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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

8291/02

Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Section A

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows the flows and stores of water in a hydrological cycle within a river valley.

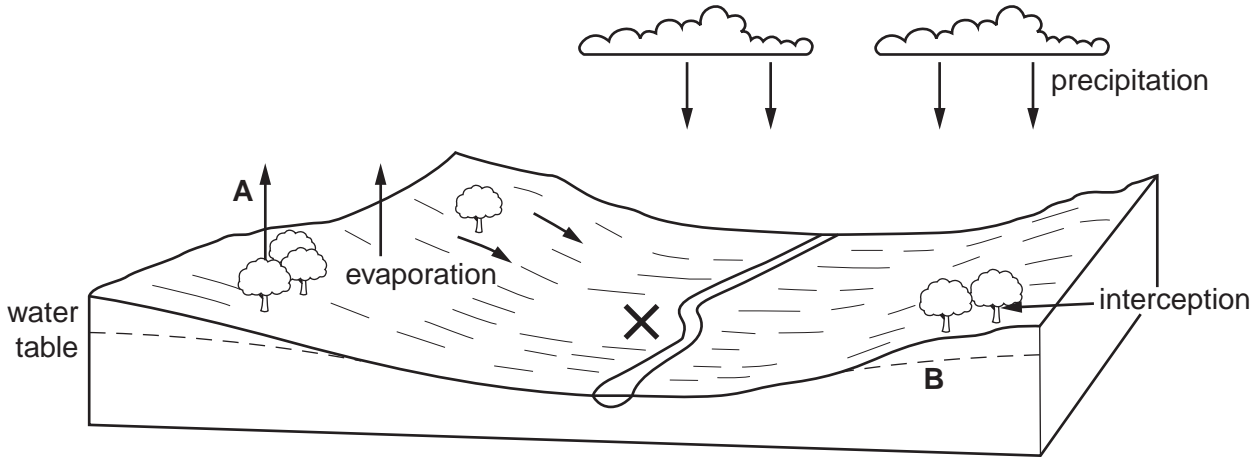


Fig. 1.1

(i) Name the flow that occurs at **A** and the store that occurs at **B** in Fig. 1.1.

A

B [2]

(ii) What is meant by the terms *evaporation* and *interception*?

evaporation

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interception

..... [2]

(iii) Describe how a balance between the input of water from precipitation and output of water from the river is maintained in a river basin.

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(ii) Suggest **three** ways in which management of the River Colorado benefits activity.

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(iii) Using evidence from Fig.1.3, outline how the management of the River Colorado could have a negative effect upon agriculture and the natural environment in area X in Fig.1.2.

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- 2 (a) Fig. 2.1 is a model that describes population size in terms of processes that form inputs and outputs.

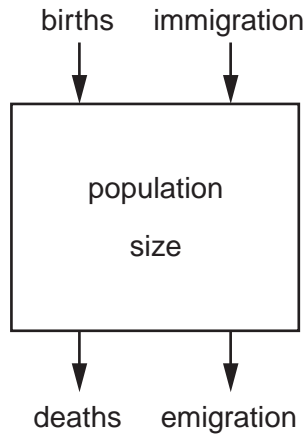


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Which **two** processes control natural population change?

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- (ii) Describe how the inputs and outputs to the model interact to produce an increase in population.

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[2]

- (b) The demographic transition model in Fig. 2.2 shows how birth rates and death rates interact to produce changes to a nation's population.

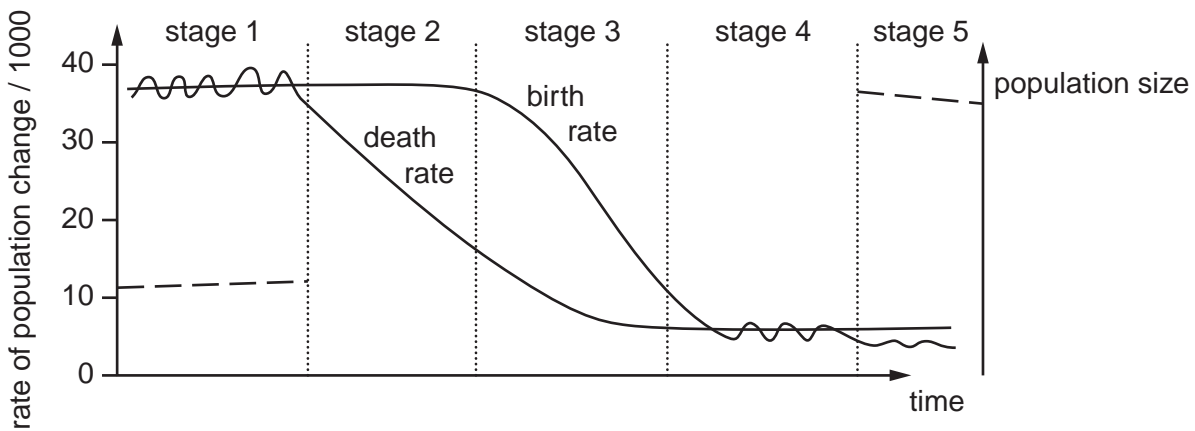


Fig. 2.2

Section B

Select **one** question from this section.

- 3 (a) Briefly describe the differences in the provision of safe drinking water and basic sanitation between Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) and More Economically Developed Countries (MEDCs) as shown in Table 3.1. Give **three** reasons for these differences. [10]

Table 3.1

| % population with a sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| | safe drinking water | basic sanitation |
| world total | 83% | 59% |
| MEDC total | 99% | 99% |
| LEDC total | 80% | 50% |

- (b) With reference to **either** a LEDC **or** MEDC you have studied, describe the methods that are currently used to achieve a sustainable water supply and basic sanitation. Discuss **one** positive and **one** negative environmental effect of the methods you have described.

[30]

[Total: 40]

- 4 (a) Fig.4.1 shows a relationship between agricultural productivity and plant species diversity in soils at different levels of soil productivity.

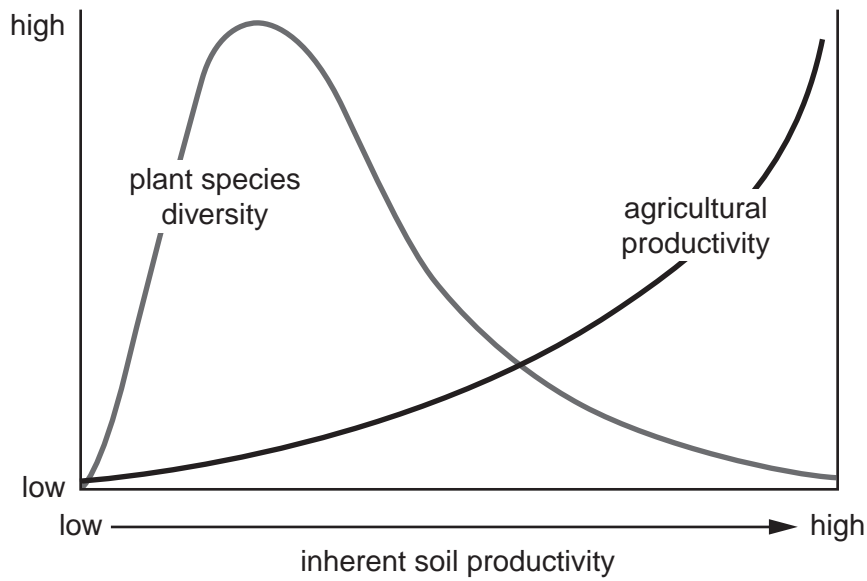


Fig. 4.1

Give **three** reasons for the way in which plant species diversity and agricultural productivity change in Fig. 4.1. [10]

- (b) Using examples with which you are familiar, describe how agricultural activity has contributed to land degradation. Assess **two** methods that would enable a sustainable use of agricultural land. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 5 (a) Describe the biotic and abiotic factors that maintain the ecosystems in a tropical rain forest such as that shown in Fig. 5.1.



Fig. 5.1

- (b) Outline **three** reasons why the Earth's tropical rain forests should be conserved. With reference to examples you have studied, assess the methods that are being used to conserve tropical rain forest. [30]

[Total: 40]

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