

Welcome to GCSE Geography



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GCSE Structure:

Paper 1 – 1hr30 – Living with the Physical Environment

- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- The Living World
- Physical Landscapes in the UK Rivers and Coasts

Paper 2 – 1hr30 – Challenges in the Human Environment

- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Resource Management

Paper 3 – 1hr30 – Geographical Applications

- Issue Evaluation
- Fieldwork

Command Words – These are the words in a question that tell you how to answer the question. Understanding the command words are key to being able to achieve top marks in GCSE Geography.

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- Assess – To make an	- Explain – Set out reasons.
informed judgement.	- Justify – Support a case with
- Describe – Set out	evidence.
characteristics	- Suggest – Present a possible
- Discuss - Present key points	case
about different ideas or	- To what extent - Judge the
strengths and weaknesses of	importance or success of
an idea.	(strategy, scheme, project,
- Evaluate – Judge from	etc).
available evidence.	

To what extent has urban change created environmental challenges in a UK city you have studied? [9 marks]

Explain how living in areas that are at risk from a tectonic hazard(s) may have both advantages and disadvantages. [6 marks]

'Tropical rainforests are important at both the local and global scales.' Discuss this statement. [6 marks]



3. The Challenge of Natural Hazards: Case studies of contrasting wealth: Earthquakes

	L'Aquila 2009	Turkey/Syria 2023	Evaluation
Wealth (GNI) and Development Indicators (HDI)	\$35,600 0.89	Turkey \$10,590 0.82 Syria is \$1,265 0.57	Syria is one of the poorest countries globally. This will mean less formal education, healthcare and services.
Cause	The oceanic African plate is subducting beneath the continental Eurasian plate. (Destructive)	The East Anatolian fault is a conservative plate boundary. A slip led to the earthquake.	Both plates cause strong earthquakes, which are both difficult to predict.
Magnitude	Magnitude 6.3, ultra-shallow focus (9km)	Magnitude 7.8, very shallow focus (10km)	Turkey/Syria had a much a higher magnitude. This suggests that it is not just development that influences the scale of a disaster.
Primary Effects	 306 killed, 1500 injured and 40,000 homeless. The earthquake caused damage to between 3,000 and 11,000 buildings in the medieval city of L'Aquila. Many buildings also collapsed. \$1.1bn of damage 	 55,000 dead and nearly 130,000 injured. The quake severely impacted <u>cities</u>. <u>damaging</u> infrastructure and resulting in the collapse of numerous buildings and the destruction of water systems. 2.5 million children in Turkey and 3.7 million children in Syria need continued humanitarian assistance, according to UNICEF. Damages were estimated at US\$104 billion in Turkey and US\$14.8 billion in Syria 	 The effects were clearly worse in the LIC. Why? Fewer building codes/requirements – severe PANCAKE EFFECT – buildings collapsed downward, floor by floor. Poorer quality infrastructure. Less preparation e.g. supplies, service training etc.
Secondary Effects	 A landslide and mudflow were caused by a burst main water supply pipeline near the town of Paganio. The number of students at L'Aquila University has decreased since the earthquake. 	 Large rock falls and landslides were reported in villages in the Atlas Mountains. Damage to water systems – millions of children at risk of waterborne diseases like cholera, Hepatitis A and tetanus. 	Secondary effects can be worse than primary effects. They are bad because: They slow/stop the response They can have longer lasting economic challenges
	 The lack of housing for all residents meant house prices and rents increased Tourism has reduced and young people have migrated elsewhere. 	 In Syria, children face an increased need for mental health support. 	 People are still recovering from the initial effects, so they are less prepared and more vulnerable.
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Immediate Responses	 The Italian Red Cross was searching for survivors supported by seven dog units, 36 ambulances, and a temporary hospital within an hour. Mortgages and bills for Sky TV, gas and electricity were suspended. The Italian Post Office offered free mobile calls, raised donations and gave free delivery for products sold by small businesses. 	 First 6 months, the red cross provided vital basics to over 6.5 million people, including food, clothing, hygiene and medicine. The UN has released \$50 million from its Central Emergency Response Fund to jumpstart the response. Turkish health authorities have been able to offer tetanus shots for those who request it, with the WHO providing additional support in monitoring waterborne diseases. In Turkey, Islamic Relief are providing emergency medical assistance, shelter and cash grants. 	 Why was the immediate response worse in Turkey/Syria? Response was hampered by the extreme weather including snowfall over Southeast Turkey and Northwest Syria, making it very difficult to access roads, warehouses and supplies. Turkey/Syria reliant on internationa aid, which came slower. The failure to get the military in for earthquake response resulted in their absence during the crucial early hours and days when lives could have been saved.
Long Term Responses	 Residents did not have to pay taxes during 2010. Students were given free public transport discounts on educational equipment and were exempt from university fees for three years. Homes took several years to rebuild. 	 The Red Cross is providing mental health and psychosocial support to over 700,000 people in Turkey and Syria. President Tayyip Erdogan pledged to rebuild housing within one year. Survivors have either left the area or been settled in tents, container homes and government- sponsored accommodation. The government has introduced new building codes to prevent the same concrete/poor building quality to occur again. 	 Secondary effects can be worse than primary effects. They are bad because: They slow/stop the response They can have longer lasting economic challenges Still recovering from the initial effect.



Tropical Storms: Typhoon Haiyan

Typhoon Haiyan was a tropical storm that affected the Philippines in South East Asia in November 2013. It was one of the strongest tropical storms ever recorded with winds of 313 km/h



Effects	Evite and Tacloban experienced a 5-metre		<u>Secondary</u> Survivors fought for food and supplies.	•	Evaluation Primary effects had the largest
	 storm surge, and 400mm of rainfall flooded an area of up to 1km inland 6190 people died 4.1 million people were made homeless 1.1 million tonnes of crops destroyed High winds damaged infrastructure. 	•	Eight people died in a stampede for food supplies. Seawater, chemicals and sewerage contaminated surface and groundwater. An oil tanker ran aground, causing an 800,000-litre oil leak that contaminated fishing waters.	•	impact, in particular on deaths and homelessness. Secondary effects can be more significant long term. Secondary effects can also make the response more difficult.
<u>Responses</u>	Immediate • Eight hundred thousand people were evacuated following a televised warning by the president. • Many people found refuge in a stadium in Tacloban. However, many people died when it was flooded. • Over \$1.5 billion of foreign aid was pledged.	•	Long-Term Build Back Better is the government's response to the typhoon They have also set up a no-build zone along the coast in Eastern Visayas, a new storm surge warning system has been developed, and mangroves replanted to absorb future storm surges.	•	aduation Immediate response limited due to development. Dependent on foreign aid so slower to act. Long term response more effective at preventing future disasters. Magnitude of the storm made the effects so large that response was difficult.

How can you support your studies in Geography?

- 1. **Read or watch the news** Immerse yourself in current affairs and geographical issues. Aim to visit these sites frequently or watch the news on TV.
 - BBC News https://www.bbc.co.uk/news
 - The Guardian https://www.theguardian.com/uk
 - The Conversation http://theconversation.com/uk

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- 2. **Podcasts** Give your eyes a break at a time when your screen time has increased and pop your headphones in instead to broaden your geographical understanding :
 - Costing the Earth https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn Podcasts on a wide variety
 of geographical issues including climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation,
 alternative power, plastics etc.
 - Royal Geographical Society "Ask the Geographer podcasts" https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/? categories=Podcast&loadall=0&pageindex=1. A fantastic set of podcasts to keep you up-to date with the latest geographical research.
 - Global Dispatches Podcasts https://www.undispatch.com/category/podcast/ These
 podcasts created by the United Nations focus on investigating global development issues.

3. Netflix/BBC iPlayer Recommendations – Why not watch 1 a week over the holidays?

- Into the Inferno: Eruptions and lava flows it captures the raw power of volcanoes. (Netflix)
- The Boy who harnessed the wind: About a Malawian boy who creates a water pump in a time of water shortage. (Netflix)
- Cowspiracy: Investigate the food and meat industry . (Netflix)
- Our Planet, Planet Earth and Planet Earth 2: The Irreplaceable Sir David Attenborough explores some of the world's different biomes and their varied flora and fauna.(BBC iPlayer)
- Aftershock: Everest and the Nepal Earthquake: Looks at the events of the 2015 earthquake. (Netflix)
- The Dark Tourist: David Farrier's eight-part series looks at unconventional destinations across the world. From the radioactive villages of Japan following the 2013 tsunami to the voodoo villages of South Africa. (Netflix).

Research Task – Create a fact-file on the Somerset Levels flooding of 2013-2014. Use the links to help you.

1. Define the following key terms:

Primary Effect:

Secondary Effect:

Immediate Response:

Long-term response:

2. Key facts about the floods: Where: When: Why:

3. What were the effects and responses to the Somerset Levels Floods?				
<u>Effects</u>	Primary	<u>Secondary</u>		
<u>Responses</u>	<u>Immediate</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>		

https://www.internetgeography.net/topics/the-somerset-levels-flood-case-study/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z7gby9g

A preview of GCSE Geography Lesson 1

Read the information and answer the questions to impress your teacher in your first lesson!

