

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Environmental Management 0680

Assessment Overview

Examinations 2027, 2028 and 2029

How the qualification is assessed

The table shows the papers and components described for this syllabus. All candidates take the required components described below. A component's raw mark is the total available on that assessment; its weighting is the share of the qualification result, which may differ from its share of raw marks.

Paper or component	Duration	Raw marks	Weighting	Question or task structure
1: Principles of Environmental Management	1 h 45 min	80	50%	Compulsory source-based and structured responses
2: Environmental Management in Context	1 h 45 min	80	50%	Compulsory context, data and investigation questions

Read the weighting against your qualification route. A longer paper or a larger raw-mark total does not automatically mean a greater final weighting. Prepare for every component that applies to you, including practical, oral or coursework requirements where specified.

What each component requires

Assessment consists of two equally weighted written papers.

Paper 1, Principles of Environmental Management, lasts one hour and forty-five minutes and is worth eighty marks. It contains short-answer and structured questions, together with extended responses based on source material. You answer all questions. This paper places greater emphasis on your knowledge and understanding, while also assessing information handling and judgement.

Paper 2, Environmental Management in Context, also lasts one hour and forty-five minutes and is worth eighty marks. It includes short-answer questions, data processing and analysis, and extended responses based on environmental sources. You may need to apply your knowledge to unfamiliar situations, interpret evidence and evaluate fieldwork investigations.

Fieldwork should be integrated throughout the course. You will learn to form hypotheses, choose sampling methods, control variables, analyse results, identify limitations and suggest improvements. These skills are assessed in the written papers, particularly Paper 2; there is no separate practical examination.

Each paper contributes fifty per cent of the final result, and the qualification is graded from A star to G.

Preparing the right kind of response

Distinguish the causes of an environmental problem from its effects and possible responses. Use data and location details precisely. An evaluation should explain the strengths and limitations of a strategy, including who benefits and whether the approach can be sustained.

The assessment objectives are visible in the response itself: relevant knowledge, appropriate use of the stimulus or task, a clear method or explanation, and a conclusion where requested. The command word and mark allocation help show the depth required. An answer should respond to the actual question, not reproduce a memorised passage that only partly fits.

Timing and examination arrangements

Begin preparation with accurate, untimed work, then move towards the duration and conditions of your required component. Use mark allocations to guide pacing while allowing time to read instructions and check the response. Any practice pacing advice is study guidance, not a new Cambridge time rule.

Examinations are available in June and November, with an additional March series in India. Private candidates may enter for this syllabus.

An approved examination centre confirms entries, available component options, deadlines and any practical or speaking arrangements. Preparation-course access does not itself constitute an examination entry.

Key pointers: Know your required components, follow question choices precisely and practise the relevant response formats. **Next:** Open **Learning Resources** to see which materials support this preparation.