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Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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### Section A

Answer all questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

### Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

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# **Section A**

Answer all questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows a pyramid of biomass with three trophic levels.

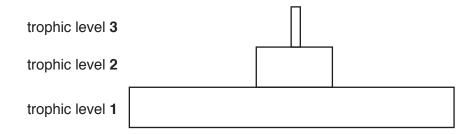


Fig. 1.1

(i)	What is meant by the terms biomass and trophic level?	
	biomass	
	trophic level	
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(ii)	State the names of the trophic levels shown in Fig. 1.1.
	trophic level 3
	trophic level 2
	trophic level 1
(iii)	Describe the relationship between the trophic levels shown in the pyramid in Fig. 1.1 and explain its shape.
	[4

**(b)** Fig. 1.2 shows the change in percentage coral cover on Caribbean coral reefs from 1973 to 2010.

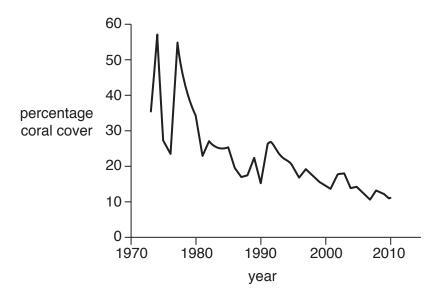


Fig. 1.2

Using the data from Fig. 1.2, describe the change in percentage coral cover from 1973 to 2010.
[3]

(ii)

Suggest how human activities can contribute to the loss of coral cover.
[8]
[Total: 20]

2 (a) Fig. 2.1 shows part of a water cycle in a tropical rainforest.

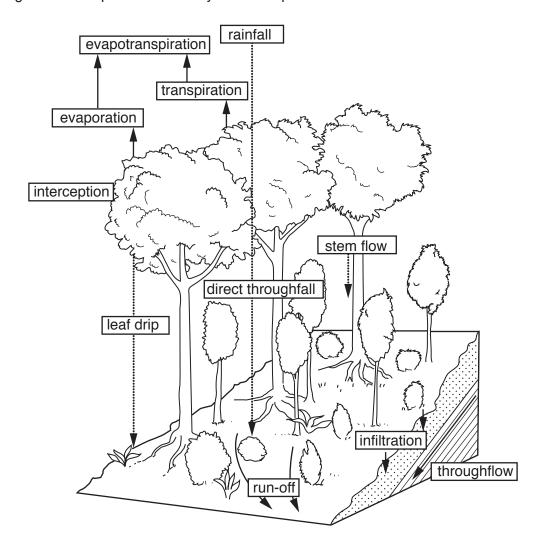


Fig. 2.1

State what is meant by the following terms:	
evaporation	
interception	
run-off.	
	[3]

(ii)	With reference to Fig. 2.1, describe how a balance between inputs and outputs of water can be maintained in a tropical rainforest.
	[6]

**(b)** Fig. 2.2 shows a section of a slope containing undisturbed forest on the left and the same slope after deforestation on the right.

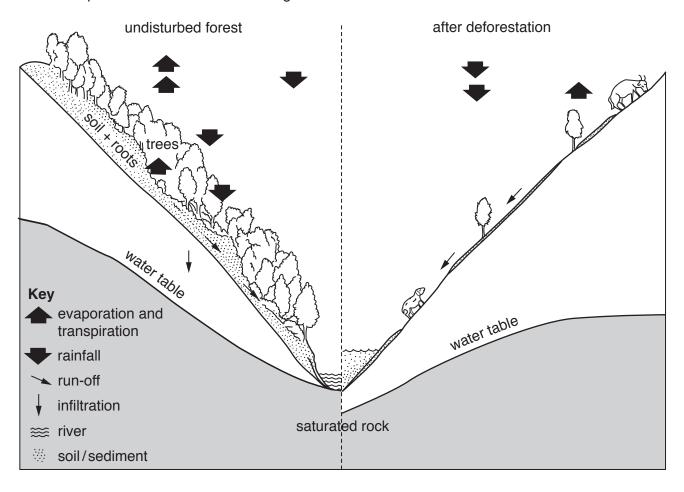


Fig. 2.2

Using Fig. 2.2, describe the effect of deforestation on the local water cycle.
[6]

(ii)	Suggest methods that can be used to reduce the impact of deforestation on the loc environment.	al
	[!	5]
	[Total: 20	0]

# **Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

**3** Fig. 3.1 shows the percentage share of total water usage in three countries.

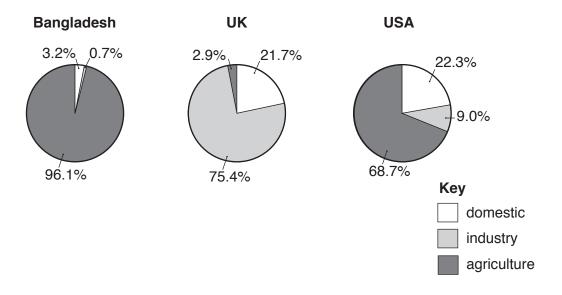


Fig. 3.1

- (a) Suggest reasons for the differences in the percentage share of total water usage in the three countries. [10]
- (b) For either a LEDC or MEDC, assess how effectively it manages water for use by humans. [30]

[Total: 40]

4 Fig. 4.1 shows a mangrove ecosystem, which is an example of a coastal water ecosystem.

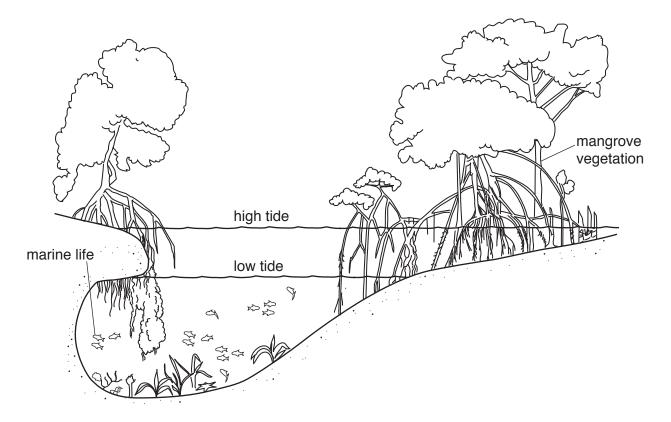
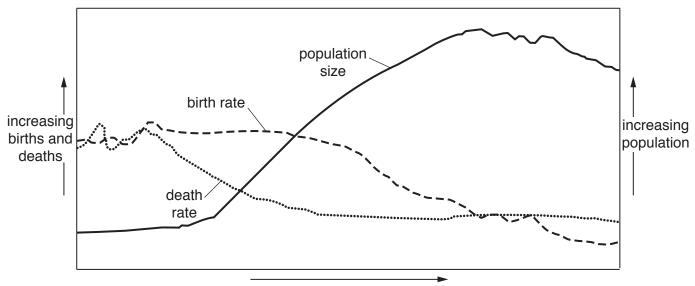


Fig. 4.1

- (a) With reference to the ecosystem shown in Fig. 4.1, describe how **two** biotic and **two** abiotic factors influence the structure of the ecosystem. [10]
- **(b)** With reference to examples, assess the effectiveness of international protocols and organisations that have been important in highlighting the preservation of the biosphere. [30]

[Total: 40]

**5** Fig. 5.1 is a model showing the relationship between death rate, birth rate, population size and increasing level of economic development.



increasing level of economic development

Fig. 5.1

- (a) Suggest how the model indicates changing socio-economic conditions. [10]
- (b) With reference to examples, assess the extent to which LEDCs and MEDCs balance resources with population growth. [30]

[Total: 40]

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