

## GCE GEOGRAPHY SPECIFICATION (B) FAQs

### ***How is Unit 5 (6475) assessed?***

Unit 6475 is assessed through a written examination (6475/01) and an externally-assessed coursework report (6475/02). These are not optional – both parts must be taken. The coursework report is based on one of the pre-release coursework report titles issued by Edexcel in the previous year, these are sent to centres and are available from the Edexcel website. The completed coursework report should be sent to the appointed marker **one week** before the written exam takes place, contrary to the current specification.

### ***How are Unit 5 (6475) marks carried forward in retakes?***

Unit 6475 is divided into 2 parts;  
6475/01 = written exam and 6475/02 = externally assessed coursework report.  
A candidate can retake both the report and written exam in June (entry code 6475).  
Alternatively, in June they can retake the written exam only and carry forward the mark from the coursework report that they took in January (entry code 6475T).  
Marks can only be carried forward from the coursework report (not the written exam), from January to June in the same year.

### ***Is there a recommended textbook for the course?***

No. However the following are very appropriate;

There are two pairs of Edexcel B specific AS & A2 books:

- ~ Frampton et al – *Changing Environments* (Longman, 2000)
- ~ McNaught et al – *Global Challenge* (Longman, 2001)
- ~ Digby et al – *Changing Environments* (Heinemann, 2000)
- ~ Digby et al – *Global Challenges* (Heinemann, 2001)

These have been written and edited by a team including senior examiners, and it would be useful to have at least one copy to give guidance on appropriate case studies, and the depth to which different topics should be studied.

However there are a wide range of books that could be suitable, the best advice is to have a look at those available and choose the one that is most appropriate for your department's approach. Other texts include:

- ~ Prosser et al – *Landmark Geography – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* (Collins, 2003)
- ~ Ross et al – *Essential AS Geography* (Nelson Thornes, 2000)
- ~ Nagle - *Advanced Geography* (OUP, 2000)
- ~ Cook et al – *Geography In Focus* (Causeway Press, 2000)
- ~ Philip Allan Updates offer a number of *Student Unit Guides* for this specification including ones for Units 1, 2, 4 and 6
- ~ Hodder and Stoughton's *Access to Geography* series support specific sections eg Health, Climate, Globalisation etc.

***What support is available for teachers?***

- The Edexcel AS/A2 Geography *Teachers' Guide* is available for all centres
- Specimen Papers and Mark Schemes, past papers, Mark Schemes and Examiner Reports are all available from Edexcel Publications – telephone 01623 467467
- A Professional Development & Training Guide is available to centres with details of Geography teacher training
- [www.edexcel.org.uk/geography](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/geography) – these pages have up-to-date information for centres including downloadable publications such as the Specification, Specimen Papers & Mark Schemes and useful web links.

***What is required for an AS Unit 3 (6473/01) Environmental Investigation?***

- Fieldwork can be done individually, or as part of a small group, for example during a week's field trip, although the write up from this must be individual
- Titles can be physical or human geography. They must have an individual focus for group data collection (same title different location, or different slant, same location permissible)
- The GB1(AS) proposal form should be completed and submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup> for Winter entry and February 1<sup>st</sup> for Summer entry. This form is given in the back of the Specification
- The proposal forms should be sent to a designated approver.