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A-level GEOGRAPHY

Paper 1 Physical Geography

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- the colour insert (enclosed)
- a pencil
- a rubber
- a ruler.

You may use a calculator.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A.
- Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 **or** Question 4 in Section B.
- Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6 in Section C.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The total number of marks available for this paper is 120.

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Section A

Water and carbon cycles

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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Outline flows within the water cycle operating on a hill slope.

[4 marks]

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Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

Question 2 Hot desert systems and landscapes

0 2 . 1 Outline sources of energy in hot desert environments.

[4 marks]

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0 2 . 4

'The fragile inter-relationship between climate, soils and vegetation in arid regions is becoming increasingly affected by human activity.'

How far do you agree with this view?

[20 marks]



Question 3 Coastal systems and landscapes

0 3 . 1 Explain the development of saltmarsh environments.

[4 marks]

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0 3 . 4

‘Shoreline management/integrated coastal zone management can effectively tackle the expected eustatic sea level change and associated threat to coastal landscapes over the coming decades.’

To what extent do you agree with this view?

[20 marks]



Question 4 Glacial systems and landscapes

0 4 . 1 Explain the formation of *rôches moutonnées*.

[4 marks]

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Figure 8 shows a periglacial landscape near Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Figure 8



Note: The aerial photograph was taken in late summer, near Tuktoyaktuk. It shows a largely flat area, in a coastal region near the Beaufort Sea in the Canadian Arctic. The mound in the image rises up to 36 metres above sea level. Local climate has had a powerful impact on the landscape, which is characterised by a high water table and the presence of numerous lakes.

0 4 . 3

Using **Figure 8** and your own knowledge, assess the role of frost action in the development of this landscape.

[6 marks]

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Section CAnswer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

For the multiple-choice questions, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD WRONG METHODS If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown. If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown. **Question 5 Hazards****0 5 . 1**

What is an appropriate measure to tackle the spread of wildfire?

[1 mark]

- A** In higher income countries, insurance is available. Whilst this can be very costly, it does mean that any damage done during the event can be quickly rectified.
- B** Replanting trees in fire-affected areas can quickly return the area to its original condition, thus preventing the spread of fire in any future event.
- C** Education and warning systems can provide invaluable information to people in fire prone areas. Lookouts and regular patrols can help with early evacuation.
- D** Use of retardants combined with controlled burning can contain a wildfire, provided this is well planned and co-ordinated in advance of the event.

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0 5 . 2 What is an island arc?

[1 mark]

- A** Where oceanic plates collide, subduction leads to increased friction and melting. The less dense material begins to rise through the crust, creating a series of volcanic islands.
- B** Radioactive elements beneath the crust cause intense heating, often away from plate boundaries. As the volcano breaks through the crust and crust moves, an arc is formed.
- C** As plates diverge, magma is forced to the surface. After subsequent underwater eruptions, eventually island arcs are formed along ridges, such as in the Mid Atlantic.
- D** As continental plates collide, enormous pressure is exerted and folding occurs. Where folding occurs in coastal locations, some land can be cut off by the sea leading to arc formation.

0 5 . 3 What is the process of slab pull?

[1 mark]

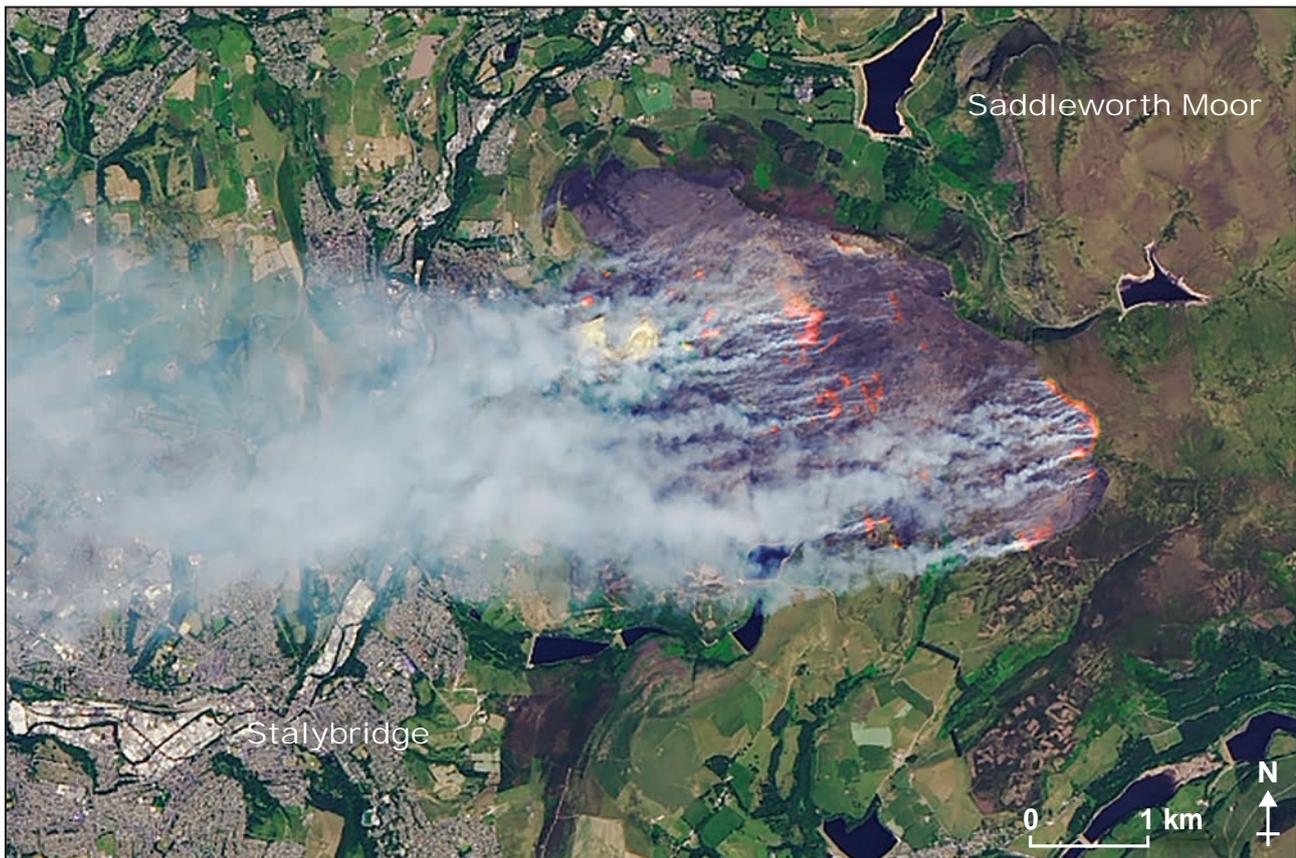
- A** At constructive plate boundaries, convection currents cause plates to pull apart. This generates both seismic and volcanic activity.
- B** At conservative plate margins, plates are pulled alongside each other. This generates seismic activity after a period of pressure build-up.
- C** At destructive margins gravity forces lithosphere to descend into the mantle. The collision with the other plate causes both shallow and deep seismic activity.
- D** At constructive plate margins, plates are pulled apart leading to the formation of rift valleys. These valleys continue to widen and generate significant seismic activity.



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Figure 10 shows a wildfire on Saddleworth Moor, Greater Manchester, UK on 27 June 2018.

Figure 10



Note: Saddleworth Moor is an upland area north east of Manchester. The soils are composed of peat. In June 2018, there was a heatwave which was accompanied by virtually no rain and a dry wind for several weeks. Around 150 soldiers and firefighters were called in to tackle the blaze. The blaze lasted for weeks and may have been started deliberately.



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Question 6 Ecosystems under stress

0 6 . 1 What is a seral stage?

[1 mark]

- A** This is a stage where human activity has led to the creation of a sub-climax within the ecosystem. Until the human activity ceases the seral stage will remain.
- B** This is a stage whereby no further changes will occur in the succession. The only change that will occur is due to human activity or as a response to environmental change.
- C** This is a stage in the development of the ecosystem as it progresses towards climax. New species which are better adapted to the conditions outcompete a declining species.
- D** This is a stage in the food web. For example, primary consumers feed off the producers. This would be the second seral stage in the development of the food web.

0 6 . 2 What is the distinction between the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem?

[1 mark]

- A** Biotic elements are the weathered rock and leaf litter. These elements interact with the organisms, heat and light (abiotic) to help produce a soil structure.
- B** Biotic elements are part of the structure of a food chain. The biotic elements provide the building blocks of life. The abiotic elements feed off the biotic elements in the food chain.
- C** Biotic elements are responsible for processes such as leaching and decomposition. Abiotic elements provide the raw materials (such as water) which allow life to flourish.
- D** Biotic elements are the living part of an ecosystem such as micro-organisms, plants and animals. Life is supported by the abiotic elements such as weathered rock, climate and various gases.



0 6 . 3 What are trophic levels?

[1 mark]

- A** These are stages of a food chain or food web. At each new stage there are species which take energy from those in the previous stage. This process supports life.
- B** This is a stage in succession of plants in an ecosystem. At each new stage a better adapted species will dominate the local environment as it claims a niche in the local conditions.
- C** Trophic levels are a type of species which is responsible for the decay process in the ecosystem. These detritivores consume the dead matter and create conditions for regrowth.
- D** Trophic levels are a measure of the biodiversity within an ecosystem. An ecosystem with high trophic levels is considered to be healthy and free from human interference.

0 6 . 4 Why is weathering important in nutrient cycling?

[1 mark]

- A** Weathering allows for eroded material to be carried away by aeolian processes. As the eroded material settles in new locations, plant colonisation begins, eg sand dunes.
- B** Weathering releases important minerals which decomposers further break down. Bacteria and fungi break down rock particles for future uptake by plants in the cycle.
- C** The weathered material is a key part of decomposition. Climate directly impacts upon leaf litter to aid the decomposition process. From this nutrients are released.
- D** Weathering processes are essential in the development of healthy soils. Weathered materials are mixed with biotic matter and become available for uptake by plants.

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