

Assessment Schedule – 2015**Geography: Demonstrate geographic understanding of a large natural environment (91240)****Evidence**

Question One: The natural characteristics of a large natural environment			
<i>Geographic Concept: Natural Environments</i>			
	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
	The candidate explains two natural characteristics of their chosen large natural environment. Supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate explains, in detail, two natural characteristics of their chosen large natural environment. Detailed supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate fully explains two natural characteristics of their chosen large natural environment, using geographic terminology and the geographic concept, and shows insight. Comprehensive (specific and detailed) supporting case study evidence is integrated within the answer.
Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.	
	N1	Attempt is relevant, but the response does not explain chosen natural characteristics of the environment. Lacks supporting case study evidence.	
	N2	Partially explains at least one natural characteristic of the chosen large natural environment. Provides little supporting case study evidence.	
Achievement	A3	Explains two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment. Provides some supporting case study evidence. (One characteristic may be explained in less detail).	
	A4	Explains two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment. Provides supporting case study evidence.	
Merit	M5	Explains, in detail, two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment. Provides some detailed supporting case study evidence. (One characteristic may be explained in less detail).	
	M6	Explains, in detail, two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment. Provides detailed supporting case study evidence.	
Excellence	E7	Fully explains two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment, using integrated comprehensive case study evidence. (One characteristic may be explained less comprehensively). Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show some insight.	
	E8	Fully explains two natural characteristics of the chosen large natural environment, using integrated comprehensive case study evidence throughout. Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show insight.	

Question Two: Change in a large natural environment		
<i>Geographic Concept: Change</i>		
Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
The candidate provides annotated sketch maps and / or diagrams to explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate provides detailed annotated sketch maps and / or diagrams to explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Detailed supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate provides comprehensive annotated sketch maps and / or diagrams to show how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time, using geographic terminology and the geographic concept, and shows insight. Comprehensive (specific and detailed) supporting case study evidence is integrated within the answer.
Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.
	N1	Attempt is relevant, but the response does not explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Lacks supporting case study evidence.
	N2	Provides simple annotated, but incomplete sketch map(s) and / or diagram(s), to partially explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Provides little supporting case study evidence.
Achievement	A3	Provides some annotated sketch maps and / or diagrams. Some of the annotations explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Provides some supporting case study evidence. (One change / stage may not be well-annotated).
	A4	Provides annotated sketch maps and / or diagrams. Annotations explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Provides supporting case study evidence.
Merit	M5	Provides detailed sketch maps and / or diagrams, giving detailed annotations to explain how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Provides some detailed supporting case study evidence. (One change / stage may have less detailed annotations).
	M6	Provides detailed sketch maps and / or diagrams, giving detailed annotations explaining how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time. Provides detailed supporting case study evidence.
Excellence	E7	Provides detailed sketch maps and / or diagrams, giving full annotations explaining how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time, using integrated comprehensive case study evidence. (One change / stage may have less comprehensive annotations). Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show some insight.
	E8	Provides detailed sketch maps and / or diagrams, giving full annotations explaining how the chosen large natural environment has changed over time, using integrated comprehensive case study evidence throughout. Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show insight.

Question Three: People’s interaction with a large natural environment			
<i>Geographic Concept: Sustainability</i>			
	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
	The candidate explains how two groups or individuals interact with the large natural environment. Supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate explains, in detail, how two groups or individuals interact with the large natural environment. Detailed supporting case study evidence is included.	The candidate fully explains how two groups or individuals interact with the large natural environment. The candidate uses geographic terminology and the geographic concept, and shows insight. Comprehensive (specific and detailed) supporting case study evidence is integrated within the answer.
Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.	
	N1	Attempt is relevant, but the response does not explain how groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment. Lacks supporting case study evidence.	
	N2	Partially explains how groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment. Provides little supporting case study evidence.	
Achievement	A3	Explains how two groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment. Provides some supporting case study evidence. (One group / individual’s interaction may be explained less).	
	A4	Explains how two groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment. Provides supporting case study evidence.	
Merit	M5	Explains, in detail, how two groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment. Provides some detailed supporting case study evidence. (One group / individual’s interaction may be explained in less detail).	
	M6	Explains, in detail, how two groups / individuals interact with the large natural environment. Provides detailed supporting evidence for both case studies.	
Excellence	E7	Fully explains how two groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment, using integrated comprehensive case study evidence. (One group / individual’s interaction may be explained less comprehensively). Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show some insight.	
	E8	Fully explains how two groups / individuals interact with the chosen large natural environment, using integrated comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout. Geographic terminology and the geographic concept are used to show insight.	

Cut Scores

	Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Score range	0 – 6	7 – 12	13 – 18	19 – 24