

Geographical Skills Checklist

- ✓ 20% overall A-level grade (40% A2 grade)
- ✓ 1.5hr written paper partly based on candidate's own investigation/research worth 60 marks
- ✓ Two sections – A & B
- ✓ Section A: candidates are required to answer one question chosen from three structured data-response questions which are each divided into three parts. These questions are based upon stimulus material, which may include maps (OS and other types), written material, photographs, satellite and other images, diagram and statistical information; and upon the skills and techniques used during the geographic research that candidates will have undertaken at both AS and A2.
- ✓ Section B: candidates are required to answer two extended-writing questions. Questions focus on the skills and techniques used during the geographical research including analysis, interpretation, evaluation and drawing conclusions.
- ✓ Candidates answer three questions in total.
- ✓ This unit is synoptic.

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What is the exact title of my investigation	
Why did I choose this title? (geographical nature, scale, practical, easily researched, easily defined)	
What hypothesis did I set up?	
What data did I identify I needed to collect?	
What sampling type/methods did I use? How can I justify these?	
What is the point of doing a preliminary study?	
What limitations were imposed on me by resources and time?	
What risks were undertaken in my investigation? How could these be minimised?	
How did you use primary data in your investigation?	
How did you use secondary data in your investigation?	
How did you collect and record your data?	
How was your data collection accurate and reliable?	
What were the limitations in your data collection?	
How can you describe your findings?	
How did you use statistical techniques?	
How does your data collection answer your original hypothesis?	
Can you explain any patterns and anomalies found in your results?	
Can you present a clear conclusion that links back to your hypothesis?	
Did your investigation support the geographical concept being studied?	
Can you evaluate your study (methods used and data collected)	
How could you improve/extend your study?	