

## Exemplar Question Paper for Advanced Higher Geography

The Exemplar Question Paper and Marking Instructions have been developed to be used by centres and learners to prepare for question papers (exams) as part of Advanced Higher Course assessment. They show how questions from past papers can be used or amended to support learners in their exam preparation.

The structure of the Exemplar Question Paper is aligned with the guidance in the Course Assessment Specification, which is available on the subject page ([www.sqa.org.uk/browsecfesubjects](http://www.sqa.org.uk/browsecfesubjects)).

The questions in the Exemplar Question Paper follow the style and structure of similar questions in the Specimen Question Paper (also available on the subject page). The paper overall is designed to provide the same level of demand as the Specimen Question Paper; and the Detailed Marking Instructions reflect the approach of those in the Specimen Question Paper.

The questions included in the Advanced Higher Exemplar Question Paper were, as far as possible, selected or amended from those used in past papers, in accordance with the Guidance on the use of past paper questions document. Care has been taken to align the information in the table below with the questions identified in the guidance document and used in the Exemplar Question Paper.

If no suitable questions were available in recent past papers for reasons of sampling or because there is now new content, new questions were developed or appropriate questions were selected/adapted from other years. Details of how questions have been amended for this Exemplar Question Paper are given in the table below.

**When using any past paper questions, it is important to remember that centres and learners must take into account the generic guidance on selection and/or amendments to questions below.**

- ◆ You must select questions that provide the learners with the same level of challenge as those in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ You may be able to use questions as published or with amendments as suggested in the columns below.
- ◆ You must use questions that adhere to the Advanced Higher General Marking Principles and reflect the form of Detailed Marking Instructions as published in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.

If any change to a question is necessary, you must ensure that:

- ◆ The style and structure matches the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ Marking of the learner's response to the question adheres to the General Marking Principles in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ Marking Instructions are amended to reflect the style of the Advanced Higher Detailed Marking Instructions.

## Additional Subject Specific Information for Advanced Higher Geography

The table below shows which questions in the Exemplar Question Paper were selected/amended from past papers (and in what way they were amended) — in accordance with the Guidance on the use of past paper questions for Advanced Higher document — and also lists any new questions.

The Advanced Higher Exemplar Question Paper can be found on the [subject page](#).

Question papers in Advanced Higher will have the following mark allocations:

- ◆ Map Interpretation (20 marks)
- ◆ Gathering and Processing Techniques (10 marks)
- ◆ Geographical Data Handling (20 marks)

### Glossary of terms

Term	Explanatory comment
<b>Question used as published in past paper</b>	Past paper question has been used as previously published.
<b>Past paper question with context amended</b>	Past paper question has been used, but the basis of the information has altered, eg in Geography, this may mean a change in context from glaciation to coasts.
<b>Past paper question with source amended</b>	Past paper question has been used, but the source of information is different, eg in English this may mean a different text has been used.
<b>Past paper question with style amended</b>	Past paper question has been used, but the style of questioning has changed, eg in Mathematics, multiple-choice questions may have been changed to a short response question.
<b>Past paper question with structure amended</b>	Past paper question has been used but the structure of the question has changed, eg in Physics it may mean only part of a question was used with amendments to Marking Instructions to take account of no half marks.
<b>New question written</b>	This is a new area of Course content.

Exemplar question number	Question used as published in past paper, with or without amendment to Marking Instructions	Past paper question with context amended	Past paper question with source amended	Past paper question with style amended	Past paper question with structure amended	New question written
Q1	<p>The following information from the <b>2010</b> past paper, <b>Q1</b> was retained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ text referring to the Eden Project</li> <li>◆ Supplementary Item A — Ordnance Survey OS Map, Extract No 1789/EXP107 1:25000 (Explorer Series), St Austell and Liskeard</li> <li>◆ Supplementary Item B — overlay</li> </ul>			<p>All questions taken from <b>2010</b> past paper, <b>Q1</b>. Question numbering in Exemplar Question Paper is the same:</p> <p><b>Q1a (i)</b> — mark allocation reduced from 4 marks to 2 marks.</p> <p><b>Q1a (ii)</b> — reduction in physical locational factors from six to four; mark allocation reduced from 12 marks to 8 marks.</p> <p><b>Q1b</b> — mark allocation reduced from 14 marks to 10 marks; ‘Discuss in depth’ changed to ‘Discuss in detail’.</p> <p><b>Q1a (i), (ii), b</b> — command words amended to the same</p>		

				format as used in Specimen Question Paper; Marking Instructions re-written to provide sufficient detail and clarity for markers.		
Q2	<p>The following information from the <b>2012</b> past paper <b>Q5</b> was retained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the context of 'hypothesis testing'</li> <li>◆ Supplementary Item G — outline map of beach area</li> </ul>		<p>Supplementary Item G from <b>2012</b>, <b>Q5</b> — outline map of beach area retitled as Supplementary Item C.</p> <p><b>2012, Q5</b> — The prompt at the beginning of the question has been reworded in line with terminology used at Unit level and within the Course project.</p>	<p>All questions from <b>2012</b> past paper, <b>Q5</b>.</p> <p><b>Q5a</b> — used as Exemplar Question Paper, Q2a; command word amended to the same format as used in the Specimen Question Paper.</p> <p><b>Q5c</b> — used as Exemplar Question Paper, Q2b; amended to reflect format as used in the Specimen Question Paper.</p> <p><b>Q5a</b> and <b>c</b> — Marking Instructions re-written to provide sufficient detail and clarity for markers.</p>		<p><b>Q2c</b> — new question to cover techniques related to processing and presenting.</p> <p>Marking instructions written to provide sufficient detail and clarity for markers.</p>
Q3	<p>The following information from the <b>2014</b> past paper <b>Q4</b> was retained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ comparison of Norway</li> </ul>		<p><b>2014 Q4</b> Supplementary Item E — proportional symbols map</p>	<p>All questions from <b>2014</b> past paper, <b>Q4</b>.</p> <p><b>Q4a</b> and <b>c</b> — used as Exemplar Question</p>		

	<p>and Scotland table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Supplementary Item E — proportional symbols map showing Norway's urban areas</li> <li>◆ Supplementary Item F — proportion of land resources in Norway; proportion of built-up land in Norway by county; map showing Norwegian counties</li> </ul>		<p>showing Norway's urban areas and Supplementary Item F — proportion of land resources in Norway; proportion of built-up land in Norway by county; map showing Norwegian counties retitled together as 'Supplementary Item D'.</p>	<p>Paper Q3a and c; command words amended to the same format as used in the Specimen Question Paper: 'Describe and explain...' replaced with 'Explain...'</p> <p><b>Q4b</b> — used as Exemplar Question Paper Q3b; amended in line with terminology used at Unit level and within the Course project: 'Discuss the value of ....' replaced with 'Discuss the suitability of ....'</p> <p><b>Q4d</b> — used as Exemplar Question Paper Q3d; amended to illustrate an alternative use of the information contained within the Supplementary Item.</p> <p><b>Q4a, b and c</b> — Marking Instructions rewritten to provide sufficient detail and clarity for markers.</p>		
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