VCE Geography
2016–2020

Written examination – End of year

**Adjusted** examination specifications

**Overall conditions**

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the *VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook*.

There will be 15 minutes reading time and 2 hours writing time.

The examination will be assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 50 per cent to the study score.

**Content**

The VCE Geography **Adjusted Study Design for 2020 only** 2016–2020 is the document for the development of the examination. The adjusted study design includes a section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ (pages 9–13). All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined.

All of the key knowledge and skills that underpin the outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

**Format**

The examination will be in the form of a question and answer book.

The examination will consist of short-answer and/or extended-answer questions, which may include sub-parts.

Questions may be based on stimulus material presented in a separate data book. Students will be presented with a range of data formats. These formats will be drawn from the full range of accepted geographical media that students may encounter in the course of their study, such as the following:

- tables
- graphs
- sketches
- statistics
- photographs
- satellite images
- topographic maps
- aerial photographs
- 3D representations
- other accepted data representations

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 80.
Approved materials and equipment

- normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- coloured pencils, water-based pens and markers

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE Geography examination:

- VCE Geography Adjusted Study Design for 2020 only 2016–2020
- VCE Geography – Advice for teachers 2016–2020 (includes assessment advice)
- VCAA Bulletin

Advice

During the 2016–2020 accreditation period for in 2020 the VCE Geography, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each The examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Teachers and students should be aware of the cross-study specifications, including key geographical concepts, geographical skills and fieldwork report, as described on pages 9–13 of the adjusted study design.

Students should use command/task words, other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing sample questions has been published on the VCE Geography ‘Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports’ page on the VCAA website.

The sample questions provide an indication of the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample questions.

Please note: The sample questions have not been amended to reflect the adjustments made to the study design in 2020.