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Paper 1 Core Physical Geography

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer four questions in total:

Section A: answer all questions.

Section B: answer one question.

- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.



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Section A

Answer all questions in this section. All questions carry 10 marks.

Hydrology and fluvial geomorphology

- **1** Fig. 1.1 shows a hydrograph for two storm events.
 - (a) (i) State the maximum precipitation for Storm 2. [1]
 - (ii) Calculate the lag time for Storm 1. Show your working. [2]
 - (b) Describe the hydrograph shown in Fig. 1.1 for the two storm events. [4]
 - (c) Suggest reasons for the differences in response of the hydrograph shown in Fig. 1.1. [3]

Atmosphere and weather

- **2** Fig. 2.1 shows major pressure systems and wind belts at the Earth's surface in January and July.
 - (a) Using Fig. 2.1:
 - (i) State the major pressure system over east Africa in January. [1]
 - (ii) Name the major wind belt over the North Atlantic Ocean in July. [1]
 - (b) Describe the main differences in pressure systems and wind belts between January and July shown in Fig. 2.1. [4]
 - (c) Suggest two reasons for the main differences in pressure systems and wind belts you described in (b). [4]

Rocks and weathering

- **3** Fig. 3.1 is a photograph which shows an eroded landscape in Kenya.
 - (a) Draw a labelled diagram to show **two** landforms shown in Fig. 3.1. [3]
 - **(b)** Explain the formation of the landscape shown in Fig. 3.1. [3]
 - (c) Explain the mass movement process of heave. [4]

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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. All questions carry 30 marks.

Hydrology and fluvial geomorphology

- 4 (a) (i) Define the fluvial terms abrasion and hydraulic action. [4]
 - (ii) Describe how percolation occurs in a drainage basin system. [3]
 - (b) Explain how levées and deltas are formed. [8]
 - (c) 'The processes and landforms of a braided channel and of a meandering channel are different.'

With the aid of examples, how far do you agree? [15]

Atmosphere and weather

- **5** (a) (i) Define the atmospheric terms *sublimation* and *evaporation*. [4]
 - (ii) Briefly explain longwave radiation. [3]
 - (b) Describe the possible atmospheric impacts of global warming. [8]
 - (c) Using one example of an urban area, assess the local climatic effects of human activity. [15]

Rocks and weathering

- **6** (a) (i) Define the tectonic terms sea floor spreading and subduction. [4]
 - (ii) Briefly explain the weathering process of carbonation. [3]
 - (b) Explain the effects of the mass movement processes of slides and flows on the shape of slopes. [8]
 - (c) 'Temperature is the most important factor in the weathering of rocks.'

With the aid of examples, how far do you agree? [15]

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