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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Paper 1 Principles of Environmental Management

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Section A: answer **all** questions.
- Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows an ecological pyramid of numbers for a grassland biome.

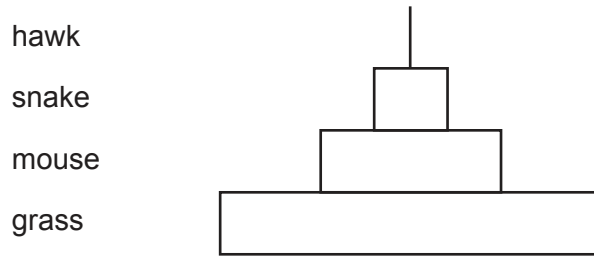


Fig. 1.1

(i) State the trophic level of the snake in Fig. 1.1.

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(ii) Explain why the grass in Fig. 1.1 is called the producer.

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(iii) Explain the shape of the ecological pyramid in Fig. 1.1.

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(b) Fire ants are an invasive species of tropical grassland. They displace native ants and kill many species of insects.

(i) Define the term invasive species.

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(ii) Explain how an invasion of Fire ants can affect the food web of a tropical grassland.

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(c) The grassland biome is also under threat from human activity.

(i) Suggest **two** human activities which can affect the biodiversity of a grassland biome.

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(ii) Describe methods to conserve the biodiversity of a grassland biome.

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2 Fig. 2.1 shows a simplified water cycle.

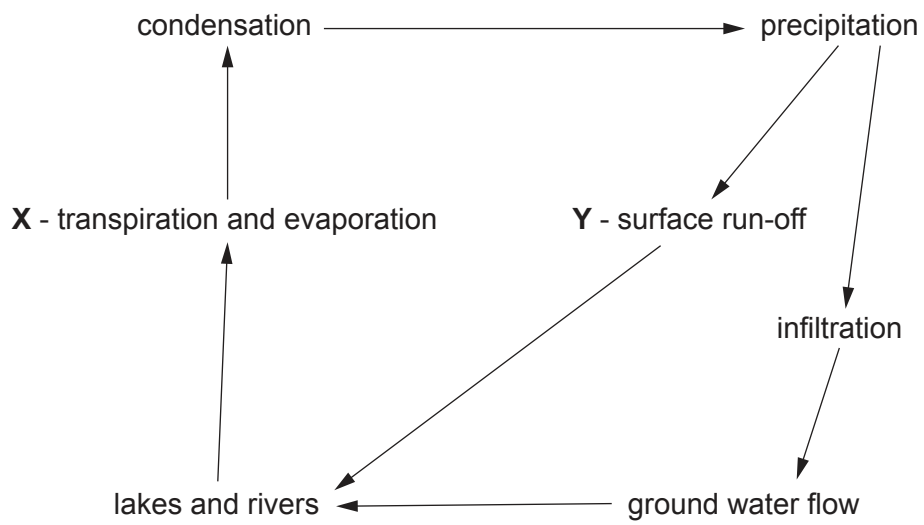


Fig. 2.1

(a) Explain the role of plants at X and Y in the water cycle in Fig. 2.1.

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(b) Suggest the effects of urbanisation on the water cycle in Fig. 2.1.

Give reasons for your answers.

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- 3 (a) Table 3.1 shows population information for Germany, a country in Europe, and Nigeria, a country in Africa.

Table 3.1

age group	population	
	Germany	Nigeria
0–14	10 323 982	86 366 541
15–64	52 141 917	110 453 234
65+	17 991 838	6 632 730

- (i) Use Table 3.1 to calculate the percentage of the population aged 65+ in Nigeria.

percentage = [2]

- (ii) The dependency ratio for Nigeria is 84.2.

The dependency ratio is calculated by the equation

$$\text{dependency ratio} = \frac{[\text{young population (0 to 14)} + \text{old population (65+)}] \times 100}{\text{population aged 15 to 64}}$$

Calculate the dependency ratio for Germany using the data from Table 3.1.

dependency ratio = [2]

(iii) Suggest reasons for the difference between the dependency ratio for countries in different income groups.

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(b) Explain **one** factor which affects human migration rate.

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(c) Describe **two** strategies to manage a changing population.

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[Total: 14]

4 (a) Fig. 4.1 is a graph showing the area of Antarctic sea ice recorded on 22 April each year.

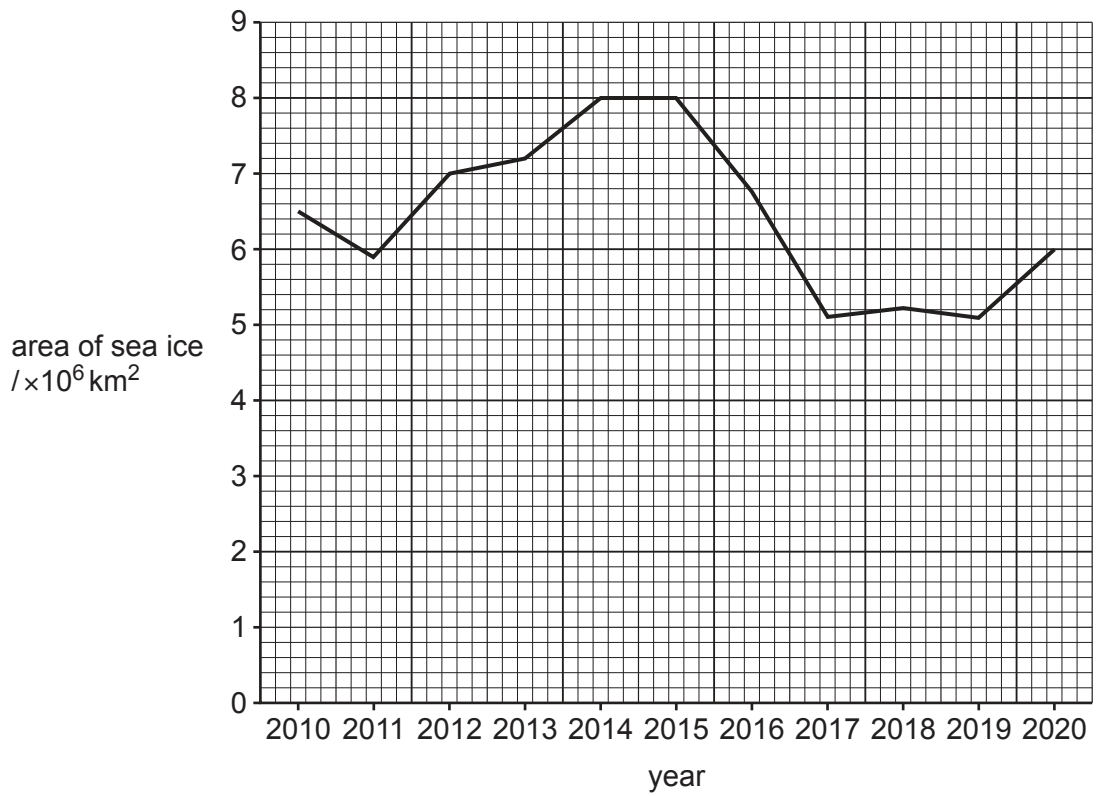


Fig. 4.1

(i) Describe the changes in Antarctic sea ice area in Fig. 4.1.

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(ii) Suggest reasons for the changes in Antarctic sea ice area in Fig. 4.1.

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(b) The Antarctic Treaty has been in place since 1959.

(i) Explain why reaching international agreement to protect habitats is difficult to achieve.

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(ii) Describe strategies used to protect the Antarctic environment.

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5 (a) Complete Table 5.1 to identify non-renewable and renewable energy resources using the following terms.

oil wind solar nuclear geothermal

Table 5.1

non-renewable	renewable

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(b) Define the term energy security.

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(c) Explain **two** causes of energy insecurity.

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Section B

Answer **one** question.

Either

6 '*Reduce, Reuse and Recycle* is the most important strategy to manage waste disposal.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Give reasons and include information from relevant examples to support your answer. [20]

Or

7 Evaluate strategies for managing food security in a country of your choice.

Give reasons and include information from relevant examples to support your answer. [20]

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