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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

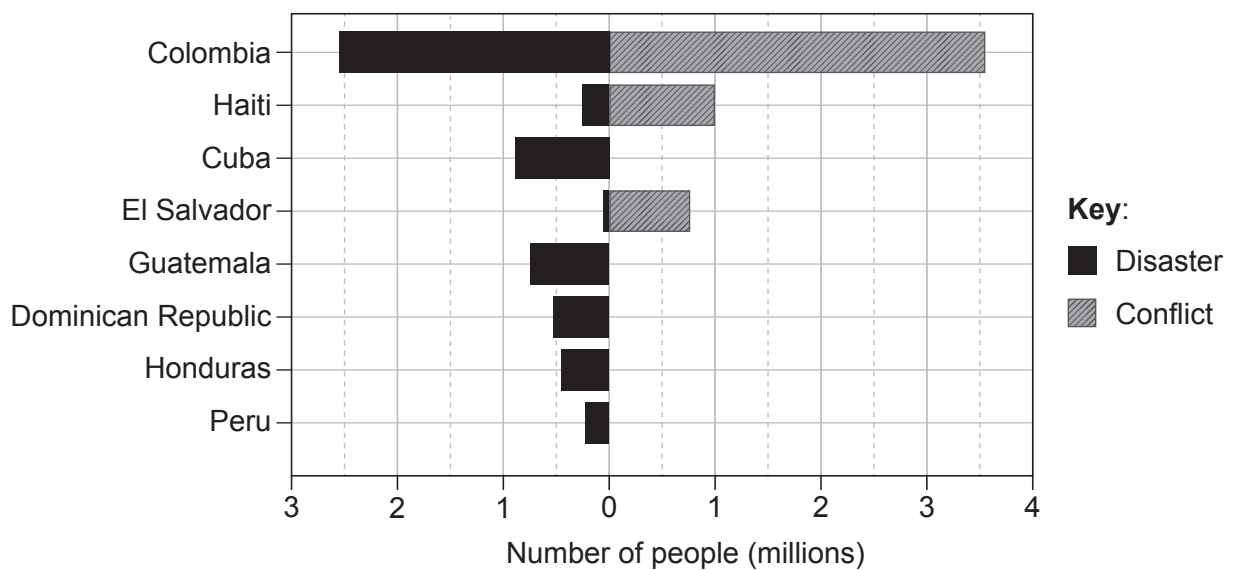
Answer **all** questions.

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 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean 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 Haiti caused by disaster.

[1]

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(Question 1 continued)

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

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- (c) Explain **one** reason why internal displacement often leads to the growth of informal settlements in the destination area. [2]

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- (d) (i) Explain **one** challenge faced by elderly people 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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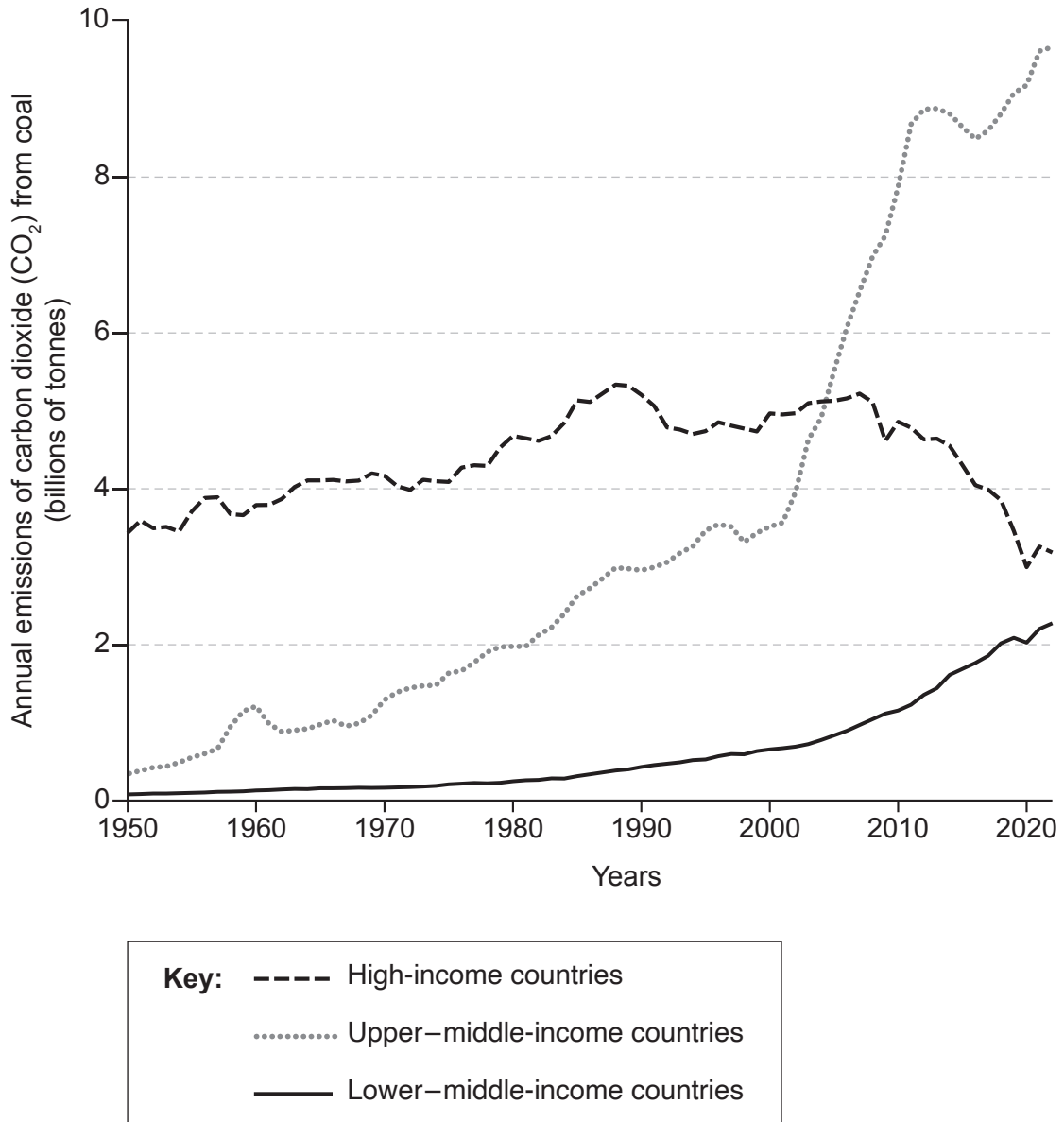
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2. Global climate — vulnerability and resilience

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 lower–middle-income countries.

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(Question 2 continued)

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

[2+2]

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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 limits of cultivation.

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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 food.

[2+2]

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Way 2:

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(Question 3 continued)

(c) Explain **two** factors that improve water 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 page 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 males that lose 10.0 healthy years to obesity.

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- (ii) State the range of healthy life expectancy for females 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 lifestyle is the main factor influencing healthy life expectancy?

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5. “Non-governmental stakeholders provide the most effective strategies for addressing global climate change.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? [10]

6. "All countries face the same pressures on resource security." To what extent do you agree with this statement? [10]

[illegible]

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