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Answer all questions.

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Answer one question from this section.

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# Section A

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Answer all questions in this section.

1 Fig. 1.1 shows the water cycle on a local scale. Use Fig. 1.1 to answer questions (a) to (e).

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(a) What is meant by the terms water table, impermeable and submarine spring?
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impermeable
submarine spring
[3] (b) Describe the changes in the state of water (solid, liquid and gas) in the water cycle shown
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(C)	Explain the formation of the aquifer.	
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d)	Explain the formation of the swamp.	
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(e)	Describe the processes that might cause the coastal region to be prone to flooding.	
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**2** (a) Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2 contain information on the distribution and classification of some biomes.

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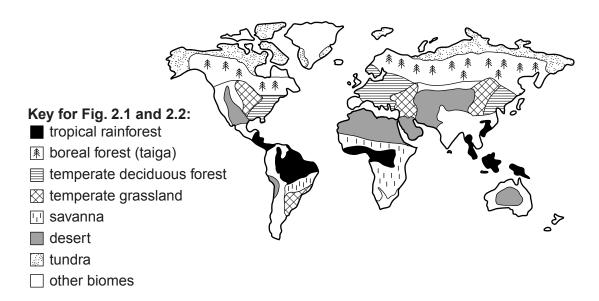


Fig. 2.1

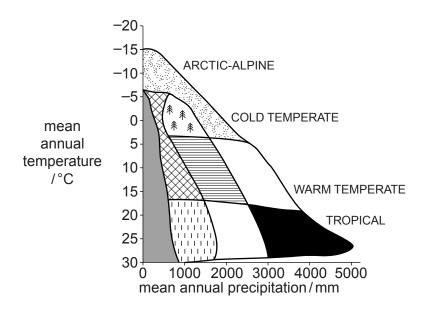


Fig. 2.2

(1)	What is meant by the term biome?
	[1]

	Describe the distribution of boreal forest and desert in Fig. 2.1.	Exam
	boreal forest	Us
	desert	
	uesert	
	[4]	
)	Use the data in Fig. 2.2 to explain how temperature and precipitation limit the global distribution of temperate deciduous forest and savanna.	
	temperate deciduous forest	
	savanna	
	[4]	
)	Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2 suggest that boundaries between each biome are distinct and very narrow. Using one example of a biome boundary assess the extent to which this is true.	

**(b)** Fig. 2.3 and Fig. 2.4 contain information on mangrove wetlands.



Fig. 2.3

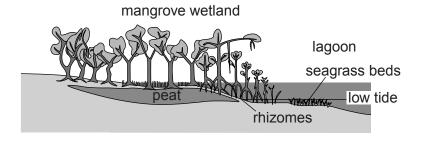


Fig. 2.4

State <b>two</b> characteristic features of the ecology of the marine ecosystem shown in Fig. 2.3 and Fig. 2.4.	n
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(ii)	Explain how marine ecosystems are threatened by human activity and why their conservation is important.
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## **Section B**

Answer one question from this section.

(a) Outline and explain the variations in the annual rate of deforestation and afforestation for the regions between 1990 and 2005 as shown in Fig. 3.1. [10]

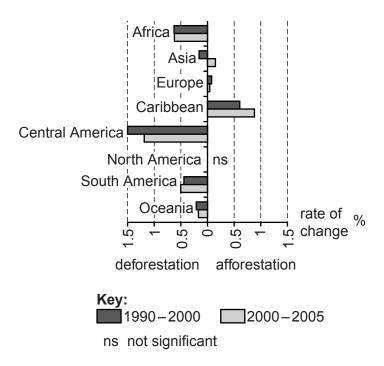


Fig. 3.1

(b) Ecological conservation can occur on scales ranging from areas of a few square metres to global. With reference to examples you have studied, discuss the extent to which the most effective conservation methods succeed at the local scale rather than at the national or global scale.
[30]

[Total: 40]

**4** (a) Fig. 4.1 shows estimates for how much more water will be needed in 2030 compared with the demand in 2005.

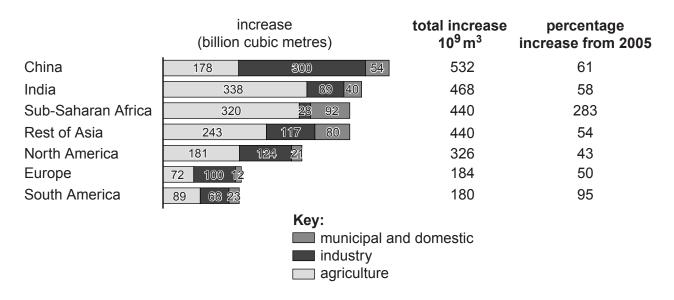


Fig. 4.1

Suggest **three** reasons for the estimated increases in the demand for water shown in Fig. 4.1. [10]

(b) Individual countries adopt measures to achieve a sustainable supply of water.

To what extent are the measures adopted by MEDCs to achieve a sustainable supply of water similar to those adopted by LEDCs? Refer to examples from both groups of nations in your answer. [30]

[Total: 40]

**5 (a)** With reference to Fig. 5.1, outline and e xplain the effects that the dumping of w aste might have on the physical, chemical and biological quality of water in a river. [10]





effluent pipe

Fig. 5.1

(b) With reference to examples you have studied, explain and evaluate the measures that are being used to reduce river pollution. [30]

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