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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

8291/21

Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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Write in dark blue or black pen.
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Electronic calculators may be used.
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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.
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- At the end of the examination,
1. fasten all separate answer paper securely to the question paper;
 2. enter the question number from Section B in the grid.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Fig. 1.1 gives information on some effects of increasing urban development on a local water cycle.

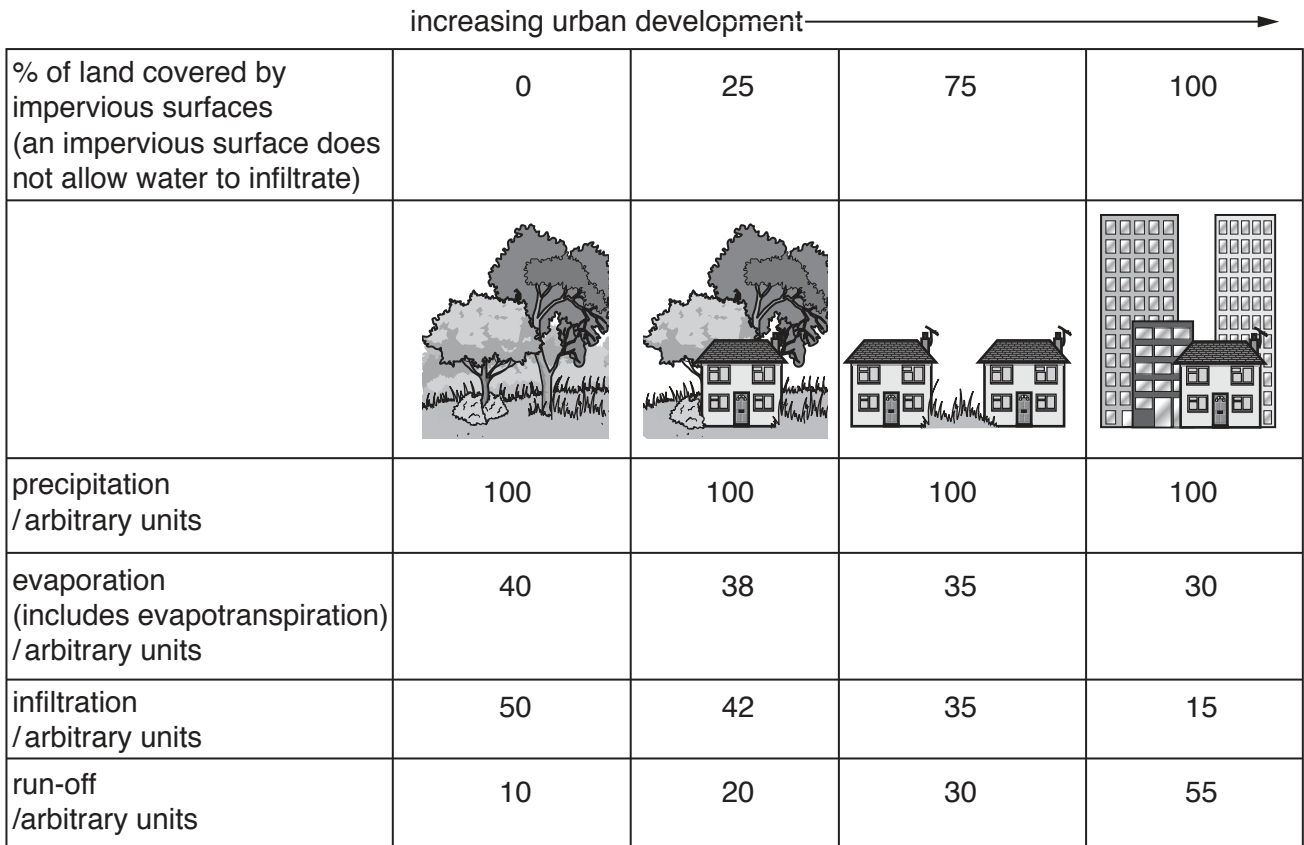


Fig. 1.1

- (i) With reference to Fig. 1.1, describe the trend between increasing urban development and both evaporation and infiltration in this local water cycle.

evaporation

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infiltration

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[4]

- (ii) Using the data in Fig. 1.1, calculate the percentage increase in run-off from 0% land covered by impervious surfaces to 100% land covered by impervious surfaces.

Show your working.

.....% [2]

- (iii) Explain why an increase in the percentage of land covered by impervious surfaces increases run-off.

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- (iv) Briefly explain **two** effects of run-off from urban areas on a river environment.

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(b) Fig. 1.2 shows a vegetation zoning system designed to reduce the impact of human activity on a river environment.

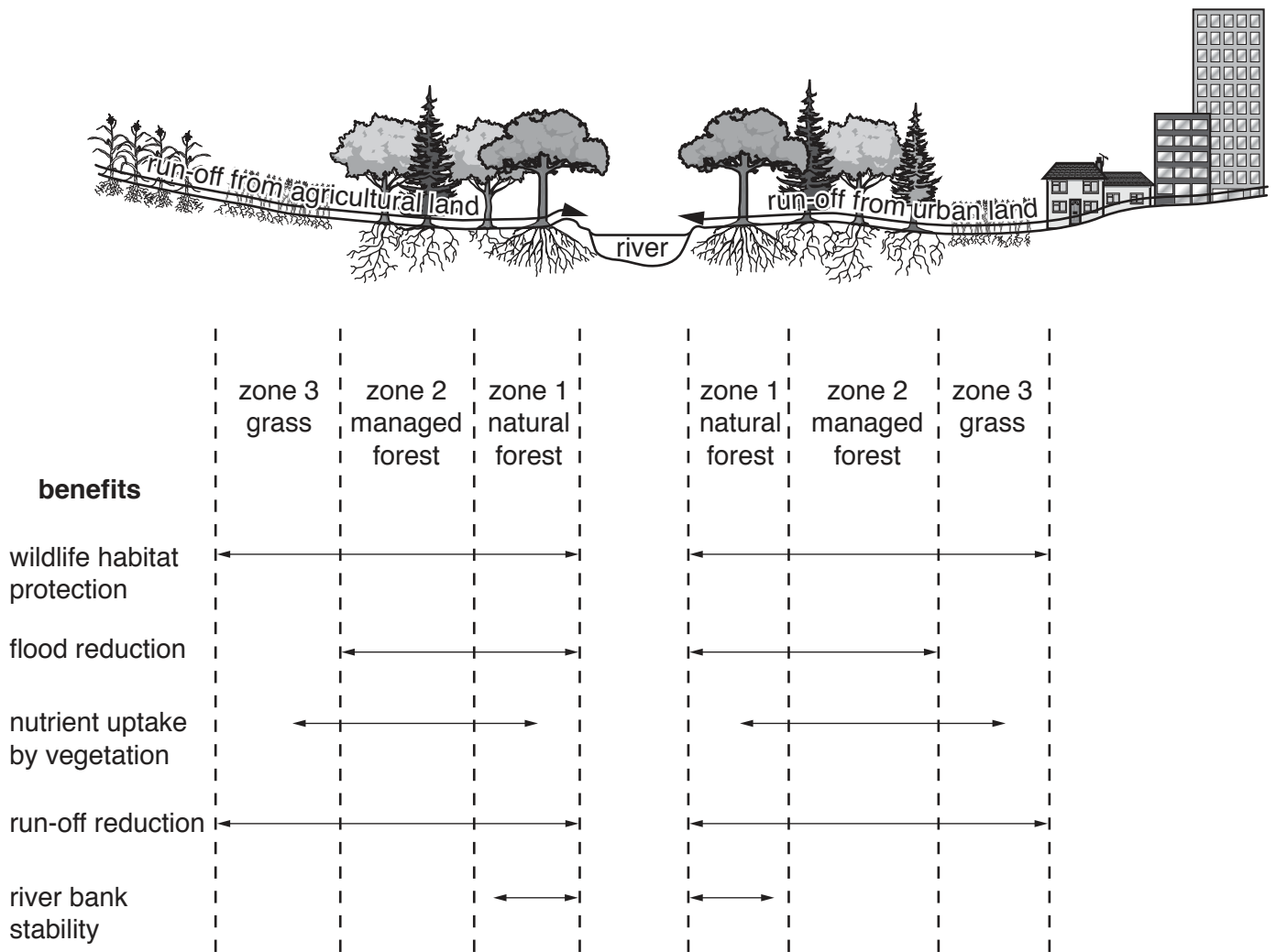


Fig. 1.2

2 (a) Fig. 2.1 shows part of a food web for a coral reef ecosystem.

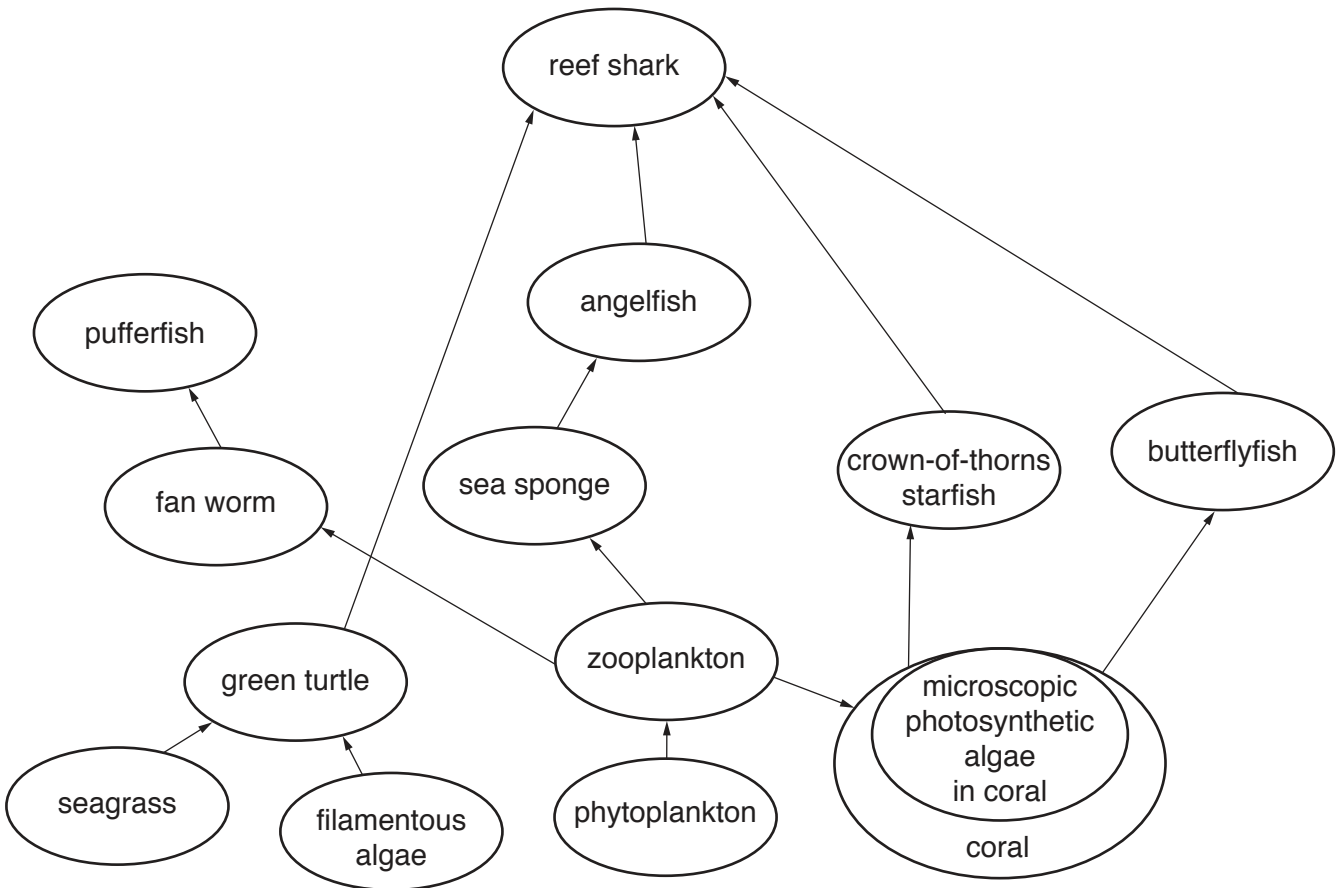


Fig. 2.1

(i) From Fig. 2.1, identify **one** organism at:

the first trophic level

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the second trophic level

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the third trophic level.

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[2]

(ii) Suggest the role of the microscopic photosynthetic algae living within the coral, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

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(iii) With reference to Fig. 2.1, describe and explain **one** effect of an increase in the number of crown-of-thorns starfish on the amount of coral.

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(iv) With reference to Fig. 2.1, explain **one** effect of overfishing in the seas around the coral reefs.

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(b) Fig. 2.2 shows the threats to and the impact of human activity on coral reefs.

The map is divided into two regions, region **A** South East Asia and region **B** Australia and Papua New Guinea.

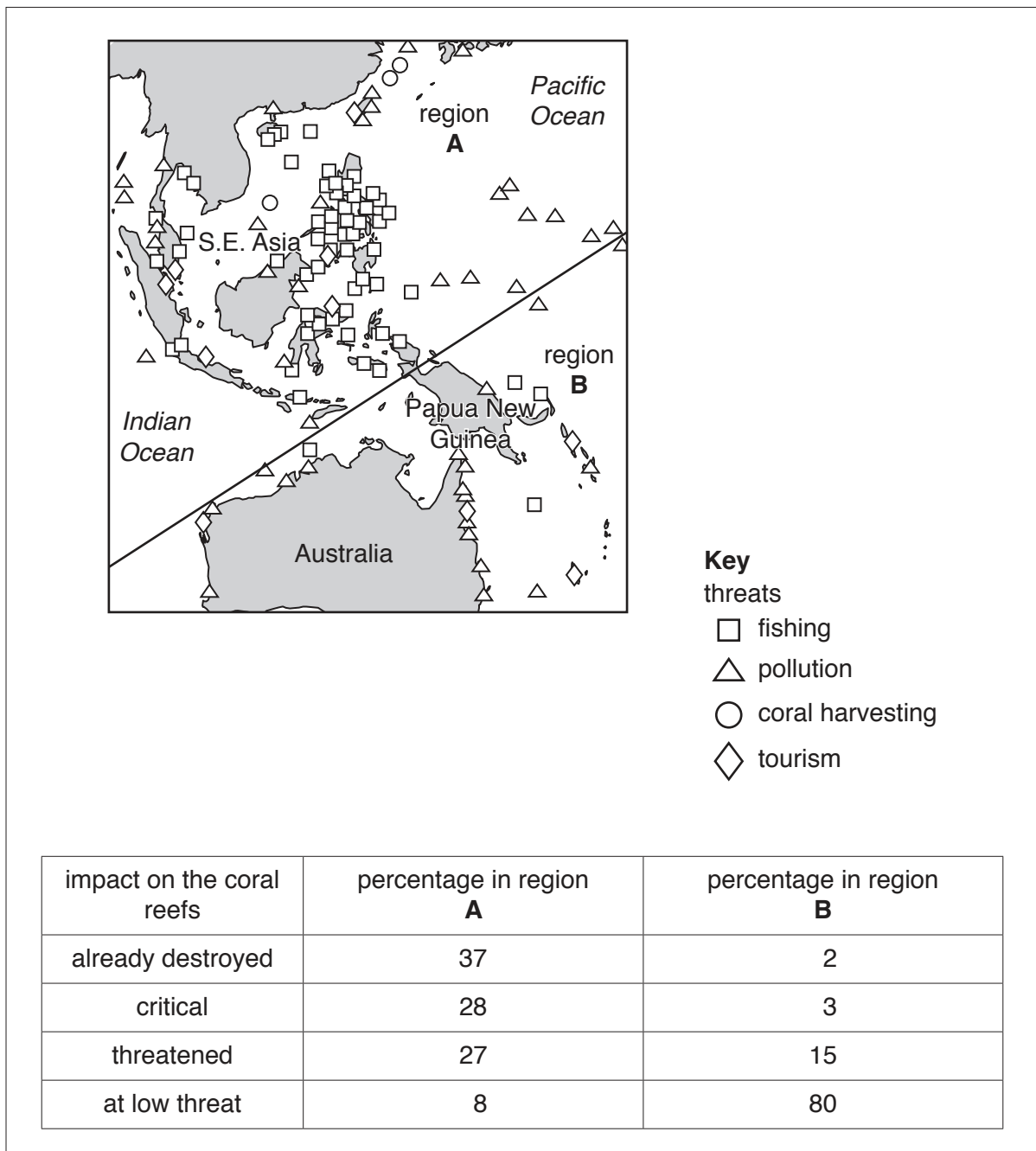


Fig. 2.2

Section B

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- 3 Fig. 3.1 is a diagram representing energy flow and nutrient recycling in an ecosystem.

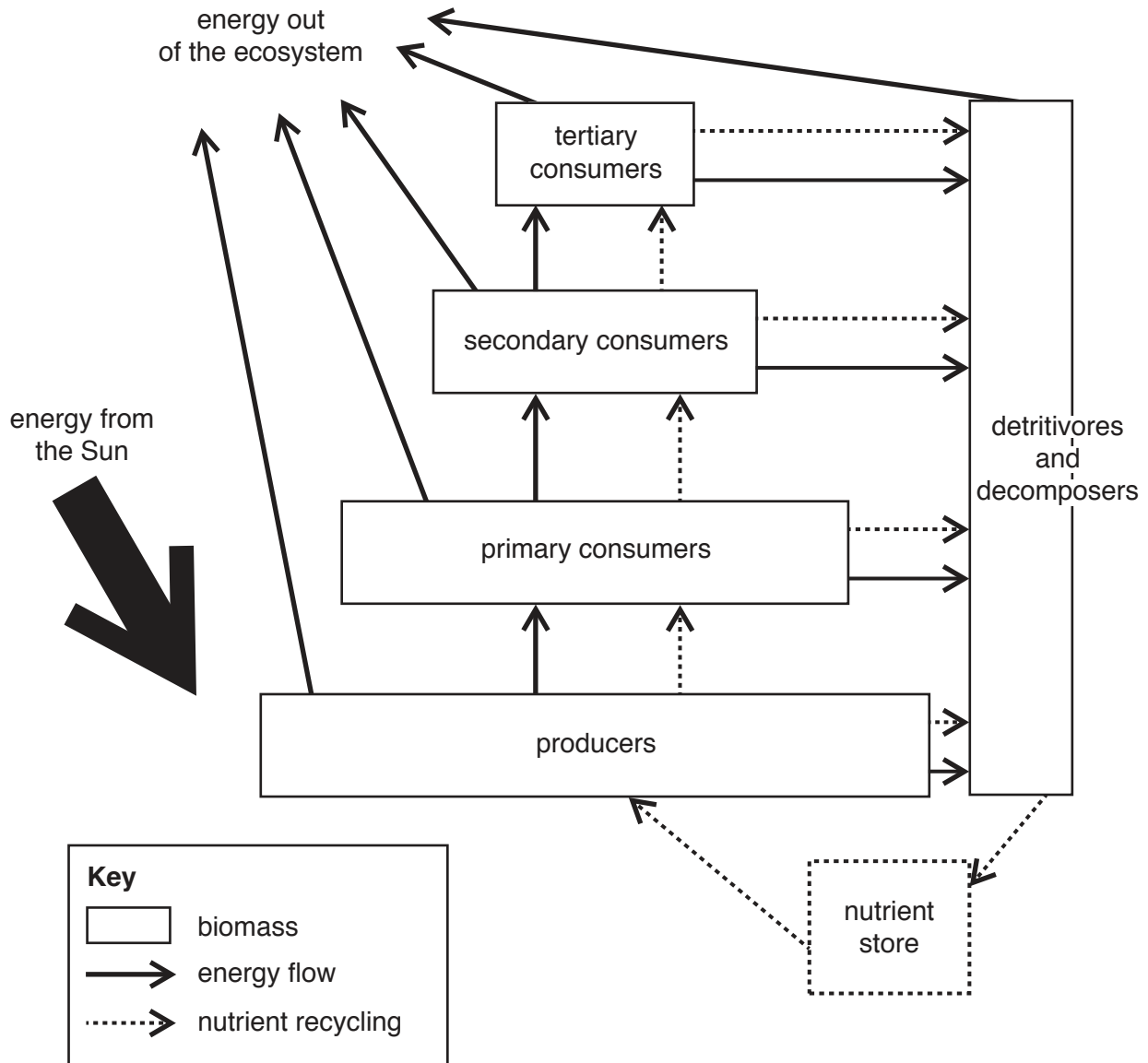


Fig. 3.1

- (a) With reference to Fig. 3.1, describe the flow of energy and the recycling of nutrients in an ecosystem. [10]
- (b) Describe the impact of deforestation on forest ecosystems. Using examples, assess the strategies used to reduce the pressures on forest ecosystems. [30]

[Total: 40]

4 Fig. 4.1 shows the sources of water for a city in a developed country in 2005 and 2010.

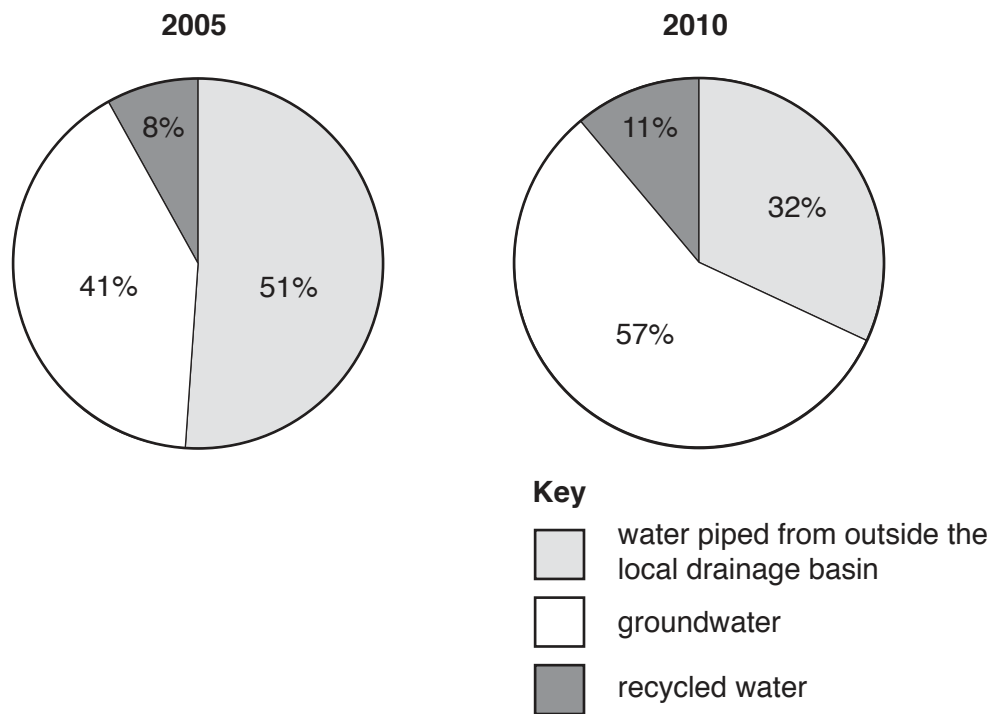


Fig. 4.1

- (a) With reference to Fig. 4.1, describe the changes in the sources of water between 2005 and 2010. Suggest reasons for these changes. [10]
- (b) Using examples from arid countries, assess the advantages and disadvantages of supplying water from groundwater and supplying water by the process of desalination. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows changes in global crop production. These are expressed in millions of tonnes of some important crops available for the global population.

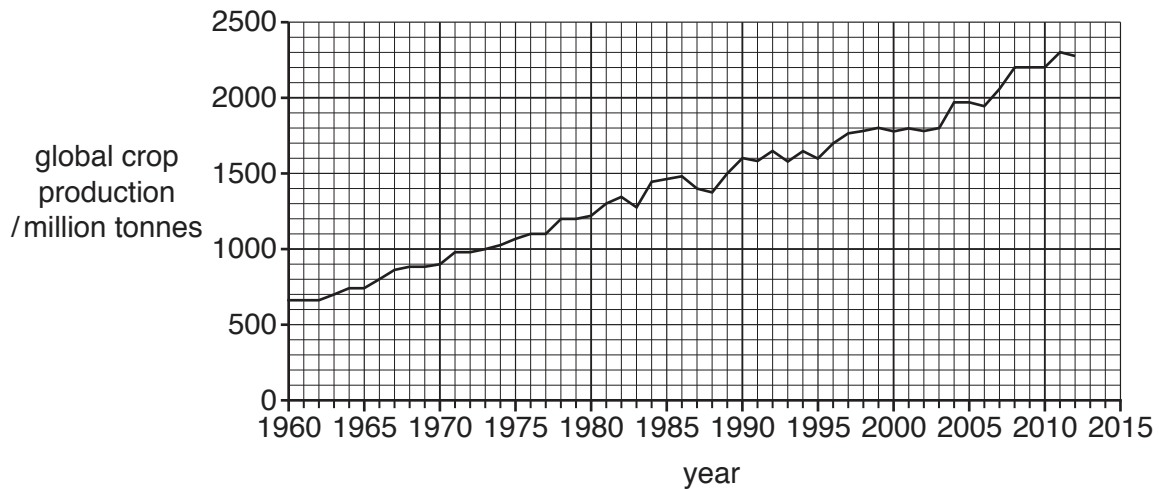


Fig. 5.1

- (a) Describe the trends in global crop production shown in Fig. 5.1. Suggest reasons for the variations. [10]
- (b) With reference to examples of countries at contrasting levels of economic development, assess whether increasing food production is sustainable with an increasing global population. [30]

[Total: 40]

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