

IGCSE Geography: (0460)

Where can I get a copy of the 0460/2 Ordnance Survey Map extracts?

Contact our Customer Services department who will upload the map you request to your centre's CIE Direct account.

Please note that the map extract for May/June 2010 component 21 has not been reproduced to scale. The scale of the map extract used in the examination was 2 centimetres is equal to one kilometre. Please take this into account when using the map extract. This map should be printed in colour onto A3 paper.

November 2010 0460 Survey Maps

Please be advised that the survey maps for 0460/02 IGCSE Geography November 2010 are not available at this time due to copyright restrictions. If this situation changes, we will let you know.

Changes to Coursework 0460 03 from June 2011

From June 2011 **one** piece of coursework, set by teachers, should be submitted. The word limit is up to 2000 words. More details in section 8 of the 2011 syllabus.

How do I get my 0460 03 Coursework proposals approved

Centres need to submit their coursework proposals to CIE. These will be passed on to the 0460 03 Principal Moderator for comment/approval. These will then be returned to you approved or otherwise with comments from the Principal Moderator.

There is no need to re-submit every year if the proposals stay the same but if the coursework proposals change they need to be sent to CIE again.

Is there a penalty for exceeding the 0460 03 word limit

Currently there is no official penalty for IGCSE Geography coursework that goes over the 2000 word limit. This figure is given as a guide but CIE may need to revisit this for future sessions if a number of centres submit substantially over length coursework.

Candidates should be discouraged from submitting considerably over length coursework. The Generic mark scheme states under the "Organisation and presentation" section that to achieve Level 3 (9-12 marks) "a coherent presentation using a range of appropriate techniques with accuracy and clear relevance to the aims". A significantly overlength piece of coursework may lose focus and relevance on the route to geographical enquiry.

CIE may revisit this rule in the future if a substantial number of significantly over length projects are submitted every session.

What does the paper 5 involve?

IGCSE Geography component 5 (0460/05) is a new computer based alternative to course component that is currently being piloted at a limited number of centres.

The Test duration is 1 hour 30 minutes and candidates answer all questions.

This option allows students to gather information they need as a Geographer, as if they were in the field as a geographer, through a computer based simulation and demonstrate the methods and presentation that they might employ. The interactive simulation can include audio, photographs, videos or animations of key processes or information about the issue or topic being assessed.

The Computer Based Test, Paper 5 is an electronic paper, testing the same skills as the Alternative to Coursework paper, Paper 4. Candidates are entered for both these papers and the better mark of the two will go forward towards the final grade.

Please see guidance for paper 4 in the syllabus in terms of requirements for the paper and enquiry skills needed for this paper.

What does it involve? Centres will need to have broadband internet connection to be eligible for paper 5 CBT.

Centres will need to have a Local Area Network (LAN) set up to be eligible for paper 5 CBT.

Centres who meet the above criteria download free software from Cambridge and install it on their computers.

Centres then run a dummy practice test so the is known to work successfully.

Paper 5 is downloaded from Cambridge to your local network a short time in advance of the test.

Candidates use supplied passwords to access Paper 5 in a given test window.

Results are uploaded for marking.

If you are interested in running the Paper 5 CBT please let us know your school details. You will then be contacted with further details of the pilot and the IT capabilities needed at your school to run it.

What are the technical requirements to offer the computer based test (paper 5)?

The computer based IGCSE Geography test currently runs on Windows systems only. However, if there is sufficient demand we are planning developments so that the test can be taken using Macs or Linux in the future, although we are unable to commit to delivery dates for those developments at present.

IGCSE Geography Computer Based Pilot in May 2011: How do I set up Connect Plus?

We are pleased to report that the CBT platform for Summer 2011 will be an updated version of Connect. The new platform will be called Connect Plus. The set up for Connect Plus is slightly different, and much easier, so please wait until you get instructions before setting up for the Summer 2011 examination. We will send detailed instructions about how to set up practice and live tests in Connect plus to your school in early April 2011.