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Geography
Higher level and standard level
Paper 2

11 May 2026

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

Session number

1 hour 15 minutes

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Instructions to students

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all questions.
- Section B: answer the question.
- Section C: answer one question.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- The accompanying **geography resource booklet** is required for this examination paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.



Section A

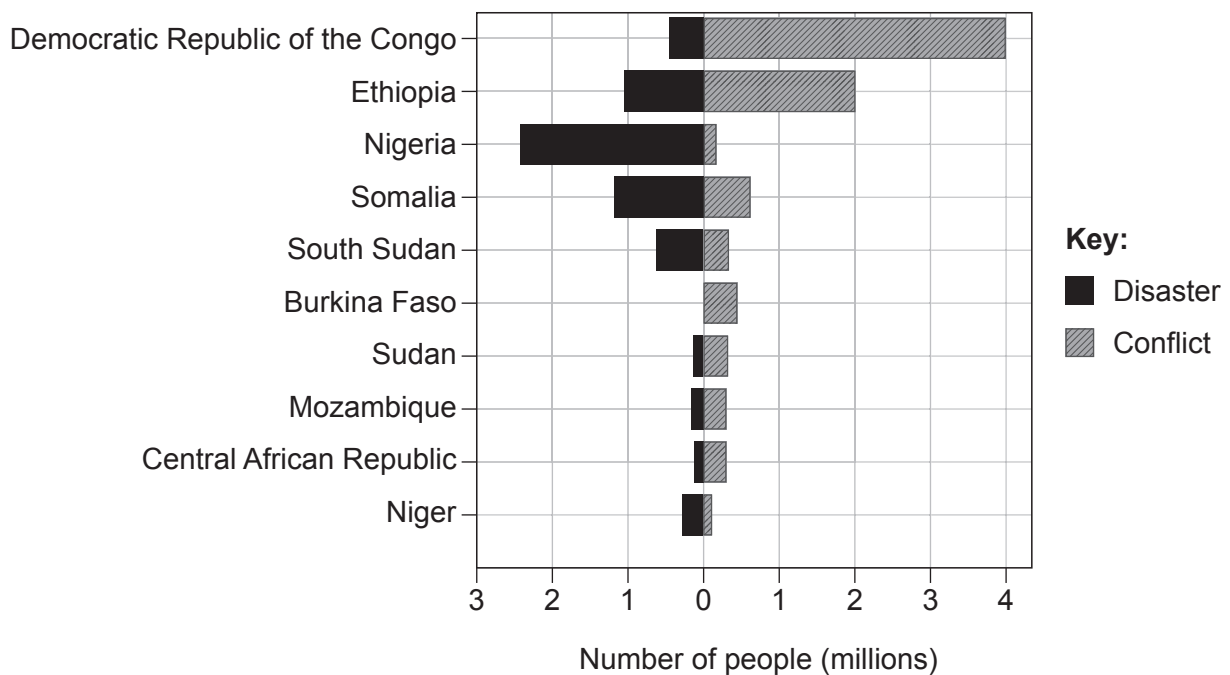
Answer **all** questions.

Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

When relevant, answers should refer to case studies or examples, and where appropriate include well-drawn maps or diagrams.

1. Changing population

The graph shows the number of people internally displaced due to conflict and disaster in selected African countries in 2022.



- (a) (i) State which country had the largest number of internally displaced people in 2022. [1]

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- (ii) Estimate the percentage of the total number of internal displacements in Ethiopia caused by disaster. [1]

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(Question 1 continued)

- (b) Explain **one** way in which an impact of climate change may lead to internal displacement of people. [2]

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- (c) Explain **one** way in which the population structure of a destination city or country could be affected by migration. [2]

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- (d) (i) Explain **one** challenge faced by women who are internally displaced. [2]

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- (ii) Explain **one different** challenge faced by children who are internally displaced. [2]

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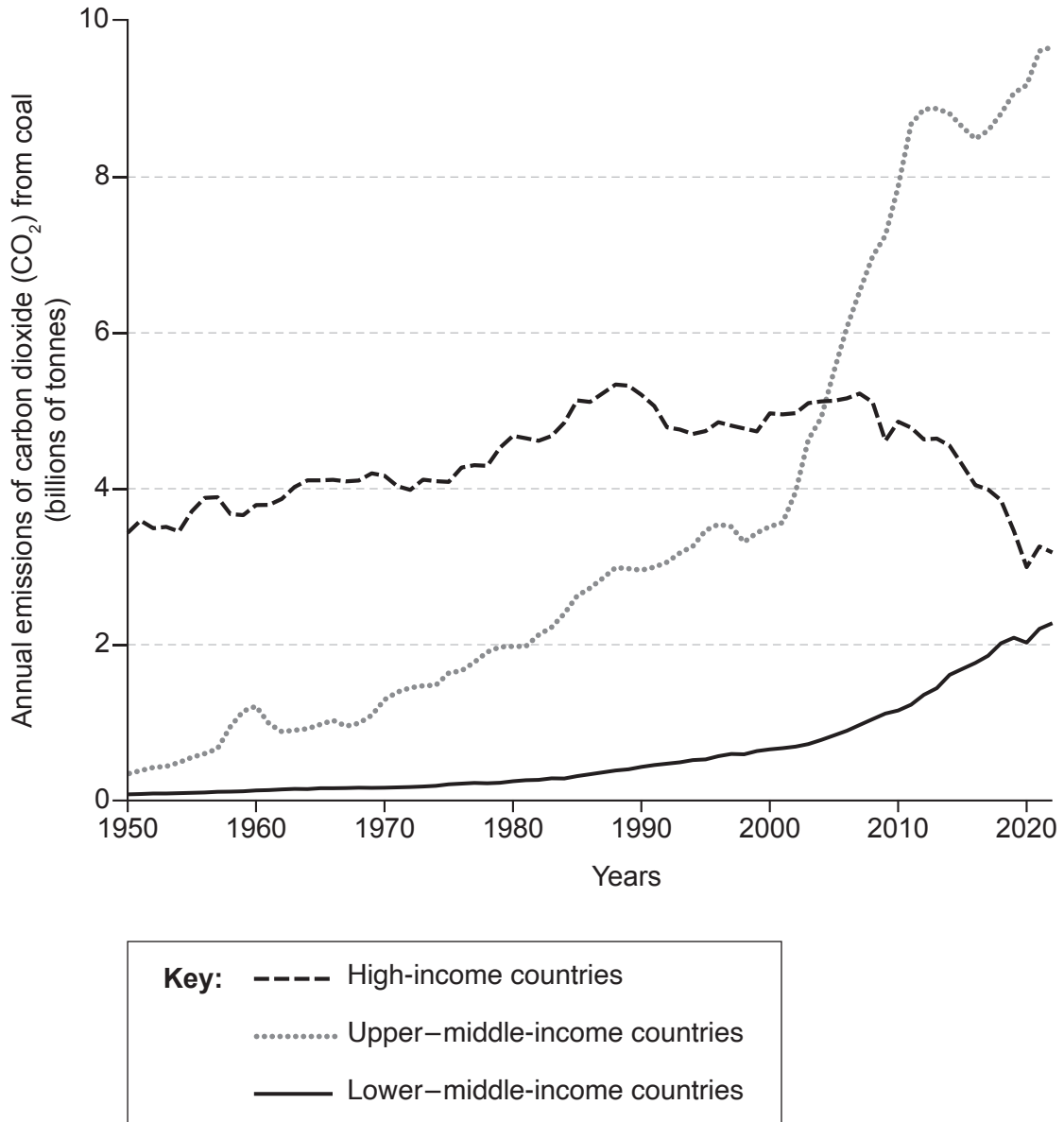
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2. Global climate — vulnerability and resilience

The graph shows annual emissions, in tonnes, of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from coal in three groups of countries (lower–middle-income countries, upper–middle-income countries, and high-income countries) between 1950 and 2022.



- (a) Describe the trend in carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions between 1950 and 2022 in upper–middle-income countries.

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(Question 2 continued)

- (b) Explain **two** different ways in which changes in income have led to increased greenhouse gas emissions.

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Way 2:

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- (c) (i) Explain **one** impact of climate change on human health.

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- (ii) Explain **one** impact of climate change, **other than** the one explained in your answer to part (c)(i), on ocean transport routes.

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3. Global resource consumption and security

(a) Outline what is meant by *ecological footprint*.

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(b) Explain **two** ways in which poverty reduction may lead to an increase in the availability of water.

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Way 2:

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(Question 3 continued)

(c) Explain **two** factors that improve energy security for **one named** country.

[2+2]

Country:

Factor 1:

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Factor 2:

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Section B

Answer the following question.

4. Refer to the infographic on pages 2–5 of the accompanying resource booklet. Note that this infographic continues over a turnover.

The infographic shows variations in healthy life expectancy in selected European countries.

- (a) (i) State the age group **and** weight status for females that lose 9.5 healthy years to obesity.

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- (ii) State the range of healthy life expectancy for males in the most deprived areas.

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- (b) Explain **one** reason why healthy life expectancy may decrease.

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(Question 4 continued)

- (c) To what extent does the evidence in the infographic support the view that health expenditure is the main factor influencing healthy life expectancy?

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Answer **one** question.

5. "The most important benefit of the demographic dividend to a country is the increased size of the labour force." To what extent do you agree with this statement? [10]

6. "Age is the most important factor influencing vulnerability to climate change." To what extent do you agree with this statement? [10]

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