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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: geography

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1.

Grade 8

1.1 To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

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- demonstrate relevant and comprehensive knowledge, understanding and application of geographical information and issues
- demonstrate perceptive understanding of complex interactions and interrelationships between people and the environment and between geographical phenomena
- construct sustained and convincing arguments to draw well-evidenced conclusions
- use and evaluate a wide range of geographical skills and techniques effectively

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge, understanding and application of geographical information and issues
- demonstrate clear understanding of interactions and interrelationships between people and the environment and between geographical phenomena
- construct coherent arguments to draw conclusions supported by evidence
- use a range of geographical skills and techniques accurately, showing understanding of their purpose

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate limited knowledge, understanding and application of geographical information and issues
- demonstrate basic understanding of aspects of interactions and interrelationships between people and the environment and between geographical phenomena
- make straightforward comments with some reference to evidence
- use some basic geographical skills and techniques with limited accuracy

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