

Layout of Geography Course / Exam

Higher Level

Geographical Investigation 20%
Completed in 6th Year

Ordinary Level

Geographical Investigation 20%

Written Paper: First Friday of the Leaving Cert 9.30 am – 12.20 am (80%)

Part One: Short Questions 16%

(Have to get 10 out of 12 correct)

Based on Physical, Regional and Skills

like map reading, satellite images etc.

Junior Cert knowledge in Physical Geography
and Map Skills are beneficial here

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(Same as Higher Level Opposite)

Part Two Structured (long) Questions

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Section One: Core: Covered in 5th Year

Physical Environment 16%

Topics include Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Rivers,
Sea, Glaciation, Folding, Faulting etc.

Regional Geography 16%

Topics include studying specific Regions e.g.
West of Ireland, Paris Basin, SW America etc.

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Physical Environment 20%

(Same as Higher Level Opposite)

Regional Geography 20%

(Same as Higher Level Opposite)

Section Two: Electives: Covered in 6th Year

Patterns and Processes in Economic Activities 16%

OR

Patterns and Processes in the Human Environment

Section Two: Electives

Patterns and Processes in Economic

OR

Patterns and Processes in the Human

We cover the Economic Elective which covers topics including multinationals, case studies on Brazil, France, Ireland and the EU, Corrib Gas Field Conflict etc. Ordinary Level is finish the course after this section.

Section Three: Options

16%

Global Interdependence

Geocology (This is the Option that St Fintina's usually covers and topics include studying Hot Deserts, Tropical rainforests, Soils etc.)

Culture and Identity

The Atmosphere Ocean Environment