



International Geography Championships

2026 IGC Fieldwork Exercise – Part 1

Name _____

ID Number _____

General instructions –

Follow the directions of your supervisors at ALL TIMES! When walking between stations please stick with the group. Once you have arrived at Station 1 (the JW Garden) you will be allowed to roam on your own for the allotted time. Meet back at the entrance at the specified time so you can walk as a group to Station 2, which is just off the property. You will be allowed to wander on your own to complete the required tasks and will then meet up with the group to walk to Cher Fah to begin the examination portion of the Fieldwork. You will be able to use all of your notes taken in Part 1 in order to complete the questions in Part 2. Take ALL notes and make all maps or diagrams in the spaces provided on this document. **ALL parts of this packet will be graded!**

These are public spaces so **be aware of other people at all times!** Do not pick up items from the beach and be careful where you step – there are sometimes sharp objects like glass or shells that may cut you if you step on them. When you are off the property, please treat everyone you encounter with respect and **DO NOT do anything sketchy, weird, or potentially harmful AND DO NOT GO INTO OR NEAR THE WATER!!!!**

Fieldwork map – Below is a map of the area where the Fieldwork Exercise will take place. Everyone should meet at point A to begin the walk to the JW Garden. You will leave and return to the property at the spot marked B, and Cher Fah Ballroom is marked C.



Station 1 – The Garden [10 points per part – 60 points total]

As you walk through the JW Garden, stop, observe, and take notes at each of the following places in the Garden. You may do these tasks in any order that makes sense to you. You will have until 10.40am to complete these tasks and be back at the bridge near the entrance so you can begin the walk to Station 2. While you're in the Garden, take a minute to stop and feed the goats and buffalo if you have time – it's really fun!

Number 1 – Nipa Palm Mangrove

Stop at any point marked 1 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

Number 3 – Southern Thai Orchard

Stop at point 3 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

Number 4 – African Oil Palms

Stop at point 4 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

Number 5 – Mangrove Restoration Project

Stop at point 5 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

Number 6 – Cashew Cultivation

Stop at point 6 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

Number 14 – Bee Hives

Stop at point 14 on the map. Observe and take notes on what you find there. You will use these notes in Part 2.

MEET BACK AT THE BRIDGE AT 10.40AM!!

Station 2 – Off the beaten path [60 points]

After your walk to the edge of the property, you will enter a makeshift commercial zone just across the street and near the beach. Make the following observations while you're there. Be VERY mindful of your surroundings here and DO NOT wander past the Pinky Khao Lak Restaurant and Bar. You should both observe and map your surroundings, starting with the taxi stand at the entrance and continuing to Pinky's at the end of your route.

Station 2A – Observations [20 points]

Use the space below to take notes on what you observe in this area. Note things like services being offered, prices, types of restaurants, goods being sold, etc.

Station 2B – Map [40 points]

Make a map of the area between the taxi stand and Pinky's in the space below. Your map should be clearly and properly labeled and should be as accurate as possible at showing the types and sizes of businesses, their relative locations, and any other features or places you find significant.

MEET BACK AT THE TAXI STAND AT 11.25AM!!