

## GEOGRAPHY 12

### TABLE OF SPECIFICATIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF EXAMINATION

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CURRICULUM CONTENT			COGNITIVE LEVELS			WEIGHTINGS			
ORGANIZERS	SUB-TOPICS	QUESTION TOTALS	Knowledge	Understanding and Application	Higher Mental Processes				
1. Themes & Skills	A. Skills B. Spheres	4 MC 1 WR	30%	40%	30%	10%			
2. Resources & Environmental Sustainability	A. Resource Management B. Human Activity	3 MC 1 WR				15%			
3. Weather & Climate 4. Biomes 5. Tectonic Processes 6. Gradational Processes	A. Weather B. Climate C. Biomes D. Tectonics E. Gradation	37 MC 1 WR				35%			
7. Topographic Map	A. Skills B. Systematic Geography	9 MC 1 WR				20%			
8. Integrated Case Study	A. Geographic Literacy	1 multi-paragraph response				20%			
<b>TOTAL</b>						30%	40%	30%	100%

The values in this table are approximate and may fluctuate.

**All** of the organizers are examinable; however, not all sub-topics will appear on any one examination and some questions may assess more than one sub-topic. In 2008/09, the focus of human activities associated with resources will be water, energy production, waste, fishing, economic development, and sustainability. Equal emphasis will also be placed upon natural hazards.

Examination configuration: 53 Multiple-choice questions / 5 Written-response questions

Each examination is designed to be completed in **two hours**. *Students may, however, take up to 60 minutes of additional time to finish.*

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION

“Geography is a discipline that integrates many subjects and addresses both the physical and human-created systems of the world in the study of people, places and environments. The geographically literate student is able to interpret the landscape and understand the interconnections between his or her own actions and the earth’s physical systems.” The provincial examination reflects this integrated approach, and questions will focus on the interrelationships between geographic themes, systems and skills.

The Table of Specifications (page 1) outlines the curriculum content, number and types of examination questions, and the cognitive level emphasis covered on the provincial examination. A detailed description of the curriculum content can be found in the *Geography 12 Integrated Resource Package, 2006*.

The provincial examination has:

### **PART A: 53 multiple-choice questions**

These questions require an understanding of basic geography definitions and concepts. Many of the questions require students to use their knowledge and understanding of geography to interpret topographic maps, aerial and satellite images, charts, diagrams, graphs, maps, photographs, and tables as well as other data used by geographers.

### **PART B: 5 written-response questions**

#### **4 short-answer questions**

These questions require students to use their knowledge and understanding of geography to write short-answer or paragraph responses. Many of the questions require students to interpret topographic maps, aerial and satellite images, charts, diagrams, graphs, maps, photographs, and tables as well as other data used by geographers. Questions will draw from:

- **Themes and Skills**
- **Tectonic Processes**
- **Gradational Processes**
- **Weather and Climate**
- **Biomes**
- **Resources and Environmental Sustainability**

#### **1 multi-paragraph response question**

This question requires students to write a multi-paragraph response that demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of geography through the analysis of a **Case Study**. The case study is an integration of geographic concepts, skills and processes and will examine an understanding of geographic principles in relation to a particular place and/or event. A typical case study could include data, extracts, charts, diagrams, profiles, photographs, and maps. (See the *Released Examinations* and the *Written-Response Scoring Rubric (Scoring Guide)* links on the Geography 12 Examination Specifications main web page.)