

Geography Paper (2hours and 50mins)

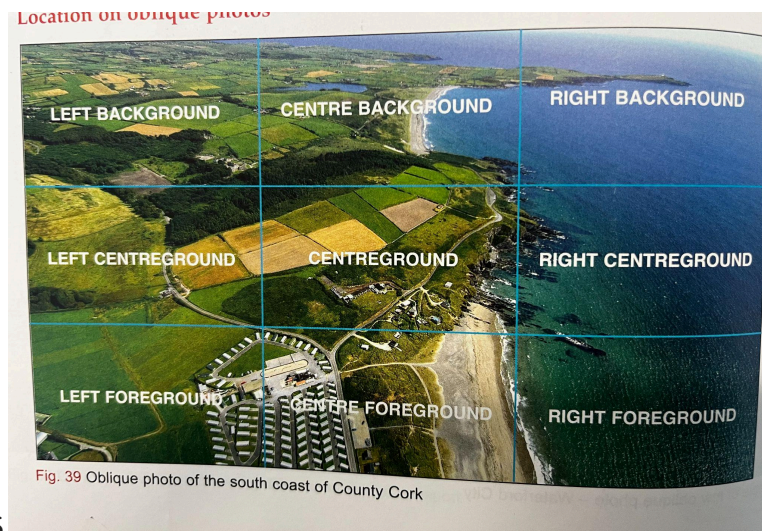
What do I bring?

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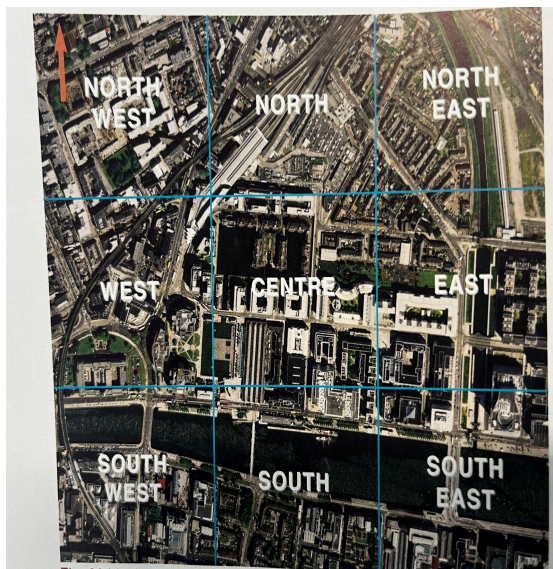
Before the exam

-You have already completed your field investigation, usually rivers or coastal so walking into the exam with potentially 20% .

Small but useful Tip: When you get your paper check out the aerial photograph and write down your annotation (aerial and vertical photographs use different directions) this will save time later in the paper and it's helpful to get that out when your head is clear at the start .



OBLIQUE DIRECTIONS



VERTICAL DIRECTIONS

During The Exam

SRPs (significant relevant points is how your essays will be marked)

An SRP is a definition/ a fact or statistic/ or a few lines of relevant information

Section 1 (80m)

Short questions (12 available)

You will be marked on your best 10

Advice

Attempt all 12 your best 10 will be chosen for marks (8m each)

Answer the ones you feel more confident in first and then come back for those you may be unsure about- give them a go (educated guess if not sure- better to not leave blanks)

Timing

25minutes

Topics

- Every topic is included in this section (definitely a map question)
- Reading information/graphs/analysing data and answering questions based on this
 - matching letters to diagrams etc

Positives

Beginning with the short questions will ease you into the paper & remind you of geographical terms which may be useful in your essay section.

OS MAPS will come up in this section.

Section 2 (essay section)

Timing: (25mins per question)

Q1-3 (Physical Geography)

(Volcanoes , earthquakes, folded mountains, weathering , the burren ,plate tectonics , rivers, coast) etc

Q4-6 (Regional Geography) Irish/European/sub-continental

The Paris basin

The Mezzogiorno etc

Brazil/India

Q7-9 (Economic Elective)

EU Policies/Globalisation etc.,

Q10-12 (The Population Elective)

Overpopulation, migration , urban development etc

Q13-18 (options section)

5 different questions including geocology (soil studies) and culture and identity

(1x essay)

Remember:

Different students in different schools will have studied different topics and questions here as there is so much choice. It's important to be confident in which sections you are answering on and which ones you are leaving out

Each section has the same layout (Q1-12)

20m shorter question

30m essay question

30m essay question

Advice

Once you have decided on your question for example you decide to do question 4 you must answer the three parts (a,b & c)

TIPS

When you choose the question spend a minute writing down some key words for example

"Examine Secondary economic activities in a European region"

You will note straight away your key words might be :

Peripheral region: manufacturing /the Mezzogiorno/ the apennine mountains/ brain drain / labour force/cassa scheme/vanoni plan/ 2.3billion investment

(Anything which springs to mind when you read the question) this will help you frame the answer.

Also many times in geography you will be asked to write under headings and this is a nice way to split your essay and help you focus so for example it might be relief and government policy (write 6 or 7 SRPs under each heading)

Remember

Include diagrams and maps anywhere you can (these can be included for marks)

Finishing the paper is the priority so once you have spent 25 minutes on a section its time to move on- you should have a few minutes at the end to read over and add in anything you left out.