

	KNOWLEDGE (AO1)	UNDERSTANDING (AO2)	APPLICATION (AO3)		SKILLS (AO4)	
	Knowledge of locations places (eg China’s role in Covid), environments (eg what are the layers of the rainforest) and key definitions (eg megacity)	Understanding of physical and human geographical processes (eg river erosion) and features (eg buttress roots)	Application of knowledge and understanding to make judgements	Application of knowledge and understanding to interpret sources eg photos	Written communication	Maps/ graphs
Excelling	Shows detailed and precise knowledge of locations, places, environments and key definitions	Detailed description and explanation of geographical processes and/or features Detailed explanation of physical/ human interaction.	Very clear use of knowledge and understanding to make judgements.	Very clear use of knowledge and understanding to interpret sources	- Longer answers well structured - Very wide range of keywords - Very accurate SPaG	-Maps/graphs drawn precisely - Maps/graphs described in detail - Very accurate use of basic and advanced mapskills
Exceeding	Shows accurate knowledge of locations, places, environments and key definitions	Description and explanation of geographical processes. Explanation of physical/ human interaction.	Clear use of knowledge and understanding to make judgements.	Clear use of knowledge and understanding to interpret sources	-Longer answers clearly structured - Wide range of keywords - Accurate SPaG	-Maps/graphs drawn mainly accurately - Maps/graphs described in some detail - Accurate use of basic and advanced mapskills
Achieving	Shows clear knowledge of locations, places, environments and key definitions	Description of geographical processes with an attempt to explain. Attempt to explain physical/ human interaction.	Some use of knowledge and understanding to make judgements.	Some clear use of knowledge and understanding to interpret sources	- Longer answers have some structure - Range of keywords - SPaG generally accurate	-Maps/graphs drawn with some accuracy - Maps/graphs described - Accurate use of basic and starting to use advanced mapskills
Developing	Shows limited place knowledge of locations, places, environments and key definitions	Description of geographical processes but little explanation. Little explanation of physical/ human interaction.	Limited use of knowledge and understanding to make judgements.	Limited use of geographical sources to support answers	- Longer answers have a little structure -Limited use of keywords - SPaG errors at times	-Maps/graphs drawn with a little accuracy - Maps/graphs described briefly -Use of basic mapskills
Emerging	Shows very little knowledge	Brief description of geographical processes. No explanation of physical/ human interaction.	No use of knowledge and understanding to make judgements.	No use of geographical sources to support answers	- Longer answers have no structure - Few keywords - SPaG errors common	-Maps/graphs drawn lack accuracy - Maps/graphs not described - Attempt to use basic OS mapskills