# GEOGRAPHY

### INTRODUCTION

The Geography syllabus is designed as a two-year course. It is broad-based and will prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme. Critical geographical, analytical and interpretation skills will be infused into the whole syllabus.

### The Aims of Geography

- Acquire knowledge of the characteristics, distribution and processes of physical and human phenomena
- Develop an understanding of the processes affecting the physical and human environments
- Provide an understanding of the dynamic and changing outcomes resulting from physical-human interactions at local, regional and global scales
- Develop skills in acquiring, communicating, applying and evaluating geographical knowledge
- Develop an appreciation of the dynamic nature of geography over time and space
- Gain geographical insights and global awareness into future challenges through the study of current issues and their management
- Make informed judgements and sound decisions through the analysis, synthesis and evaluation of geographical information

#### Values

Through their geographical training candidates should develop:

- A sense of appreciation and responsibility for the quality of the environment and the desirability of sustainable development at local, regional and global scales
- Respect and sensitivity towards the attitudes, values and beliefs of people in different human environments
- An ability to analyse, evaluate and make judgements on perspectives, values and attitudes in the use and management of resources
- Personal perspectives, values and attitudes in relation to geographical issues
- An awareness of the vulnerabilities, constraints and challenges faced by the local, regional and global communities

## COURSE OUTLINE

### <u>Y3 IP</u>

#### Foundations Of Physical Geography

- 1) River Processes
- Upper, Middle and lower course of the river system
- Managing river systems in a sustainable manner
- 2) Coastal Processes
- Coastal environments
- Managing coastal areas in a sustainable manner
- 3) Tectonic Hazards
- Landforms associated with tectonic phenomena
- Preparing and responding to earthquakes
- 4) Weather and Climate
- Global warming

### <u>Y4 IP</u>

#### Foundations of Human Geography

- 1) Urban Processes
- Growth and impact of settlements and cities
- 2) Global Tourism
- Nature and impact of tourism
- 3) Food Resources
- Food consumption patterns since 1960s
- Trends and challenges in production of food crops
- Problems and solutions of food shortage
- 4) Health and Diseases
- Global patterns of health and diseases
- Spread and impact of infectious diseases
- Management of infectious diseases

### ASSESSMENT

Term 2	Common Test	30%
Term 3	Coursework	20%

Term 4 Final Exam 50%

The written paper is 1 hour 30 minutes. It consists of structured questions (34 marks) and oper ended questions (16 marks).



