

# Supporting Your Learner



## National 5 Geography

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### Course Outline

In National 5 Geography pupils study three main areas;

- Physical Environments
- Human Environments
- Global Issues



Pupils will also complete a research assignment and report which will account for 20% of their overall grade. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of knowledge and source based questions on these three areas of study, National 5 candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research throughout the year – paying specific attention to news and quality newspaper articles which are relevant to the course.



## Exam Preparation

As the National 5 Geography exam approaches, pupils should carry out as much timed practise of exam questions as possible, as well as increasing the volume of research they complete. Source analysis questions and knowledge questions both require strict time management and pupils should be encouraged to practise under timed conditions.

The Geography exam is broken up into three sections: The Physical and Human Environments Sections are worth 30 marks each and the Global Issues Section is worth 20 marks. The Exam lasts for 2 hours and 20 minutes. Pupils will also have the opportunity to carry out timed exam practice in class.

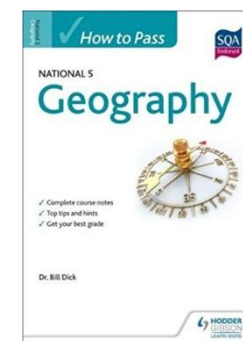
## Useful Websites

National 5 Geography candidates should use a wide range of websites to help them prepare and develop throughout the course. However, the most valuable way to enhance their knowledge is to regularly research the relevant issues that are in the news currently. Thus websites such as; The BBC, National Geographic, Guardian, Telegraph, Independent, Scotsman or any other quality newspaper will be of great use.

## Useful Textbooks

The following websites sell revision and course notes as well as past papers. We have a sample copy in the department of most Geography textbooks and can offer individual advice on what the best option for each pupil may be.

- Hodder Education: <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Product?Product=9781510420915>
- Leckie and Leckie:
- Bright Red Publishing: <https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/n5-geography>





## **Revision Classes**

Currently National 5 revision and help sessions are offered on a Wednesday lunchtime. Pupils are also always welcome to seek out either teacher for advice at lunch or at the start or end of the day.

## **SQA Past Papers**

The link below will allow you to access the most recent past examination papers as well as specimen papers produced by the SQA. There are also Marking Schemes on this page.

SQA National 5 Geography Past Papers

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47446.html>



## **Understanding Standards**

The link below to the SQA website will allow you to see where markers have awarded marks to exemplar papers and read the markers' comments on the candidate's response. It is especially helpful in identifying where marks are awarded for analysis and for knowledge.

Understanding Standards: National 5 Geography

<https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Geography/national5>