



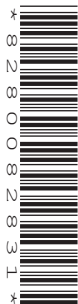
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Wednesday 17 November 2021 – Afternoon

**GCSE (9–1) Geography B
(Geography for Enquiring Minds)**

J384/01 Our Natural World

Time allowed: 1 hour 10 minutes



You must have:

- the Resource Booklet (inside this document)

You can use:

- a ruler (cm/mm)
- a scientific or graphical calculator



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink. You can use an HB pencil, but only for graphs and diagrams.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **63**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎).
- This document has **16** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SECTION A

Answer **all** the questions.

Global Hazards

- 1 (a) What type of winds are usually associated with low pressure systems?

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- (b) Explain how the global circulation system causes extremes of rainfall in **one** part of the world.

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- (c) (i) Select the correct definition of drought.

- A** not enough water to drink
- B** prolonged period with unusually low rainfall
- C** two weeks without rainfall
- D** two years of low rainfall

Write the correct letter in the box.

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- (ii) Study **Fig. 1** in the separate Resource Booklet, which shows overall drought risk in South America.

Describe the pattern of areas at high risk of drought shown in **Fig. 1**.

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(d) **CASE STUDY – non-UK based natural weather hazard event**

Name of chosen non-UK based natural weather hazard:

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Evaluate the main causes of a **non-UK** based natural weather hazard event.

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Changing Climate

- 2 (a) (i) Study **Fig. 2** in the separate Resource Booklet, which shows a section of an ice core.
Using **Fig. 2**, state how many years of snow accumulation are shown by this ice core.

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- (ii) Which of the following would be the **most** useful piece of information which could be added to **Fig. 2**.

- A** scale showing the dates before present
- B** thickness in cm
- C** thickness in km
- D** where the ice core came from

Write the correct letter in the box.

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- (b) Outline the theory of how sunspots are linked to climate change.

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(ii) Identify the largest contributor to atmospheric CO₂.

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(d) Examine the possible economic impacts of climate change on the UK.

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Distinctive Landscapes

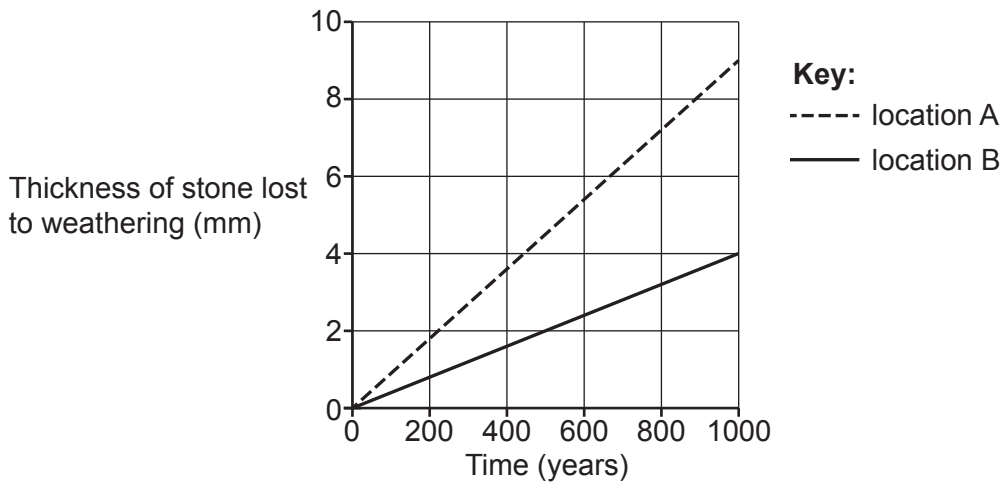
3 (a) Which of the following is a type of biological weathering?

- A rainwater containing acid breaks down rocks
- B rainwater containing dissolved CO_2 breaks down rocks
- C tree roots split open cracks in rocks
- D water melts and freezes in cracks in rocks to split them open

Write the correct letter in the box.

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(b) The graph below shows the rate of weathering for two identical pieces of limestone that were weathered in different locations.



(i) What is the difference in the amount of weathering after 1000 years?

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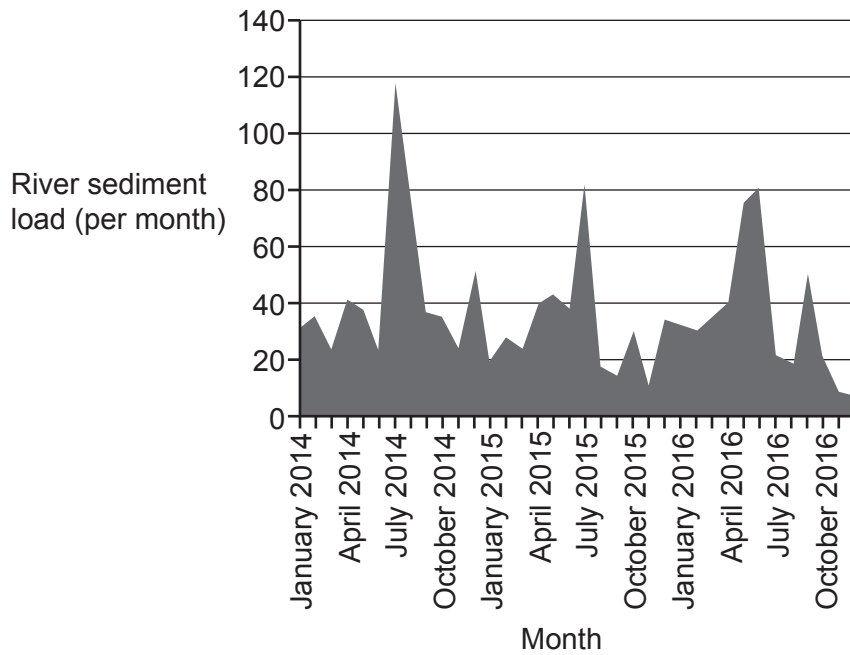
(ii) At which location has the limestone weathered faster?

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(iii) Suggest **one** factor that could cause this difference in weathering.

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(c) (i) Look at the graph below showing river sediment load over three years.



Select the correct description of the pattern shown on the graph.

- A** sediment load changes in equal two-month cycles
- B** sediment load fluctuates but shows no overall pattern
- C** sediment load fluctuates each year with a peak in January
- D** sediment load fluctuates each year with a peak in summer

Write the correct letter in the box.

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(ii) Suggest **two** reasons for variations in the sediment load of a river.

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(d) **CASE STUDY – a river basin in the UK**

Name of chosen river basin in the UK:

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Explain how **one** landform in the river basin is created by geomorphic processes.

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Sustaining Ecosystems

4 (a) Study **Fig. 3** in the separate Resource Booklet, which shows a climate graph for a tropical rainforest.

(i) Calculate the total rainfall for January, February and March.

- A 85 mm
- B 325 mm
- C 525 mm
- D 845 mm

Write the correct letter in the box.

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(ii) State the annual temperature range for the tropical rainforest climate in **Fig. 3**.

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(b) Explain the importance of nutrient cycling in the rainforest.

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(c)* **CASE STUDY** – a small-scale example of sustainable management in either the Arctic or Antarctic

Name of small-scale sustainable management example:

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Assess the impact of **one** small-scale example of sustainable management in either the Arctic or the Antarctic ecosystem.

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