# HSC hub – Geography

# Examination preparation video supplementary resource

This resource contains supplementary information to support the Geography examination preparation video. The content from each slide is contained below, along with a number of useful links from the NESA website pertaining to the contents within the video.

## Key slide content

### Before the exam day

* Download the HSC timetable and highlight all of your exams
* Plan your revision schedule to match up with your exams
* Get a good night sleep before each exam. Late nights will harm your performance
* Eat your breakfast
* Make sure you have all of your equipment ready

### Materials

NESA allows the following items for **all** HSC examinations:

* **Black** pen (bring spares!)
* Ruler
* Highlighters
* Pencils (2B)
* Sharpener
* Bottle of water in a clear bottle

There are several additional items allowed for the Geography exam:

* A NESA approved calculator – see NESA website for the approved list for the 2020/2021 HSC
* Pair of dividers
* Pair of compasses
* Protractor
* Coloured pencils and/or felt pens
* (optional) hand held magnifying glass
* (optional) a piece of string or thread for measuring

### Exam layout

* In Geography, the exam has 3 sections:
1. Multiple Choice – 20 marks
2. Short answer questions – 40 marks
3. Extended responses – 40 marks
* You will have 5 minutes reading time before you begin the 3 hours of writing time

### Section I: Multiple Choice

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include and indicative time. Questions are all equal value of 1 mark
* This section will include questions that refer to the sources in the stimulus booklet
* This section requires students to apply content knowledge and geographical skills.
* A number of these questions require students to interpret stimulus material and apply their own knowledge.

### Let’s look at an example – Section I (20 marks)

2019 – Q20. Which of the following criteria must be met for a city to be classified as a world city?

1. It is a capital city.
2. It is a regional hub for trade and tourism.
3. It has a population of more than 10 million people.
4. It has developed responses to the challenges within the city.

### Section II (40 marks):

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time. Read the instruction section carefully.
* A number of these questions will require you to refer to the stimulus booklet.
* All of these questions have multiple parts, in some questions your answer in one part may impact the next part.
* This section requires students to write short responses demonstrating their skills, knowledge and understanding of the content studied.

### Let’s look at an example – Section II

* 2019 – Q21. (a) Use the data given for the 25-29 age group to complete the population pyramid
* (b) Outline **one** characteristic of the population pyramid that reflects the demise of the small town.

### Section III: Extended Response (40 marks)

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time.
* A clear statement outlining how answers are assessed is written at the start of the section. Please read this carefully.
* Three questions are provided in this section, however you are asked to attempt only **two**. Each question is allocated 20 marks.
* This section requires students to write an extended response (essay) demonstrating their knowledge, understanding and interpretation of the conflict they have studied
* Your essays are written in writing booklets that will be provided at the start of the examination – please use **separate booklets** for each response

### Let’s look at an example – Section III

* 2019 – Q28. Explain how biophysical and technological factors affect the nature of ONE economic activity in a global context.

### Ask your teacher

* For other resources for Geography
* How to access past papers and the marking guidelines so you can practice exam responses
* For more hints and tips for your exam and how to study effectively – they are the expert you have access to everyday

## Additional links

* [NESA HSC Exam Packs](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers)
* [Geography Stage 6 Syllabus (1999)](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/geography)
* [HSC Exam equipment list](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/exam-equipment-list)