



Outline of the National 5 Geography Course:



There are two parts to the course assessment – both are sent away to be marked by SQA:

1. The N5 Assignment

This is marked out of 20 (and contributes 20% of the total marks). It is a report written up in 1 hour under exam conditions – normally based on fieldwork data that has been gathered on fieldtrips in May last year. Pupils get plenty of time in class to prepare for this, and sit the write-up in December / January.

2. The N5 examination

This is marked out of 80 (and contributes 80% of the total marks). The exam lasts 2 hours and 20 minutes – and will be on **Tuesday 28th April 2020** (almost the first exam!). Questions are divided up into the three sections – which test the pupil's knowledge of the three units of the course:

Section 1 = Questions on the Physical Environments Unit:	Section 2 = Questions on the Human Environments Unit:	Section 3 = Questions on the Global Issues Unit:
River Landscapes	Urban Landscapes	Environmental Hazards
Limestone Landscapes	Rural Landscapes	Natural Regions
Weather	Population	
Land-use Conflicts and their solutions	Development	

Pupils passing the N5 assessment will be awarded a certificate depending on their performance: Grade A (70%+), B (60-69%), C (50-59%) or D (40-49%).

After the Prelim exam, those pupils *at risk of failing N5* (i.e. getting less than 40 out of 100 for both parts of the course assessment combined), will be recommended to sit N4 level (where there is no exam – just three N4-level unit assessments and the added value unit to pass in class).