

Assessment Schedule – 2015

Geography: Demonstrate understanding of how interacting natural processes shape a New Zealand geographic environment (91426)

Evidence

Question One: Interacting processes operating at different scales		
This question is about how a feature(s) of a New Zealand geographic environment is shaped by the operation of interacting natural processes and how these natural processes occur at different scales. Maps / diagrams / cross sections may contain information about how the natural processes operate at different scales and / or interact to shape the feature(s).		
Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.
	N1	A very limited answer. Some correct material, but the candidate does not address the question.
	N2	Answer may correctly describe and / or explain natural process(es) related to features, but provides no discussion of different scales or how the processes interact.
Achievement	A3	Answer contains some aspects of the shaping of a feature due to interacting natural processes, but provides no discussion of different scales. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Interaction between processes is described, or inferred.
	A4	Answer contains some aspects of the shaping of a feature due to interacting natural processes. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Different scales are described, or may be inferred, AND interaction between processes is described.

Merit	M5	<p>Answer demonstrates some detailed understanding of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different scales.</p> <p>Includes some detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, in some detail, how natural processes operate at different scales.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>
	M6	<p>Answer demonstrates detailed understanding of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different scales.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, in detail, how natural processes operate at different scales.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>
Excellence	E7	<p>Answer demonstrates comprehensive understanding, with partial insight, of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different scales.</p> <p>Includes some comprehensive supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, showing some insight and technical understanding, how natural processes operate at different scales.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>
	E8	<p>Answer demonstrates comprehensive understanding, with insight, of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different scales.</p> <p>Includes comprehensive supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, showing insight and technical understanding, how natural processes operate at different scales.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>

Question Two: Interacting processes operating at different rates

This question is about how a feature(s) of a New Zealand geographic environment is shaped by the operation of interacting natural processes and how these natural processes occur at different rates.

Maps / diagrams / cross sections may contain information about how the natural processes operate at different rates and / or interact to shape the feature(s).

Not Achieved	N0	No response; no relevant evidence.
	N1	A very limited answer. Some correct material, but the candidate does not address the question.
	N2	Answer may correctly describe and / or explain natural process(es) related to features, but provides no discussion of different rates or how the processes interact.
Achievement	A3	Answer contains some aspects of the shaping of a feature due to interacting natural processes, but provides no discussion of different rates. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Interaction between processes is described, or inferred.
	A4	Answer contains some aspects of the shaping of a feature due to interacting natural processes. Includes some supporting case study evidence. Different rates are described, or may be inferred, AND interaction between processes is described.
Merit	M5	Answer demonstrates some detailed understanding of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different rates. Includes some detailed supporting case study evidence. Includes a visual that relates to the answer. Analyses, in some detail, how natural processes operate at different rates. Interaction between processes is explained.
	M6	Answer demonstrates detailed understanding of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different rates. Includes detailed supporting case study evidence. Includes a visual that relates to the answer. Analyses, in detail, how natural processes operate at different rates. Interaction between processes is explained.

Excellence	E7	<p>Answer demonstrates comprehensive understanding, with partial insight, of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different rates.</p> <p>Includes some comprehensive supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, showing some insight and technical understanding, how natural processes operate at different rates.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>
	E8	<p>Answer demonstrates comprehensive understanding, with insight, of the shaping of a feature due to the operation of interacting natural processes at different rates.</p> <p>Includes comprehensive supporting case study evidence.</p> <p>Includes a visual that relates to the answer.</p> <p>Analyses, showing insight and technical understanding, how natural processes operate at different rates.</p> <p>Interaction between processes is explained.</p>

Cut Scores

	Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Score range	0 – 2	3 – 4	5 – 6	7 – 8