

GEOGRAPHY

Unit 3

Changing the Land

COURSE OUTLINE:

This unit focuses on two investigations of geographical change: change to land cover and change to land use. Land cover includes biomes such as forest, grassland, tundra and wetlands, as well as land covered by ice and water. We examine two processes of land cover change; Deforestation and Melting glacier and ice sheets. The second area of study involves an analysis of land use change. This outcome includes fieldwork investigation.

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Land cover change
- Land use change

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Analyse, describe and explain land use change and assess its impact.
2. Analyse, describe and explain processes that result in changes to land cover and discuss the impacts and responses resulting from these changes.

ASSESSMENT:

See Unit 4

Unit 4

Human Population - Trends and Issues

COURSE OUTLINE:

In this unit students investigate the geography of human populations. They explore the patterns of population change, movement and distribution, and how governments, organisations and individuals have responded to those changes in different parts of the world. Students study population dynamics before undertaking an investigation into two significant population trends arising in different parts of the world. They examine the dynamics of populations and their economic, social, political and environmental impacts on people and places.

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Population dynamics
- Population issues and challenges

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Analyse, describe and explain population dynamics on a global scale.
2. Analyse, describe and explain the nature of significant population issues and challenges in selected locations and evaluate responses.

ASSESSMENT:

S or N based on the demonstrated achievement of the outcomes specified above, School Assessed Coursework and end-of-year examination.

Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework: 25%

Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework: 25%

Units 3 and 4 end-of-year examination: 50%