

VCE Geography

2022–2026

Written examination – End of year

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.

There will be 15 minutes of reading time and 2 hours of 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 Study Design 2022–2026* is the document for the development of the examination. The study design includes a section on characteristics of the study (pages 6–14).

All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined. All of the key knowledge and key 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 extended-answer questions.

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:

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

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 80.

Assessment criteria

The extended-answer questions will be assessed against the following criteria, as appropriate:

- application of geographical knowledge and understanding
- demonstration of geographical skills
- description and application of key geographical concepts
- interpretation and analysis of data and other geographical information

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 resources should be referred to in relation to the VCE Geography examination:

- *VCE Geography Study Design 2022–2026*
- [Advice for teachers – Geography](#)
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2022–2026 accreditation period for VCE Geography, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Teachers and students should be aware of the characteristics of the study, including key geographical concepts, geographical skills, geospatial technologies and fieldwork report, as described on pages 6–14 of the 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.