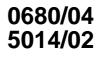
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1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper. Additional Materials: Ruler (cm/mm)

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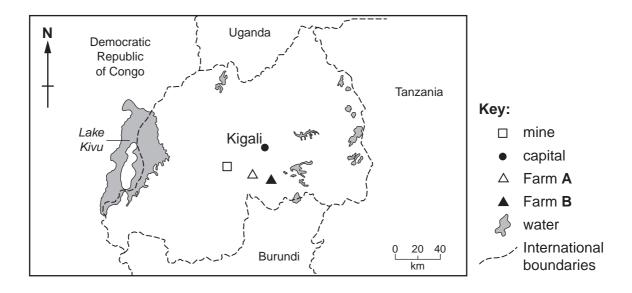


Fig. 2 Map of Rwanda

Rwanda is the most densely populated and one of the smallest countries in Africa. About 90% of the population are farmers. Only 13% of the original wildlife habitat remains.

- Area: land 24948 sq km water 1 390 sq km
- Population: 8.2 million
- Currency: Rwandan Franc 475 francs = 1 US Dollar
- Languages: Kinyarwanda, French, English
- Altitude: 1000 to 4500 m
- Climate: tropical, modified by height
- Main Exports: coffee, tea, hides, tin ore
- Population growth rate: 1.84% per year
- Average number of children born to each woman: 5.6
- Life expectancy: male 38 years, female 40 years
- Population below poverty line: 60%

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1 Climate is a very important factor in successful farming. The annual temperature and rainfall were recorded on two farms over one year.

Months	Rainfall mm			
montris	Farm <b>A</b>	Farm <b>B</b>		
January	111	46		
February	156	61		
March	140	130		
April	183	175		
May	164	147		
June	23	74		
July	7	48		
August	27	86		
September	63	91		
October	102	97		
November	110	122		
December	93	99		
Recorded temperature range	14 – 27°C	16 – 28°C		

## Fig. 3

(a) How many months had rainfall greater than 100 mm

on farm **A** .....

on farm **B**? .....

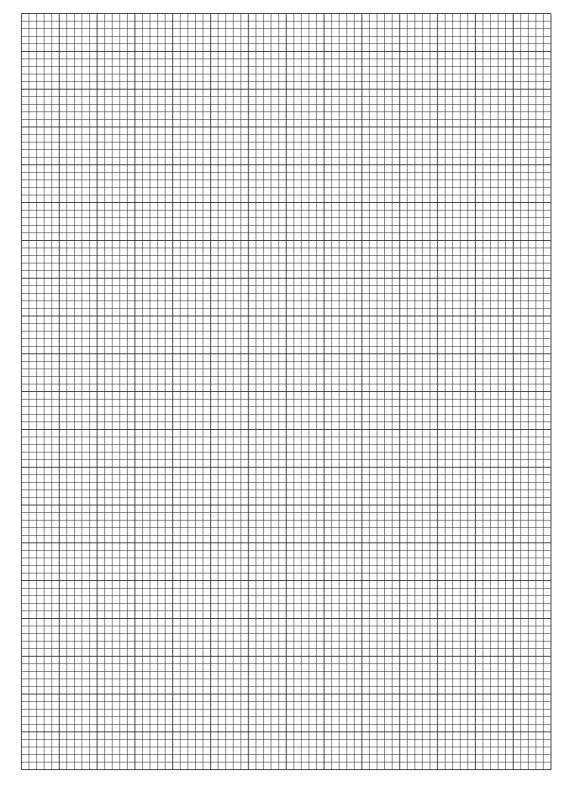
(b) Which was the driest month

on farm **A** .....

on farm **B**? .....

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# (c) Plot the rainfall data on a suitable graph.

(d) The crops harvested on farms **A** and **B** were recorded for one year.

Crops harvested	Farm <b>A</b>	Farm <b>B</b>	Total
Finger millet	1500 kg	1050 kg	2550 kg
Sorghum	1000 kg	850 kg	1850 kg
Maize	1500 kg	2350 kg	3850 kg
Beans	500 kg	1500 kg	2000 kg
Total	4500 kg	5750 kg	10250kg



(i) Calculate the **total** yield of sorghum as a % of **total** yield of all crops.

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(ii) Porridge is a staple food eaten once a day by farming families. It can be made from the grain of finger millet, sorghum or maize. The porridge is cooked on small open fires.



Fig. 5

Sorghum stalks can be used as a fuel for cooking instead of wood. Some students wanted to find out how many sorghum stalks were used for cooking. They each wrote a plan.

#### Plan A

Watch one family cooking for a day. Write down how long the cooking takes and how many stalks are used.

### Plan B

Watch one family for three days. Weigh the pile of sorghum stalks on day one and again at the end of day three. The difference is the weight of stalks used.

### Plan C

Watch one family for three days and write down how long the cooking takes. Weigh the pile of sorghum stalks at the start of day one and again at the end of day three. The difference is the weight of stalks used.

Draw a table to show how you would record the data from plan C.

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(iii) Which plan is least likely to give reliable data? Give a reason for your answer.

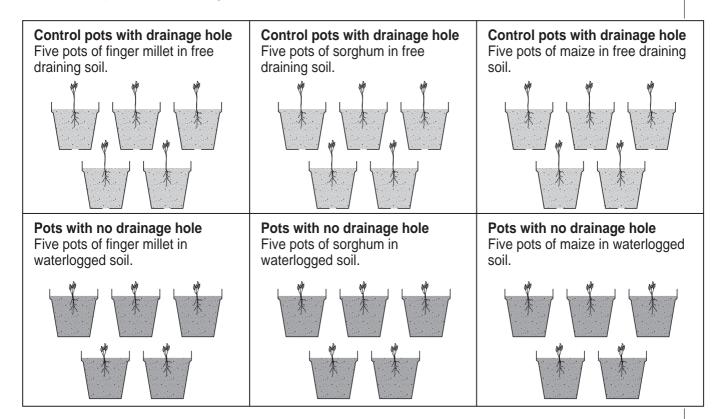
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- (e) An average family uses 3 kg of cooking fuel each day. If they run out of sorghum stalks they have to walk 10 km to collect wood.
  - The students calculated that 3kg x 365 days = 1095kg of sorghum stalks are needed to cook for one year.
  - An average harvest of one hectare gives 1950kg sorghum stalks.
  - After a new sorghum crop is planted intensive labour is needed to carry out weeding to stop sorghum plants dying.

What advice would you give farmers?

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(f) The farmers told the students that some of their seeds started growing and then died if the soil became waterlogged due to heavy rainfall. The students decided to carry out a trial using seedlings. They planted finger millet seedlings in five pots with free draining soil and another five seedlings in pots with waterlogged soil. They carried out the same procedure for sorghum and maize.





The students measured the height in cm of all the seedlings after one week. The results are shown below.

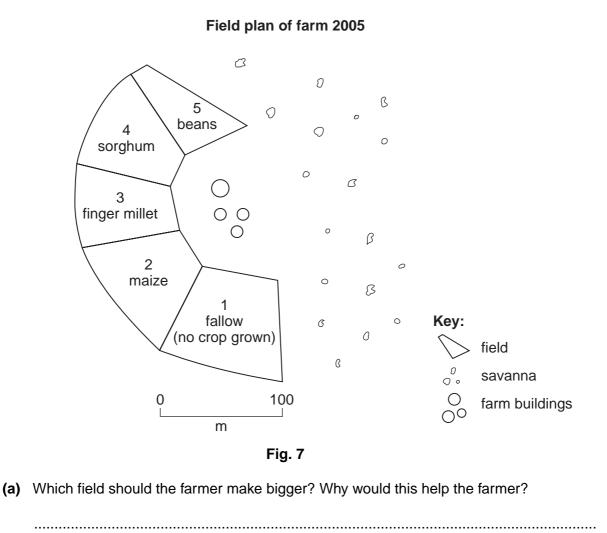
Pot	Finger millet	Sorghum	Maize
1	10	6	2
2	8	5	3
3	7	6	2
4	11	4	4
5	9	4	4
Average in waterlogged soil	9	5	3
Average in free draining soil	12	9	10

(i) Which type of crop showed the least growth in waterlogged conditions?

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(ii)	Why did the students plant five pots for each type of crop?
(iii)	[1] The farmer wanted to plant crops in February. Using information in the table and Fig. 3 suggest, with a reason, which crops should be planted. (Give at least <b>two</b>
	types of crop for each farm.)
	on farm <b>A</b>
	on farm <b>B</b>
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(iv)	One student wanted to repeat the trial before suggesting any changes on farms <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> .
	State three pieces of information you would need to carry out exactly the same trial.
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2 The students wanted to find out how the farmers carried out crop rotation. A farmer allowed the students to make a plan of his fields.



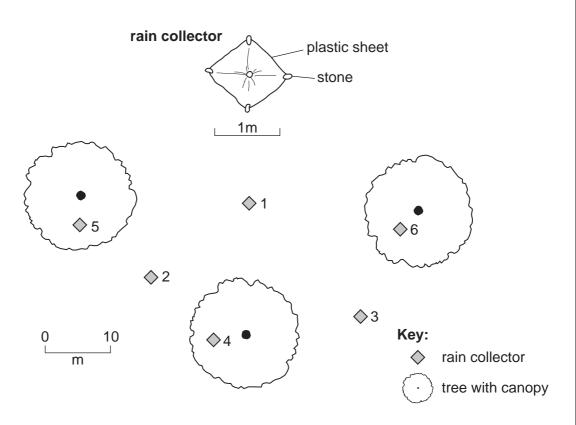
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(b) Suggest a field management plan for the farmer by completing the table below to show which crops should be grown in each field.

Year	Field					
Tear	1	2	3	4	5	
2006						
2007						
2008						

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(c) The farmer complained that some parts of his fields and grazing land were affected by soil erosion due to heavy rainstorms. The students made rain collectors from plastic sheets and stones. The water collects in the centre and can be measured in containers of known volume.



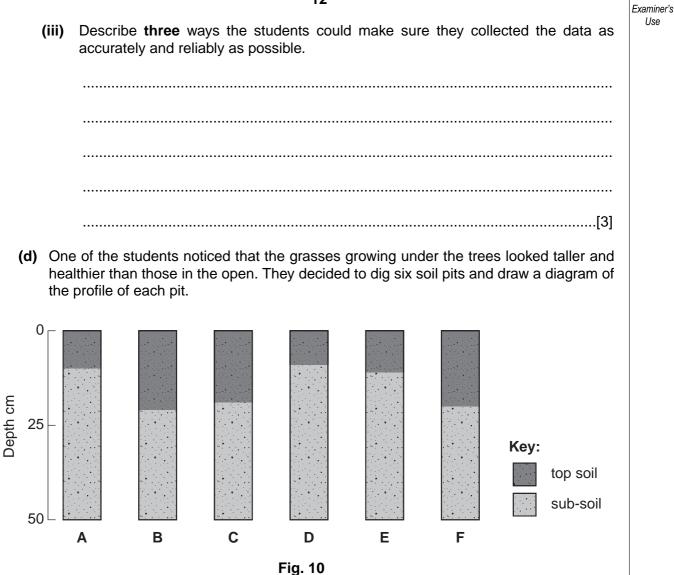


The students placed the collectors on the ground as shown and measured the volume of water collected after one rain storm.

	Collector in the open			Collector under the trees		
	1 2 3		4	5	6	
Volume of water cm <sup>3</sup>	7500	6900	7200	5000	5400	5500
Average						

- (i) Complete the table.
- (ii) Suggest an explanation for the differences between the two groups of collection sites.

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- (i) Write the letters A – F on Fig. 8 to show where you think the soil pits were dug. [2]
- (ii) Choose two different soil profiles and suggest reasons for the differences between them.

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You are a local agricultural advisor. Your task is to help each family use their plot of land in a sustainable way and to reduce malnutrition. A farmer has had four ideas to try and improve his situation next year. First idea Replace maize with new genetically modified (GM) maize. Second idea Clear more marginal land on a hillside to produce more crops. Third idea Grow only sorghum and finger millet. Fourth idea Try to grow three crops in one year instead of two. (a) Give the farmer **one** reason why each idea may make his situation worse. First idea ..... Second idea ..... Third idea ..... Fourth idea .....[4]

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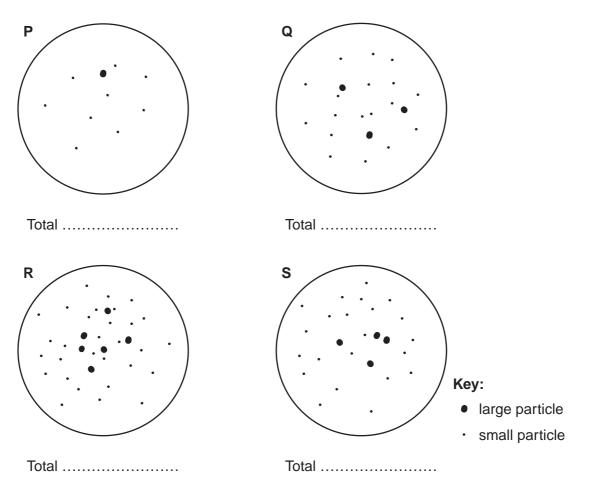
(b) Another farmer thinks that the students have gathered helpful information which he can use to carry out sustainable farming in future and prevent malnutrition in his family.

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Suggest methods the farmer could use to farm sustainably and provide enough food for his family.

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- 4 Some people have left the land to look for other types of work. A mine has been started in the centre of Rwanda to extract tantalum and coltran (used in cellphones). There have already been many fatal accidents and the local environment is beginning to suffer.
  - (a) Dust from the spoil heaps can be carried over a large area by wind. A student applied clear sticky tape to some plant leaves near a spoil heap. The tape was then removed and fixed onto microscope slides. Four samples were seen as shown below.





	(iii)	Why is dust from spoil heaps a hazard to humans and plants?				
		Humans				
		Plants				
		[3]				
(b)	) (i)	Suggest <b>one</b> reason why the government wants the mining to continue.				
		[1]				
	(ii)	You have been asked to find out why people became miners using a questionnaire.				
	(11)	Complete the questionnaire which has been started for you, with three further				
		questions.				
Qu	estic	onnaire for miners				
Q1	How	long have you been working at the mine?				
	ا معم ا	than one week 1-4 weeks				
	5-8 w	reeks more than 8 weeks				
Q2						
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