

Geography

(for students studying in S4 in the 2013/14 sy and taking the 2016 HKDSE Exam)

Why do you need to study Geography?

As an elective PSHE subject in the senior secondary curriculum, Geography aims to provide students with an understanding of the Earth and the modern world. Through examining the inter-relationships among people, places and the environment, Geography helps students to acquire an in-depth understanding of the changing contemporary world in terms of space and environment.

Moreover, the study of geography also provides opportunities for students to develop their general intellectual capacity for lifelong learning and generic skills. The enquiry approach adopted in SS Geography enables students to develop the important abilities involved in values clarification and value judgments, and equips our students to become geographically informed and inquiring people.

What will you learn from Geography?

The curriculum comprises a compulsory part and an elective part. The Compulsory Part accounts for 60% of total lesson time. It aims to assist students to acquire fundamental geographical concepts and knowledge and to develop a framework of thinking and enquiry. The Elective Part, which takes up 20% of lesson time, aims at catering for the varied aptitudes, interests and needs of students. The remaining 20% of lesson time is assigned for fieldwork and spatial data enquiry. The curriculum structure of the subject is shown below.

Compulsory Part	Elective Part (Select 2 from the following four modules)	Fieldwork + spatial data enquiry
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities and Risks – Is it rational to live in hazard-prone areas?• Managing Rivers and Coastal Environments: A continuing challenge• Changing Industrial Location – How and why does it change over space and time?• Building a Sustainable City – Are environmental conservation and urban development mutually exclusive?• Combating Famine – Is technology a panacea for food shortage?• Disappearing Green Canopy – Who should pay for the massive deforestation in rainforest regions?• Global Warming – Is it fact or fiction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dynamic Earth: the building of Hong Kong• Weather and Climate• Transport Development, Planning and Management• Regional Study of Zhujiang (Pearl River) Delta	Should be infused in the learning and teaching of the Compulsory and Elective Parts

How will you be assessed in Geography?

	Paper 1	Paper 2
Weighting:	70%	30%
Duration:	2½ hours	1 hour 15 minutes*
Scope	Compulsory Part	Elective Part
Section/ question type:	A. Multiple-choice (22%) B. Data/skill-based/Structured (36%) C. Short essay (12%)	D. Data/skill-based/Structured (18%) E. Short essay (12%)

*Starting from 2014, the time duration of Paper 2 will be extended from 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes to give you ample time to read the questions and organise your answers. The examination requirements will not be raised as a result of this change.

The implementation of Geography SBA has been deferred to 2019. Schools will still arrange fieldwork for students, but are not required to submit SBA marks to the HKEAA.

How can Geography equip you for the future?

<i>Further Study</i>	<i>Employment</i>
Studying programmes related to Architecture, Earth Sciences, Geo-technical Engineering, Humanities, Planning, Management and Social Sciences.	Urban and transport planning, resource and environmental management, tourism, administrative and management profession.

For further information, you should visit the EDB website “New Academic Structure Web Bulletin” (<http://334.edb.hkedcity.net/EN/>) or consult your teachers.