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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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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)	New	organic matter is created through the process of photosynthesis.
		(i)	What is the source of energy for photosynthesis?
			[1]
		(ii)	Describe the process of photosynthesis.

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www.PapaCambridge.com (iii) Use Fig. 1.1 to describe how light intensity, carbon dioxide concentration temperature affect the rate of photosynthesis.

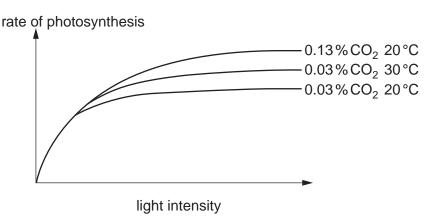


Fig. 1.1

 	 	 [4]

(b) Explain the difference in average net primary productivity (NPP) of the two biomes shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

biome	average annual NPP/109kJ
temperate forest	440
savanna	180

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(c) Fig. 1.2 shows some characteristic features within the lower canopy of a trople forest.

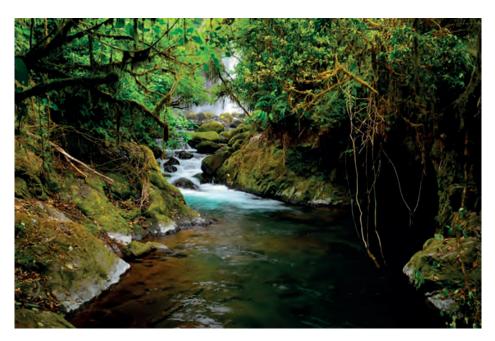


Fig. 1.2

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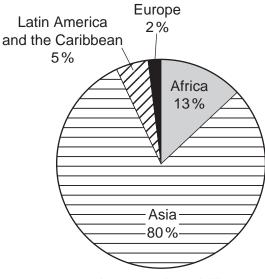
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2 (a) Study Fig. 2.1 which shows information on the number of people unserved by supply and sanitation.



total unserved: 2.4 billion

Fig. 2.1

(1)	sanitation in:
	Europe and Africa
	Asia and Africa[2]
(ii)	Suggest one reason for the difference between:
	Europe and Africa
	Asia and Africa
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(b) Describe how point and non-point sources of pollution would lead to contaminate the river water shown in Fig. 2.2.

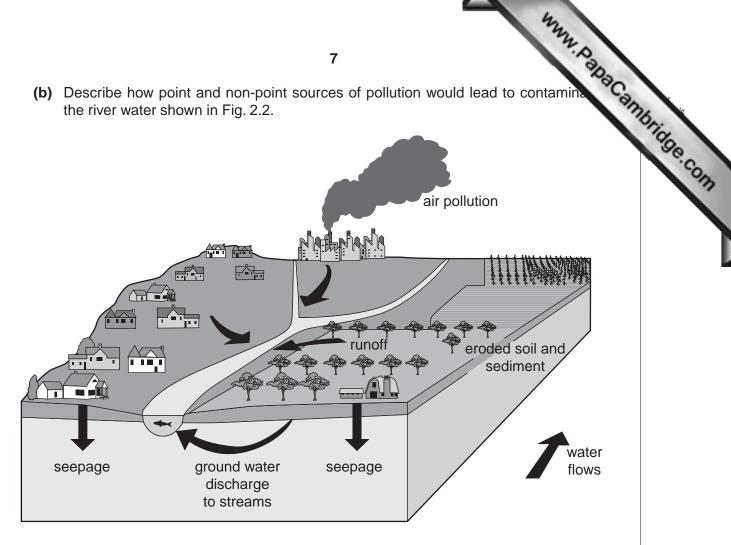
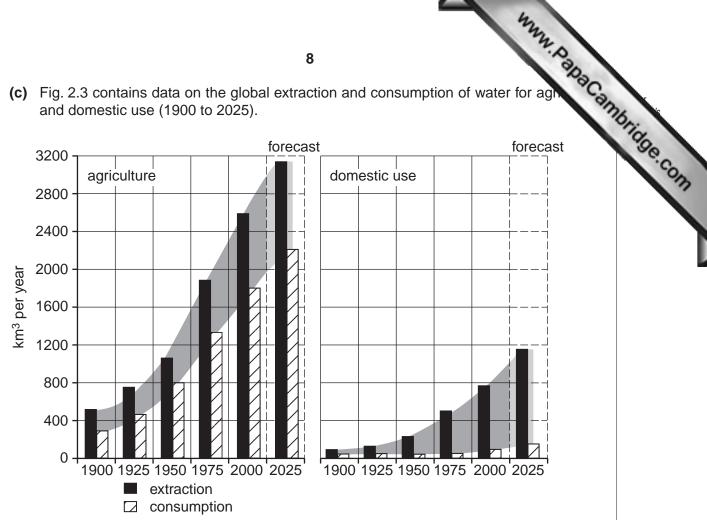


Fig. 2.2

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(c) Fig. 2.3 contains data on the global extraction and consumption of water for ag and domestic use (1900 to 2025).



The grey band represents the difference between the amount of water extracted and that actually consumed.

(i) Suggest reasons for the changes to water extraction and consumption by agriculture

Fig. 2.3

and domestic use shown in Fig. 2.3.
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(ii)	It is generally assumed that by the year 2025 the world will be experiencing shortage. The data in Fig. 2.3 seem to contradict this assumption. Suggest reasons for this.	Shide
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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section on the separate answer paper provided.

www.PapaCambridge.com 3 (a) Hydrographs are visual representations of the variation in river discharge over time. Descrit and explain how the river discharge shown in Fig. 3.1 responds, over time, to the rainfall event shown in the graph.

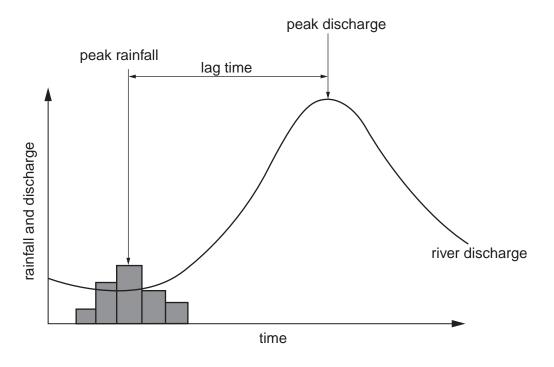


Fig. 3.1

(b) Some hydrologists argue that it is inevitable that some rivers will flood. With reference to examples you have studied, assess the extent to which human activity can contribute to river flooding. [30]

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4 (a) Most of the region shown in Fig. 4.1 consists of tropical rain forest. Fig. 4.1 shows of pressures on this region through illegal logging, mining and hunting.

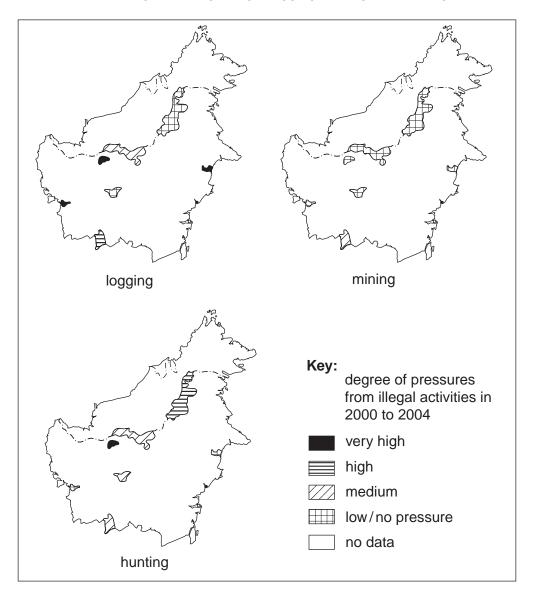


Fig. 4.1

Briefly describe the extent of pressures from these illegal activities upon the tropical rain forest of this region. [10]

(b) With reference to named examples, describe the policies that are being used to conserve ecologically important areas. Assess the extent to which these policies have been successful.
[30]

[Total: 40]

5 (a) Use the information shown in Fig. 5.1 to describe how an urban water cycle sustainable.

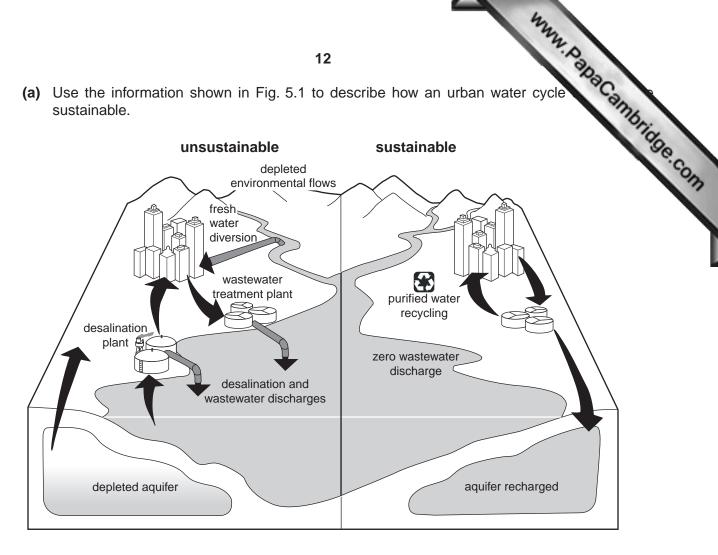


Fig. 5.1

(b) With reference to a large urban area you have studied, assess the measures that are being used to manage the pollution of rivers by industrial and domestic waste. [30]

[Total: 40]

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