

Time and word limits for GCSE Geography controlled assessments

AQA A

- Maximum of 20 hours for the controlled assessment, with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 2000 words.
- Up to 4 hours for research.
- Up to 10 hours and 800 words for the first 4 stages (introduction, theory & location; methodology; data processing; presentation).
- Up to 6 hours and 1200 words for the final 3 stages (description, interpretation & analysis; conclusions; evaluations).

AQA B

- Maximum of 12 hours for the 'local investigation including fieldwork', with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 1200 words.
- Up to 2 hours for research.
- Up to 6 hours and 400 words for the first 4 stages (introduction, theory & location; methodology; data processing; presentation).
- Up to 4 hours and 800 words for the final 3 stages (description, interpretation and analysis; conclusions; evaluations).

Edexcel A

- Maximum of 20 hours for the controlled assessment, with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 2000 words.
- Suggested timings are: 3 hours for purpose of investigation; 3 hours for methods of collecting data; 6 hours for methods of presenting data; 5 hours for analysis and conclusions; 2 hours for evaluation; 1 hour for organising the report (but planning ongoing).

Edexcel B

- Maximum of 20 hours for the controlled assessment, with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 2000 words.
- Suggested timings are: 5 hours for planning; 2 hours for methods of data collection; 5 hours for data presentation and report production; 5 hours for analysis and conclusions; 3 hours for evaluation.

WJEC A

- Maximum of 10 hours for the 'fieldwork enquiry', with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 1000 words.
- Up to 5 hours are allowed for the limited control 'research' stage (including representing data).
- Up to 5 hours are allowed for the high control 'analysis and evaluation' stage.

WJEC B

- Maximum of 13 hours for the 'geographical enquiry', with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- No word guidance specified but likely to be around 1000 – 1500 words.
- Up to 5 hours are allowed for the limited control 'research' stage (including representing data).
- Up to 8 hours are allowed for the high control 'analysis and evaluation' stage.

OCR A

- Up to 10 hours to research and prepare work for both tasks, with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Up to 6 hours are allowed for the high control write up for the two tasks.
- Guidance of 1000 words per task.

OCR B

- Maximum of 10 hours for the 'fieldwork focus', with additional time (up to 1 full day) for fieldwork.
- Guidance of 1200 words in total.
- No time division specified for the research or analysis and evaluation stages.

CCEA

- Maximum of 24 hours for the controlled assessment, **including** fieldwork time.
- Guidance of 2000 words.
- Up to 6 hours to collect fieldwork data.
- Up to 12 hours for the introduction, methodology, data processing and data presentation.
- Up to 6 hours for the interpretation, analysis, conclusions and evaluation.