

Unit 1 Living with the physical environment

Section B

The living world

Your exam

Section B The living world is a part of Paper 1: Living with the physical environment.

Paper 1 is a one-and-a-half hour written exam and makes up 35 per cent of your GCSE. The whole paper carries 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG) – questions on Section B will carry 25 marks.

You have to study ecosystems and tropical rainforests in Section B. You will then study *either* hot deserts *or* cold environments – in your final exam you will have to answer questions on the three topics you have studied.

Tick these boxes to build a record of your revision

Your revision checklist

Spec key idea	Theme	1	2	3
5 Ecosystems				
Ecosystems exist at a range of scales and involve the interaction between living and non-living components	5.1 A small-scale UK ecosystem – freshwater pond			
	5.2 How does change affect ecosystems?			
	5.3 Introducing global ecosystems			
6 Tropical rainforests				
Tropical rainforests have distinctive environmental characteristics	6.1 Physical characteristics of rainforests			
	6.2 Adaption and biodiversity in rainforests			
Deforestation has economic and environmental impacts	6.3 Causes of deforestation in Malaysia			
	6.4 Impacts of deforestation in Malaysia			
Tropical rainforests need to be managed to be sustainable	6.5 The value of tropical rainforests			
	6.6 Sustainable management of tropical rainforests			
Geographical skills	6.7 Skills Focus: Graphs			
7 Hot deserts				
Hot desert ecosystems have distinctive environmental characteristics	7.1 Physical characteristics of hot deserts			
	7.2 Adapting to hot desert environments			
Geographical skills	7.2 Skills Focus: Climate graphs			
Development of hot desert environments creates opportunities and challenges	7.3 Opportunities for development in hot deserts			
	7.4 Challenges of developing hot deserts			
Areas on the fringe of hot deserts are at risk of desertification	7.5 Causes of desertification in hot deserts			
	7.6 Reducing the risk of desertification in hot deserts			
8 Cold environments				
Cold environments (polar and tundra) have distinctive characteristics	8.1 Physical characteristics of cold environments			
	8.2 Adapting to cold environments			
Geographical skills	8.2 Skills Focus: Climate graphs			
Development of cold environments creates opportunities and challenges	8.3 Opportunities for development in cold environments			
	8.4 Challenges of development in cold environments			
Cold environments are at risk from economic development	8.5 Value of cold environments as wilderness areas			
	8.6 Managing cold environments			