

### **1. Analysing a resource – usually 10 marks**

The resource could be a photograph of a re-imaged city centre, map of coastal change, weather chart or census data comparing two locations. GIS maps and other digital images are a possibility, as are a set of fieldwork results.

The question will focus on describing and analysing the resource, with some explanation. This is a data-response question, where you combine information from the resource with your own knowledge and understanding. This type of question will not directly ask you to refer to your own fieldwork and research, but you can discuss it if you want.

### **2. Describing and explaining your fieldwork and research – usually 15 marks**

There will always be a question which asks you directly about the fieldwork and research (note, both primary and secondary data sources) you have carried out. This question could focus on any part of the fieldwork and research investigation process, as shown in the table.

Before you go	Designing an inquiry into a topic, identifying research sources and designing fieldwork methods
Out and about	Collecting data and researching sources; being aware of the limitations of data and its collection
Working with the results	Analysing and interpreting results; in the exam, you could be given some results to analyse, including results of statistical tests such as Spearman's Rank
What does it mean?	Evaluating results and coming to conclusions based on your research and fieldwork

Mark schemes for these questions could be said to be 'fieldwork and research first'. In other words, you need to focus on your own personal fieldwork and research before going into the exam. The depth and detail you can go into about your own work will be crucial to gaining a good mark. This question carries 15 to 35 marks so it is crucial to get it right.

### **3. Examining, problems, issues and management options – usually 10 marks**

A third question will ask you to focus more on the topic content you were taught in class. This will be a more open question using command words such as 'explain' or 'examine'.

As with the two parts above, the writing style is extended. Some questions will allow you to use your fieldwork and research, but you will not be directly asked to use it. As a general rule, the more you can use your own fieldwork and research examples the more detailed and realistic your answers will tend to be.