Sample Assessment Schedule – 2025

Geography: Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment (91934)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment involves:	Explain how natural processes shape an environment involves:	Examine how natural processes shape an environment involves:
 describing natural processes and the resulting phenomena within an environment 	explaining how natural processes create phenomena within the environment	examining implications of natural processes for the environment
describing impacts on the environment from the natural processes and phenomena	explaining wider impacts of the natural processes on the environment	using evidence and geographic terminology to develop the explanation.
 including relevant evidence and geographic terminology in the descriptions. 	using evidence and geographic terminology to support the explanation.	

Cut Scores

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

Please note, specific candidate evidence will be added to this assessment schedule in early 2025.

Evidence

N1	N2	А3	A4	М5	М6	E7	E8
Attempts to describe:	Describes:	Describes (one part of the answer may be weaker):	Describes:	Explains (one part of the answer may be weaker):	Explains:	Examines (one part of the answer may be weaker):	Examines:
Section One	Section One	Section One	Section One	Section One	Section One	Section One	Section One
The sequence (natural process) that operates (causes) and the resulting	The sequence (natural process) that operates (causes) and the resulting	Identifies and labels some appropriate phenomena. Describes how	Identifies and labels some appropriate phenomena. Describes how	Identifies and labels a range of appropriate phenomena.	Identifies and labels a range of appropriate phenomena.	Identifies and labels a wide range of appropriate phenomena.	Identifies and labels a wide range of appropriate phenomena.
phenomena within an environment.	phenomena within an environment.	natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.	natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.	Explains how natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.	Explains how natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.	Examines how natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.	Examines how natural processes operate(d) to produce two of the phenomena above.
Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment	Section Two: Case Study Environment
The impacts on an environment from natural processes and phenomena.	The impacts on an environment from natural processes and phenomena.	The impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.	The impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.	The wider impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.	The wider impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.	The wider impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.	The wider impacts on cultural features and people from the natural processes and phenomena.
						The implications the natural processes may cause in the future.	The implications the natural processes may cause in the future.
				The link between the process and the phenomena.	The link between the process and the phenomena.	The link between the process and the phenomena.	The link between the process and the phenomena.
		AND	AND	AND	AND	AND	AND
		Includes limited supporting evidence and geographic terminology.	Includes some supporting evidence and geographic terminology.	Includes some relevant evidence and geographic terminology to support explanation.	Includes a range of relevant evidence and geographic terminology to support explanation.	Includes some detailed, contextualised evidence and geographic terminology.	Includes detailed, contextualised evidence and geographic terminology.
The response does not fulfil the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement, lacking evidence and depth throughout the response.	The response does not fulfil the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement, lacking evidence and depth in at least one part of the response.	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement, although some parts may be partial or weak. For example, Section One might identify a	The response securely fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement.	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit, although some parts may be partial or weak. For example, Section	The response securely fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit.	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence, demonstrating a sound understanding of the topic.	The response securely fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence, demonstrating a holistic understanding of the topic.
		spit and a flood plain. The candidate describes a coastal		One might identify a spit, a flood plain, a beach, and a meander.		For example, Section One might identify a spit, a flood plain, a	

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and a fluvial process. (sequence of actions) which may have formed those phenomena.	The candidate explains a coastal and a fluvial process (sequence of actions) which may have formed those phenomena. Section Two may include map(s) and/or diagram(s), which are referred to and support their answer.	beach, a meander, a mountain, and orographic cloud. The candidate explains a coastal and a fluvial process (sequence of actions) which may have formed those phenomena. Section Two is likely to include map(s) and/or diagram(s), which are referred to and effectively support their answer.
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N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.