protection and how they work in order to prevent erosion or transportation.
3. You can identify coastal features formed by erosion.
4. The hazards faced by coastal communities because of natural processes (Hurricane Matthew 2015)

Question 3 Tectonics – Make sure you know the following:

1. Describe & can name the different layers of planet earth.
2. Define a plate & plate boundary to include the focus and epicentre.
3. Why earthquakes happen at plate boundaries.
4. Understand the different plate boundaries (destructive, constructive, conservative) and which tectonic hazard each boundary is associated with.
5. What are the problems of volcanic eruptions on people and their environment? (Nevado del Ruiz)