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Paper 1 Lithosphere and Atmosphere

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

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Answer **one** question from this section.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a)** Table 1.1 contains details of sources and types of atmospheric pollution commonly found in urban areas. Complete the table by adding the appropriate sources and types to the empty boxes. [3]

Table 1.1

source of pollution	type of pollution
incinerators	dioxins
coal-fired power stations	
	carbon monoxide
	nitrogen oxides

- (b)** Ground level ozone is a secondary pollutant produced in urban areas. Fig. 1.1 illustrates how it is formed.

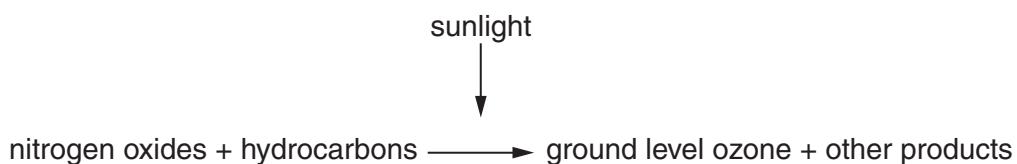


Fig. 1.1

- (i)** What is meant by the term *secondary pollutant*?

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- (ii)** Suggest why ground level ozone is more of a problem on sunny days.

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- (iii) Explain why concentrations of ground level ozone can also be found in rural, traffic-free areas.

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- (c) Fig. 1.2 and Fig. 1.3 show buildings in a cross-section through a city.

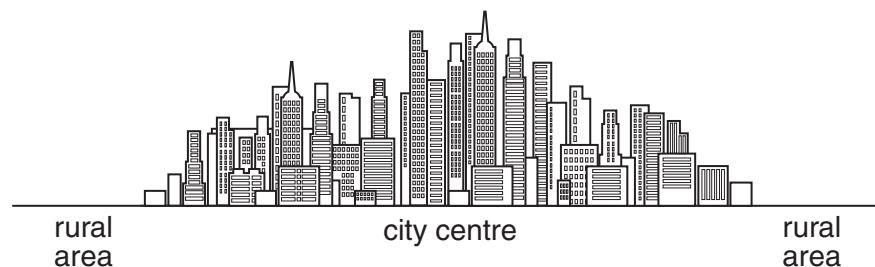


Fig. 1.2



Fig. 1.3

- (i) Draw a line (—) onto Fig. 1.2 to show the shape of the atmospheric pollution zone when there is no wind. [2]
- (ii) Draw a line (—) onto Fig. 1.3 to show the shape of the atmospheric pollution zone when wind direction is from west to east. [2]

- (d) Fig. 1.4 is a map showing levels of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) polluting the atmosphere in a district in the city of Prague.

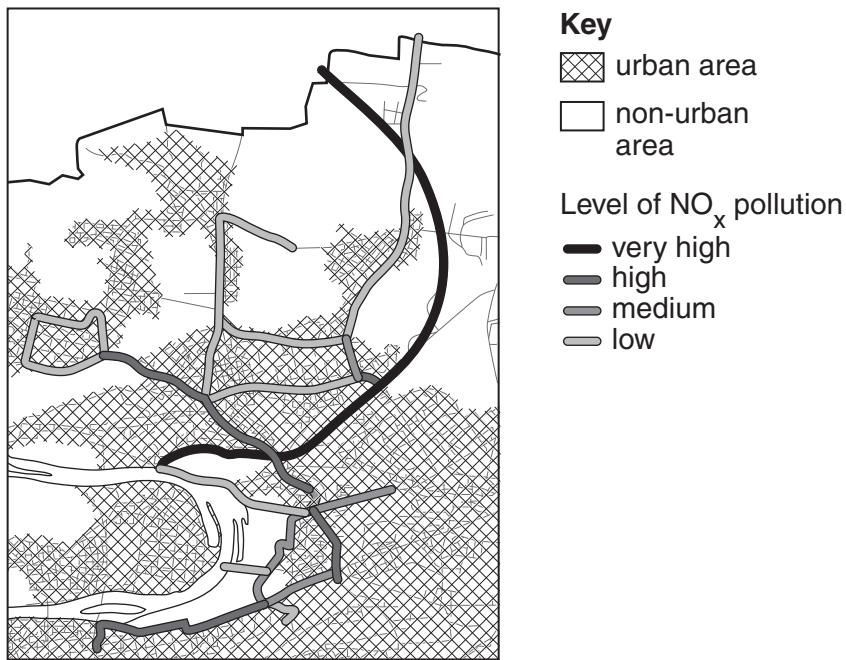


Fig. 1.4

- (i) Describe the distribution in atmospheric pollution shown in Fig. 1.4 and suggest **two** reasons for this distribution.

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- (ii) Outline **one** way in which the design of an inner city area would assist in keeping atmospheric pollution in the streets at a low level.

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- 2 (a) (i) Using Fig. 2.1, describe how the location of the Earth's continental plates has changed over the last 225 million years.

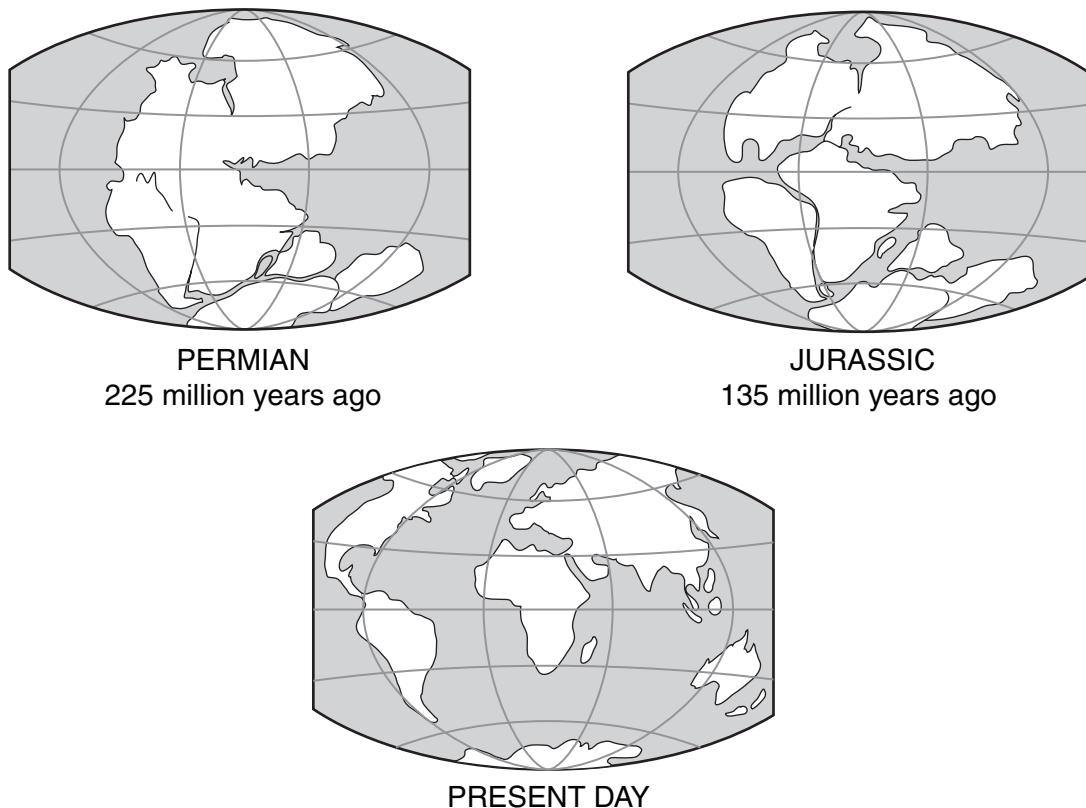


Fig. 2.1

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- (ii) Describe how **either** palaeo-magnetism **or** palaeontology can provide supporting evidence for the changes evident in Fig. 2.1.

[3]

- (b) The San Andreas Fault in California is a transform or strike slip-fault.
 Fig. 2.2 shows some surface features produced by the San Andreas Fault.
 Fig. 2.3 shows the location of different types of seismic activity along the San Andreas Fault.

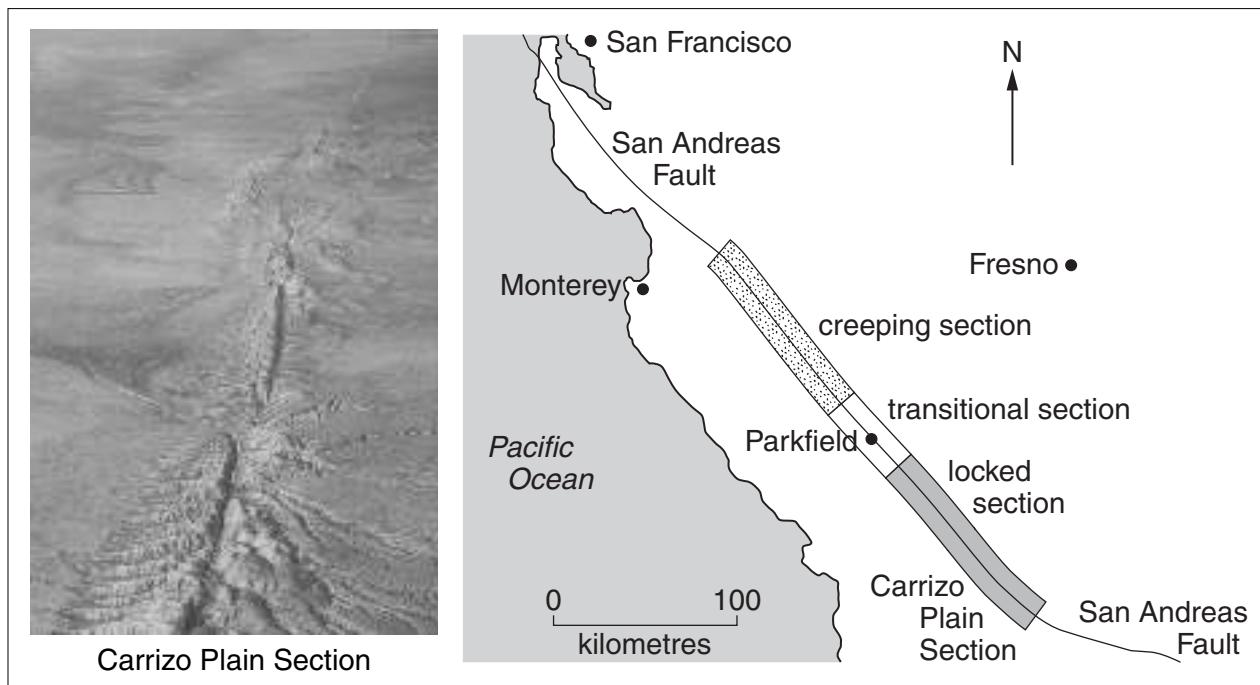


Fig. 2.2

Fig. 2.3

- (i) State **one** piece of evidence from Fig. 2.2 that suggests the type of fault movement is horizontal rather than vertical.
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- (ii) State **one** piece of evidence from Fig. 2.2 that suggests that earthquakes are frequent occurrences along this section of the fault.
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- (iii) Fig. 2.3 shows that the nature of plate movement divides the San Andreas Fault into a creeping section, a transitional section and a locked section.
- Suggest how and why earthquake activity in the locked section of the fault would differ from that in the creeping section.

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- Suggest why Parkfield is a good location for studying earthquake activity along the San Andreas Fault.

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- (c) Fig. 2.4 shows the frequency of seismic activity along the San Andreas Fault over a period of time. One dot is used to record one seismic event. Where many events are recorded over a short period, the dots merge to produce a more continuous form of shading.

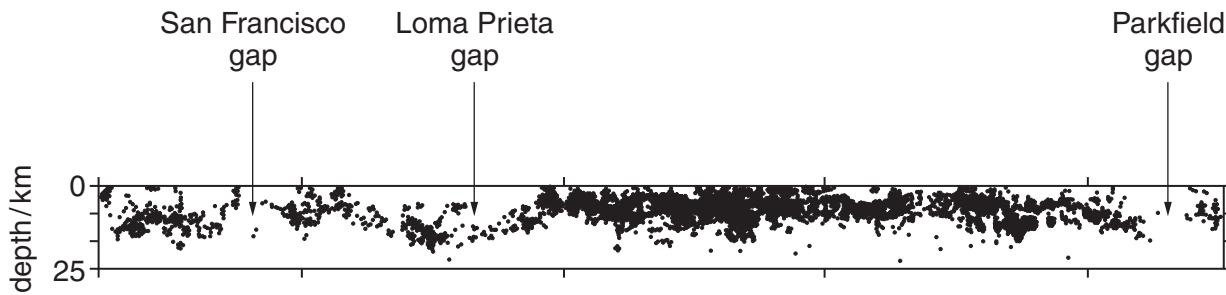


Fig. 2.4

Describe how seismological evidence, such as that shown in Fig. 2.4, can be used in the prediction of earthquake activity at different places along the San Andreas Fault.

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Section B

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- 3 (a)** Fig. 3.1 shows changes to estimated global temperatures, atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration and sunspot activity between 1855 and 2010.

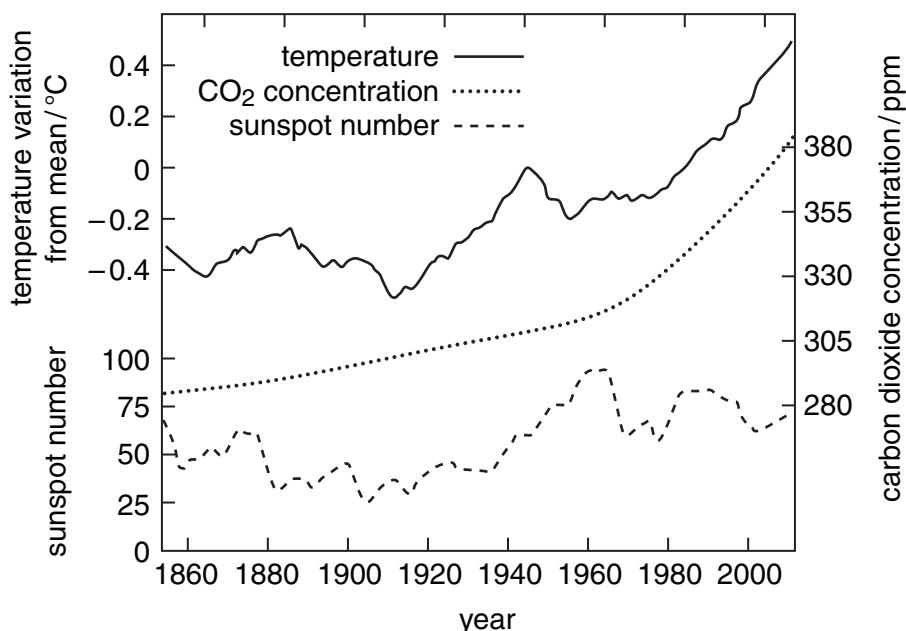


Fig. 3.1

Briefly assess the extent to which sunspot activity and carbon dioxide concentration can be regarded as contributors to global warming. [10]

- (b)** With reference to examples from More Economically Developed countries (MEDCs) and Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs), assess the difficulties in achieving agreement on reducing levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide. [30]

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- 4 (a) Suggest **three** reasons for the distribution of soil degradation shown in Fig. 4.1. [10]

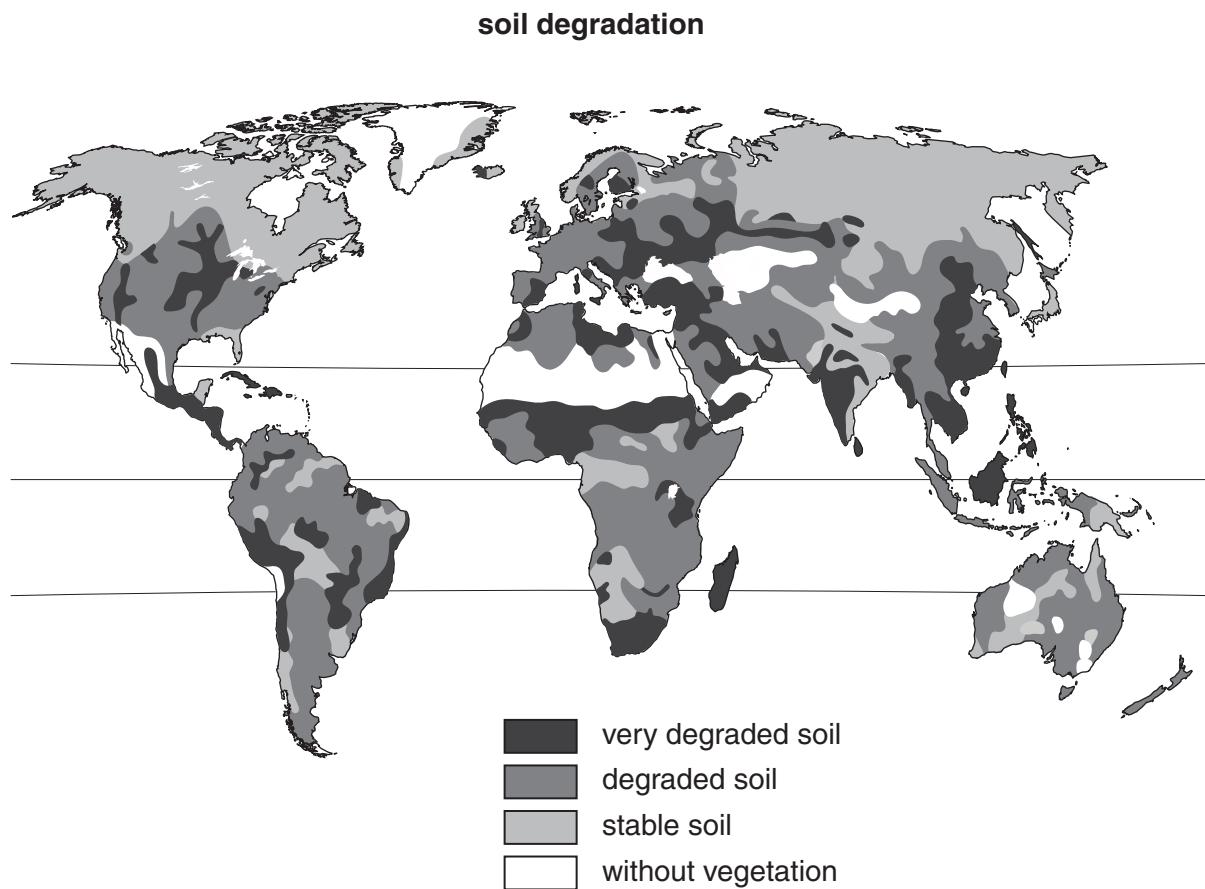


Fig. 4.1

- (b) With reference to examples with which you are familiar, assess the extent to which agricultural land is used in an environmentally sustainable way. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 5 (a) Using examples for each, distinguish between renewable, non-renewable and recyclable resources. [10]

- (b) We live in a world of increasing population and universal demands for high standards of living.

In light of this statement assess the environmental arguments for replacing non-renewable resources with renewable and recyclable resources. [30]

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Question 2b Figure 2.2

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