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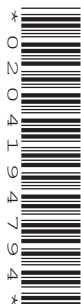
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GEOGRAPHY

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Paper 2

May/June 2015

2 hours 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Ruler
 Calculator
 Protractor
 Plain paper

1:50 000 Survey Map Extract is enclosed with this Question Paper.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.
DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Section B

Answer **one** question.

The Insert contains Photograph A for Question 5, Photographs B and C, Table 2 and Figs 7 and 10 for Question 7, and Fig. 13 for Question 8.

The Survey Map Extract and the Insert are **not** required by the Examiner.

Sketch maps and diagrams should be drawn whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **25** printed pages, **3** blank pages and **1** Insert.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 Study the 1:50 000 map extract of Alligator Pond, Jamaica.

(a) Study the grid squares of Dalton (8043), Junction (8539) and Logwood (8946) and complete the table by placing **one** tick in each row.

| | Dalton | Junction | Logwood | All of these areas | None of these areas |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Example – railway | | | | | ✓ |
| health centre | | | | | |
| mixed or scattered cultivation | | | | | |
| class A road | | | | | |

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(b) (i) Give the six figure grid reference of the post office at Top Hill.

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(ii) Give the bearing **from** the post office at Junction **to** the post office at Top Hill.

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(iii) What is the distance along the class B road from the post office at Junction to the post office at Top Hill?

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(c) Study the area of the map shown in Fig. 1.

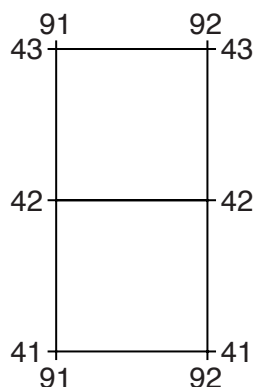


Fig. 1

(i) What is the main land use in this area?

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(ii) Describe the relief and drainage in this area.

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- (d) (i)** Bauxite, a metal ore, is processed at 8546. Use map evidence to suggest why this is a good location for a bauxite processing plant.

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- (ii) Port Kaiser is found in 8534 and 8634. Suggest why a port was built at this location on the coast.

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[Total: 20 marks]

2 Study Fig. 2, which shows employment in selected urban areas.

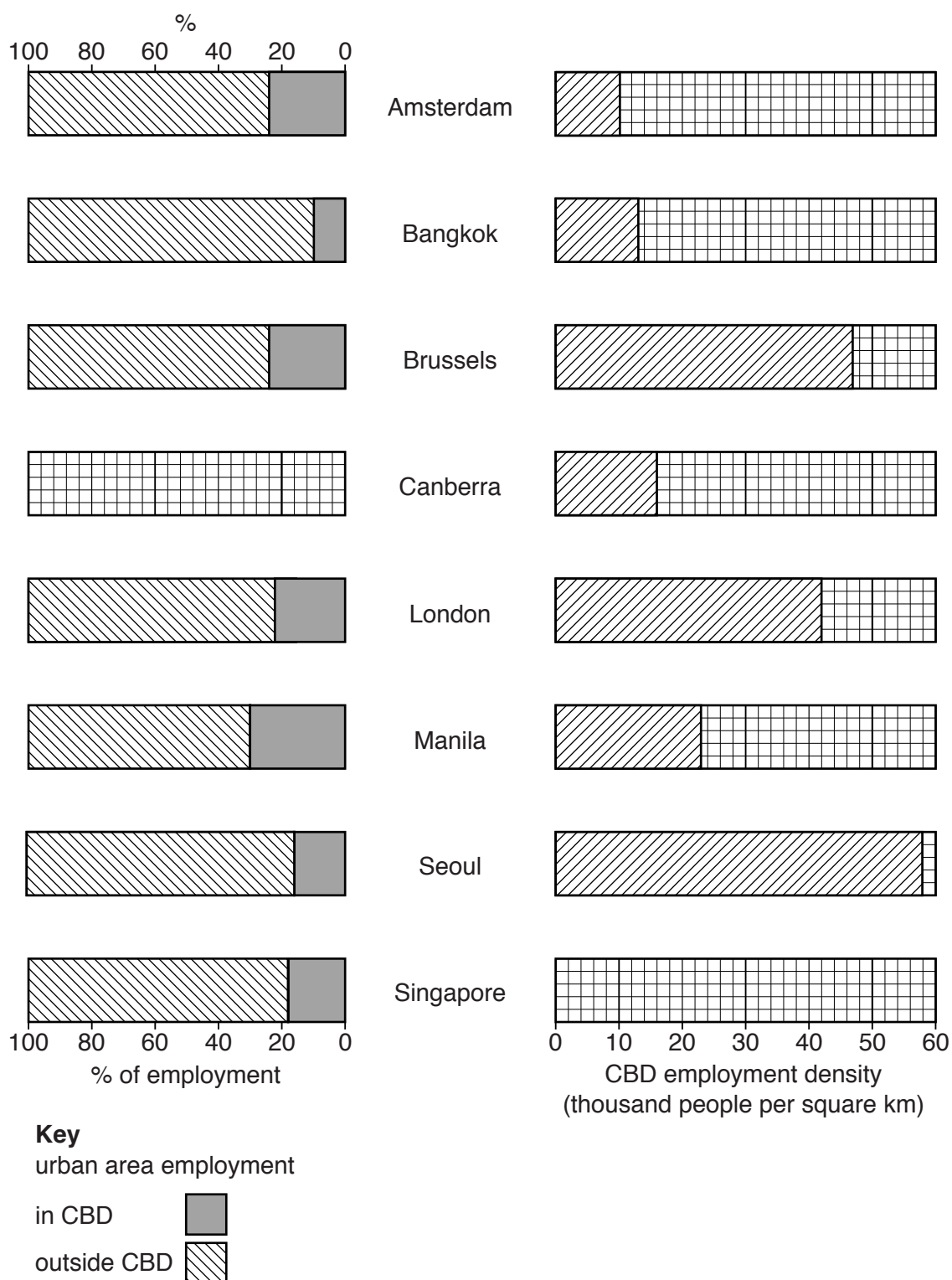


Fig. 2

(a) (i) Complete Fig. 2 to show that 16% of Canberra's employment is in the CBD. [2]

(ii) Which urban area has the highest percentage of its employment in its CBD?

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(iii) What is the main type of employment found in the CBD? Circle the correct answer.

primary secondary tertiary [1]

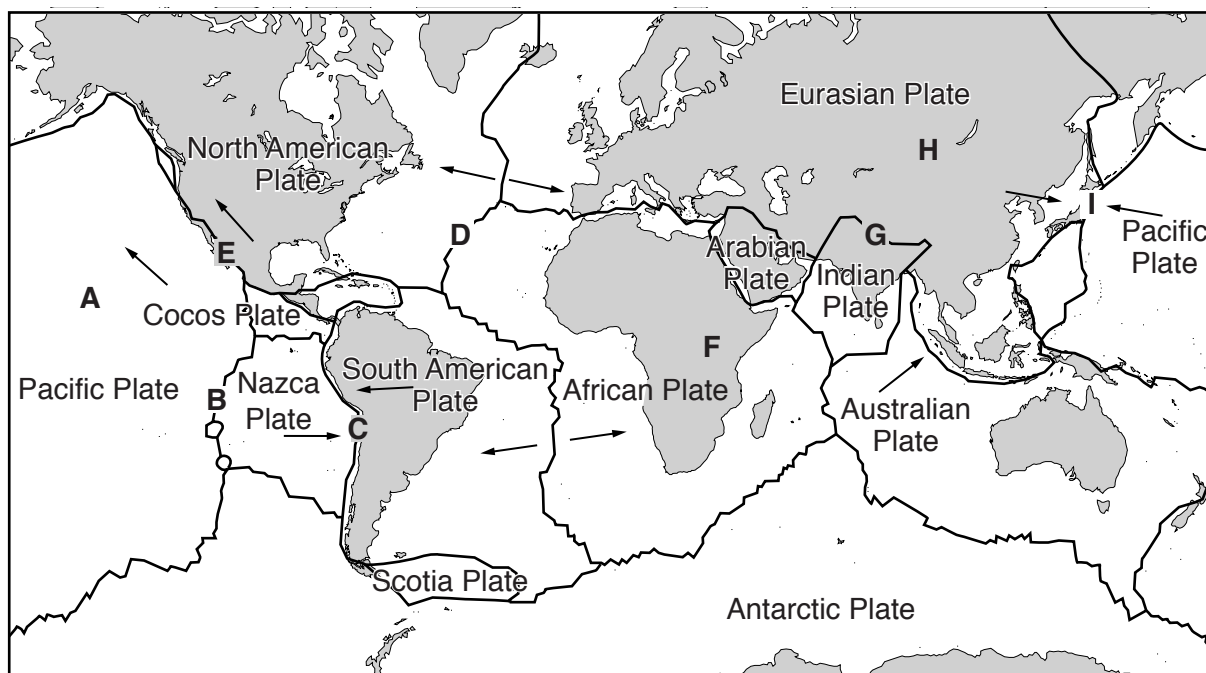
(b) (i) Complete Fig. 2 to show a CBD employment density of 39 000 people per square km in Singapore. [1]

(ii) Which urban area has the highest CBD employment density?
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(iii) Explain why many CBDs have a high employment density.
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[Total: 8 marks]

3 Study Fig. 3, which shows the world's tectonic plates and locations A – I.



Key

→ direction of plate movements

Fig. 3

- (a) (i) Identify **two** locations where constructive boundaries are found. Choose from locations A – I.

1 2 [2]

- (ii) Why is the Atlantic Ocean growing wider?

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 [2]

- (b) (i) Identify **one** location where subduction is found. Choose from locations A – I.

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- (ii) Identify **one** location where fold mountains are found. Choose from locations A – I.

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- (c) Which hazards are caused by plate boundaries? Circle **two** answers.

droughts earthquakes floods tropical storms volcanoes [2]

[Total: 8 marks]

- 4 Study Fig. 4, which is a table for calculating relative humidity from wet bulb and dry bulb temperature readings.

| dry bulb temperature (°C) | difference between wet bulb and dry bulb temperatures (°C) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 0 | 100 | 81 | 63 | 45 | 28 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 100 | 83 | 67 | 51 | 36 | 20 | 6 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 100 | 85 | 70 | 56 | 42 | 27 | 14 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 100 | 86 | 72 | 59 | 46 | 35 | 22 | 10 | | | | | |
| 8 | 100 | 87 | 74 | 62 | 51 | 39 | 28 | 17 | 6 | | | | |
| 10 | 100 | 88 | 76 | 65 | 54 | 43 | 33 | 24 | 13 | 4 | | | |
| 12 | 100 | 88 | 78 | 67 | 57 | 48 | 38 | 28 | 19 | 10 | 2 | | |
| 14 | 100 | 89 | 79 | 69 | 60 | 50 | 41 | 33 | 25 | 16 | 8 | 1 | |
| 16 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 71 | 62 | 54 | 45 | 37 | 29 | 21 | 14 | 7 | 1 |

Fig. 4

- (a) (i) What is a *wet bulb thermometer*?

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- (ii) Why is the wet and dry bulb thermometer sited in a Stevenson screen?

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- (b) (i) What is the relative humidity when there is no difference between the wet bulb and dry bulb temperature readings?

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- (ii) Calculate the relative humidity when the dry bulb reading is 12°C and the wet bulb reading is 9°C. Show your working.

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[2]

- (c) Which instruments could be kept in a Stevenson screen. Circle **two** correct answers.

anemometer barometer maximum-minimum thermometer rain gauge wind vane [2]

[Total: 8 marks]

5 Study Photograph A (Insert).

(a) Describe the relief of the area shown in Photograph A.

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(b) Describe the vegetation shown in Photograph A.

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(c) Suggest **two** mechanical (physical) weathering processes operating in this area.

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[Total: 8 marks]

- 6 Study Fig. 5, which shows the area of land affected by soil erosion by water, in Europe.

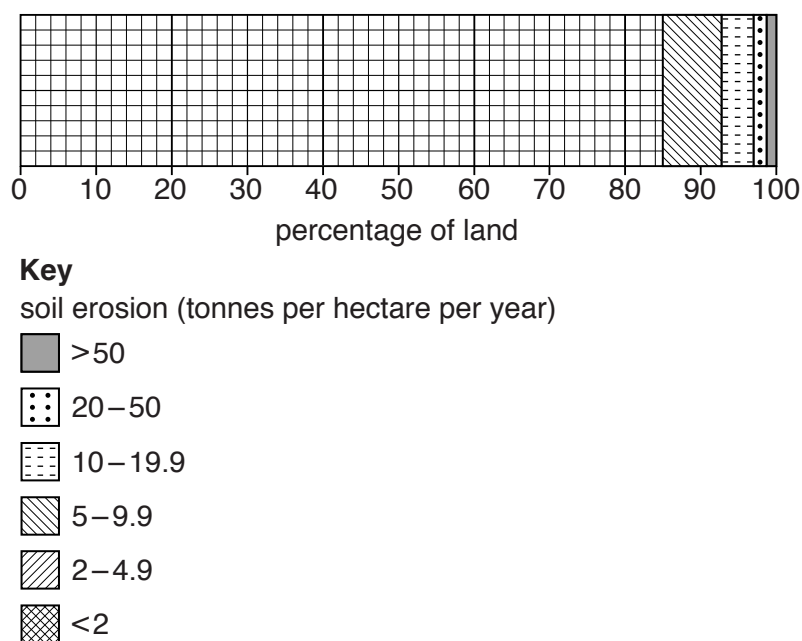


Fig. 5

- (a) (i) Use the data in Table 1 to complete Fig. 5.

Table 1

| tonnes per hectare per year | % of land |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <2 | 70 |
| 2 – 4.9 | 15 |

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- (ii) What percentage of land in Europe loses at least 10 tonnes per hectare per year by soil erosion?

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(b) Study Fig. 6, which shows some ways of reducing soil erosion.

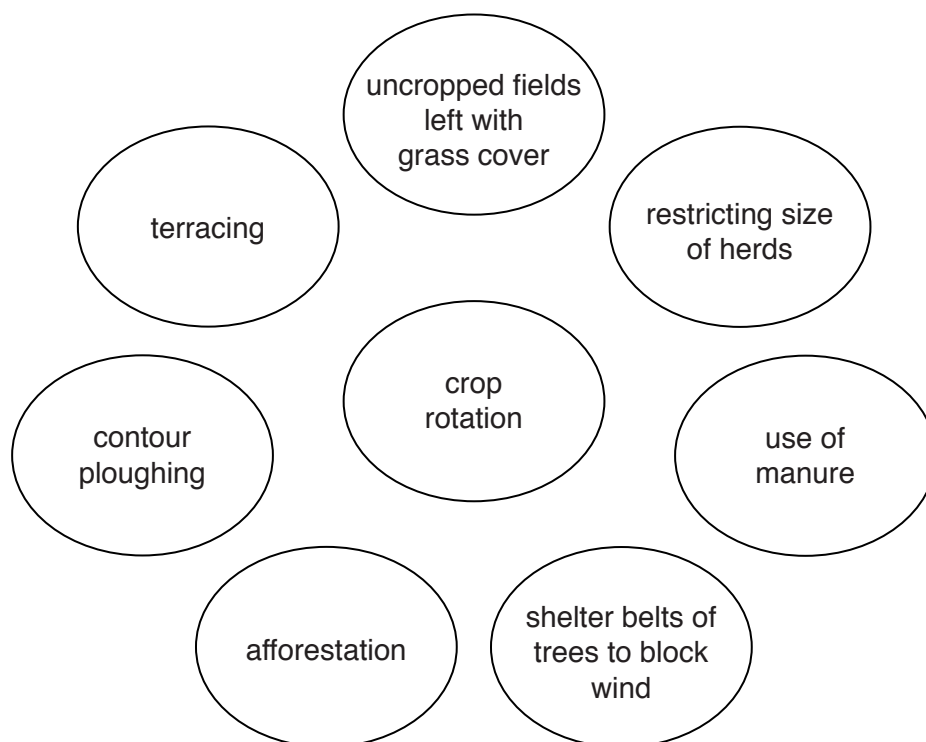


Fig. 6

(i) Suggest why some farmers would be against restricting the size of their animal herds.

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(ii) How does afforestation help to reduce soil erosion?

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[Total: 8 marks]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 7 Students in southern USA read a newspaper report about pollution in a local river. They decided to do some fieldwork to investigate this. However, before they started their fieldwork, their teacher warned them about the possible dangers of working in polluted water. She also suggested some precautions they might take to protect themselves.

- (a) (i) Suggest **two** dangers which their teacher may have warned them about when working in polluted water, and suggest how they might protect themselves whilst testing the level of pollution in the river.

Danger 1

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Protection

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Danger 2

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Protection

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- (ii) First the students did a visual survey of the river. Suggest **two** ways that they would be able to see from the river bank if the river was polluted.

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- (b) The students agreed on two hypotheses to investigate.

Hypothesis 1: *Water pollution increases as you go downstream.*

Hypothesis 2: *The Biotic Index decreases as you go downstream.*

The Biotic Index is a way of measuring water pollution by looking at the animals that live in the river.

To measure the level of water pollution the students decided to measure pH and oxygen levels in the river and do a simple foam test.

- pH is a measure of the acidity of water. The pH score decreases as water becomes more acidic. More acidic water means that pollution is more likely.
- The oxygen level of water decreases as it becomes more polluted.

The students used a digital meter to measure the pH of the water. This meter is shown in Photograph B (Insert).

- (i) Describe **two** ways in which the students could make sure that their measurements were reliable.

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- (ii) To measure the oxygen level and to do the foam test the students took samples of river water back to school. One student described the classroom tests in her fieldwork notebook. This is shown in Fig. 7 (Insert).

Suggest **two** reasons why these two tests may not be as reliable as using a digital meter.

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The students made the three measurements at five sites downstream. The results of the fieldwork are shown in Table 2 (Insert).

Fig. 8, below, shows how pH values change downstream.

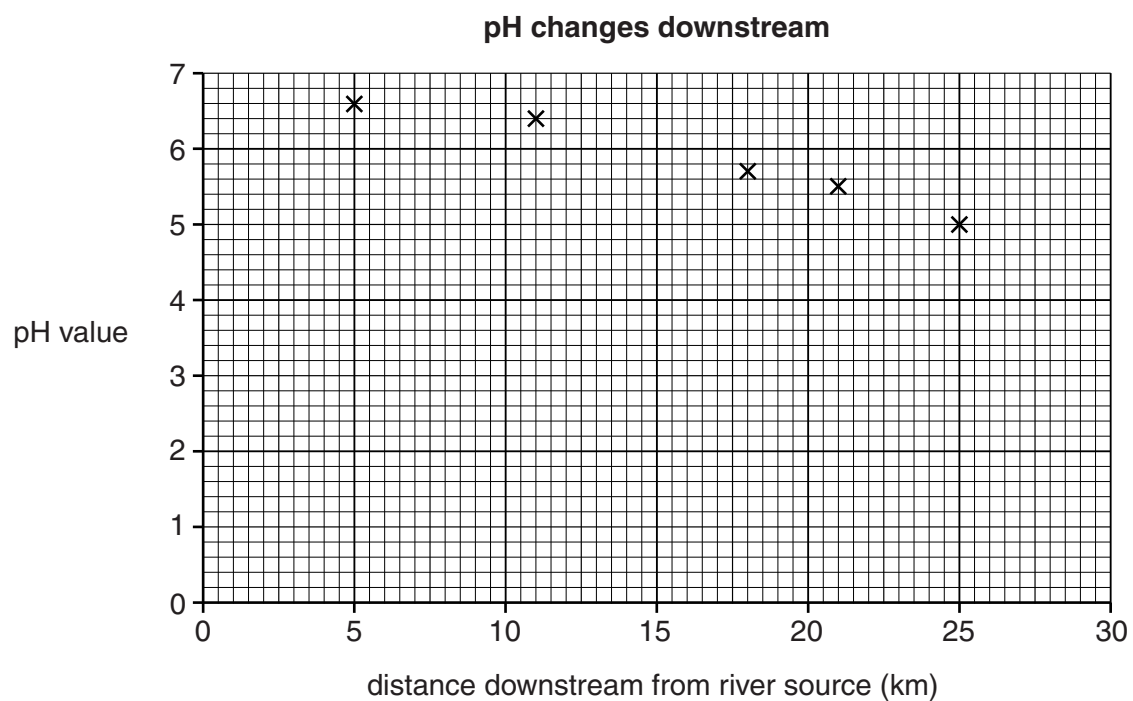


Fig. 8

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(v) Suggest **two** reasons why water pollution levels may vary along a river.

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(c) To investigate **Hypothesis 2: *The Biotic Index decreases as you go downstream***, the students did the investigation described in Fig. 10 and shown in Photograph C (Insert) at the five sites along the river.

(i) Before the students began working at the five fieldwork sites they did a pilot study at a place on the river near to their school. Give **two** advantages of doing a pilot study.

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(ii) Explain why the students disturbed the river bed when carrying out the fieldwork.

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(iii) Explain why the students needed to identify the different types of animals found at each site while sampling.

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(d) Fig. 11 below shows the students' recording sheet for site 3. They recorded their results using a tally method.

(i) Complete Fig. 11 below by recording the following information using the tally method.

| Type of animal species | Number found |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Scud | 2 |
| Dragonfly | 5 |

[1]

Recording sheet for site 3

| Group 1 | Biotic score | Number found | Group 2 | Biotic score | Number found | Group 3 | Biotic score | Number found |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Caddisfly | 10 | – | Sowbug | 8 | /// | Midgefly | 5 | / |
| Mayfly | 10 | – | Damselfly | 7 | // | Blackfly | 5 | / |
| Stonefly | 10 | – | Crayfish | 7 | /// | Mosquito | 4 | – |
| Water penny | 10 | – | Clam | 6 | – | Snail | 4 | – |
| Riffle beetle | 9 | / | Scud | 6 | | Leech | 2 | – |
| Dobsonfly | 9 | – | Dragonfly | 6 | | Aquatic worm | 1 | – |

Fig. 11

(ii) Calculate the total Biotic score for Dragonfly at site 3 in Table 3 below. The total Biotic score is calculated by multiplying the Biotic score of a species by the number of this species found.

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Table 3

Biotic Index scores at Site 3

| Species | Biotic score of species | Number of each species found | Total Biotic score |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Riffle beetle | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Sowbug | 8 | 3 | 24 |
| Damselfly | 7 | 2 | 14 |
| Crayfish | 7 | 3 | 21 |
| Scud | 6 | 2 | 12 |
| Dragonfly | 6 | 5 | |
| Midgefly | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| Blackfly | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| Total | | 18 | 120 |

- The average Biotic Index score is the total Biotic score divided by the number of animals.

| | Unpolluted | Quality of water | Very polluted | |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | |
| | Group 1 species | Group 2 species | Group 3 species | Average Biotic Index score at the site |
| Site 1 | 10 | 6 | 0 | $136/16 = 8.5$ |
| Site 2 | 8 | 9 | 0 | $134/17 = 7.9$ |
| Site 3 | 1 | 15 | 2 | $120/18 = \mathbf{6.7}$ |
| Site 4 | 0 | 11 | 5 | $100/16 = 6.3$ |
| Site 5 | 0 | 9 | 7 | $91/16 = \mathbf{5.7}$ |

How the Biotic Index changes downstream

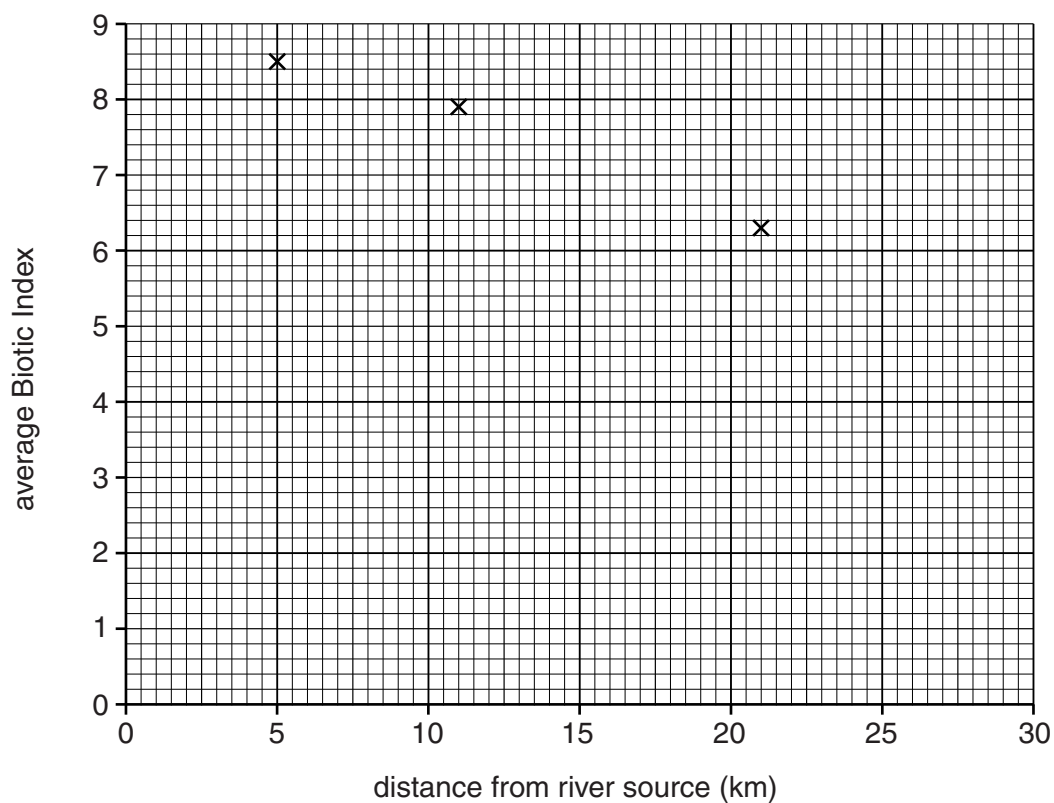


Fig. 12

- (iv) The students came to the conclusion that **Hypothesis 2: *The Biotic Index decreases as you go downstream*** was correct. What evidence from Table 4 and Fig. 12 supports their conclusion?

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- (v) Look again at Fig. 10 and Table 4. How does the data about animal species in Table 4 also show that the water becomes more polluted downstream?

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[Total: 30 marks]

- 8 Six students in Mumbai, India, wanted to find out more about people who lived in an area of the city. This was an area of squatter houses which had been improved during the previous 30 years by residents with help from the local authority.

They decided to investigate the following hypotheses:

Hypothesis 1: *Most families moved to Mumbai for employment.*

Hypothesis 2: *There are more benefits than problems for those living in the area of squatter houses.*

The students decided that the best way to test their hypotheses was to ask some people who lived in the area to answer a questionnaire.

(a) Their first task was to produce their questionnaire, which is shown in Fig. 13 (Insert).

- (i) The students then had to decide on a suitable sample size of people to answer their questionnaire. One student suggested a sample of 20 people; another student suggested a sample of 500 people. These suggestions were not approved by their teacher.

Explain why:

a sample of 20 people is too small;

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a sample of 500 people is too big.

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- (ii) Describe a sampling method for how the students could choose 100 people to complete the questionnaire. Explain why you have chosen this method.

Name of sampling method

Description of method

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Explanation for choice

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- (iii) The students considered including more questions in their questionnaire, but decided not to.

Suggest **two** other questions they could have used to find out more about migration to the squatter settlement.

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(b) The results of Question 1 in the questionnaire are shown in Table 5 below.

Table 5

**Answers to Question 1:
What was the main reason you moved to live here?**

| Reason given | Percentage of residents |
|--|-------------------------|
| To look for work | 31 |
| Get a job to earn money to look after my family | 23 |
| To give my children the chance to go to school | 13 |
| Better living conditions than where I lived in the countryside | 5 |
| This is the only house I could afford | 10 |
| To join other members of the family | 18 |
| Total number of answers | 100 |

(i) Use the results in Table 5 to complete Fig. 14 below.

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Answers to Question 1

What was the main reason you moved to live here?

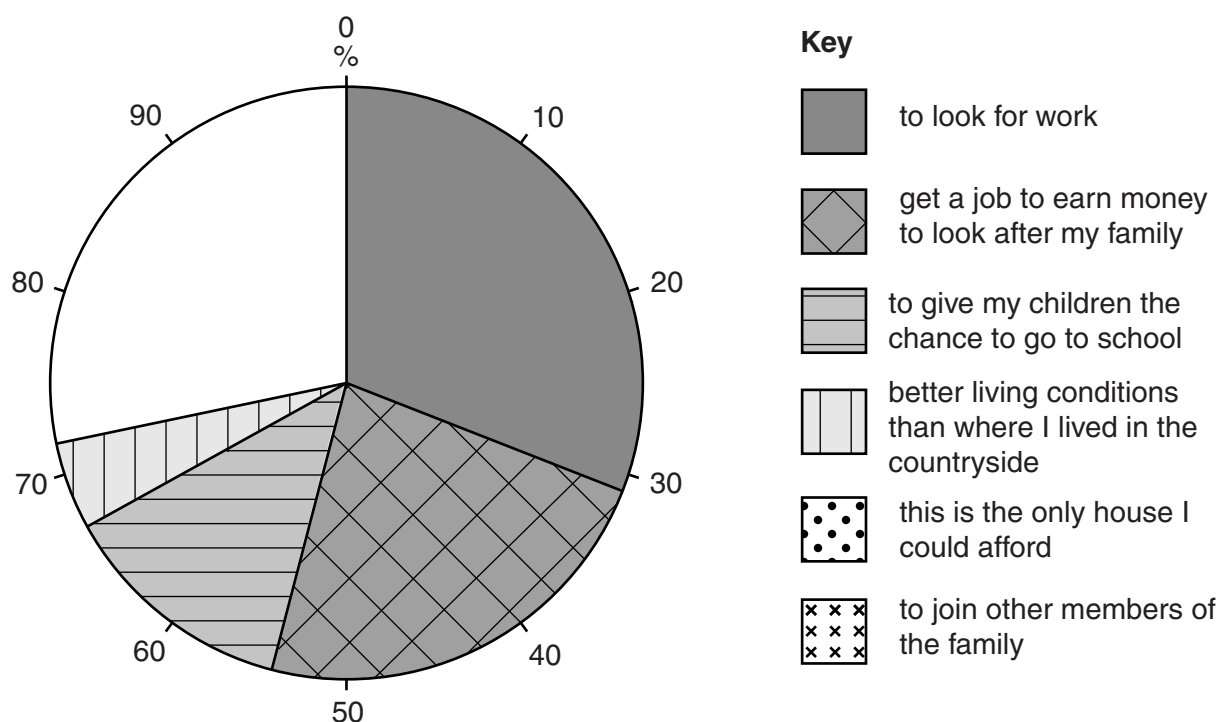


Fig. 14

- (ii) Do these results support **Hypothesis 1: Most families moved to Mumbai for employment**. Support your answer with evidence from Table 5 and Fig. 14.

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- (c) To investigate **Hypothesis 2: There are more benefits than problems for those living in the area of squatter houses**, the students included Questions 2 and 3 in the questionnaire. The results of these questions are recorded in Table 6 below.

Table 6

**Answers to Question 2: What are the main benefits of living here?
and Question 3: What are the main problems of living here?**

| Benefits | Number |
|---|-----------|
| Self-help schemes to improve houses | 58 |
| Clean water brought to houses through pipes | 56 |
| Jobs in local factories and workshops | 44 |
| New schools built for older children | 40 |
| Safe electricity supply from underground cables | 39 |
| Clinics built to care for children and older people | 33 |
| Total | 270 |
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| Problems | Number |
| Open drains and sewers which attract rats | 64 |
| House is too small with too few rooms | 57 |
| Risk of flooding | 53 |
| Disease spreads quickly in unhygienic conditions | 47 |
| Danger of fire | 36 |
| Jobs are poorly paid and working hours are long | 29 |
| Lack of privacy because houses are close together | 25 |
| Total | 311 |

(i) Use the results in Table 6 to complete Figs 15 and 16 below.

Results of Question 2
What are the main benefits of living here?

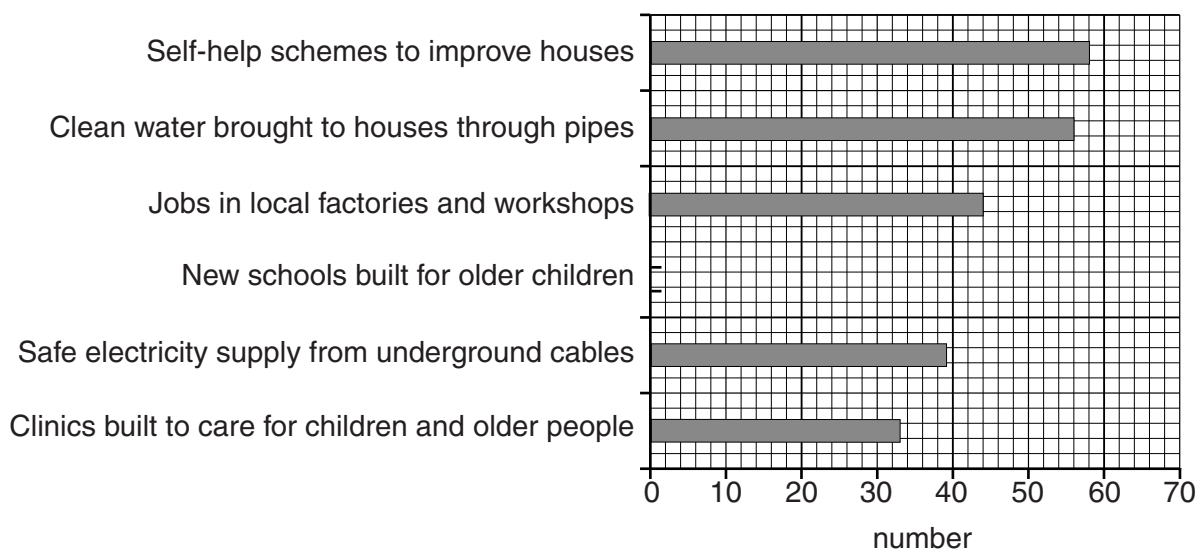


Fig. 15

Results of Question 3
What are the main problems of living here?

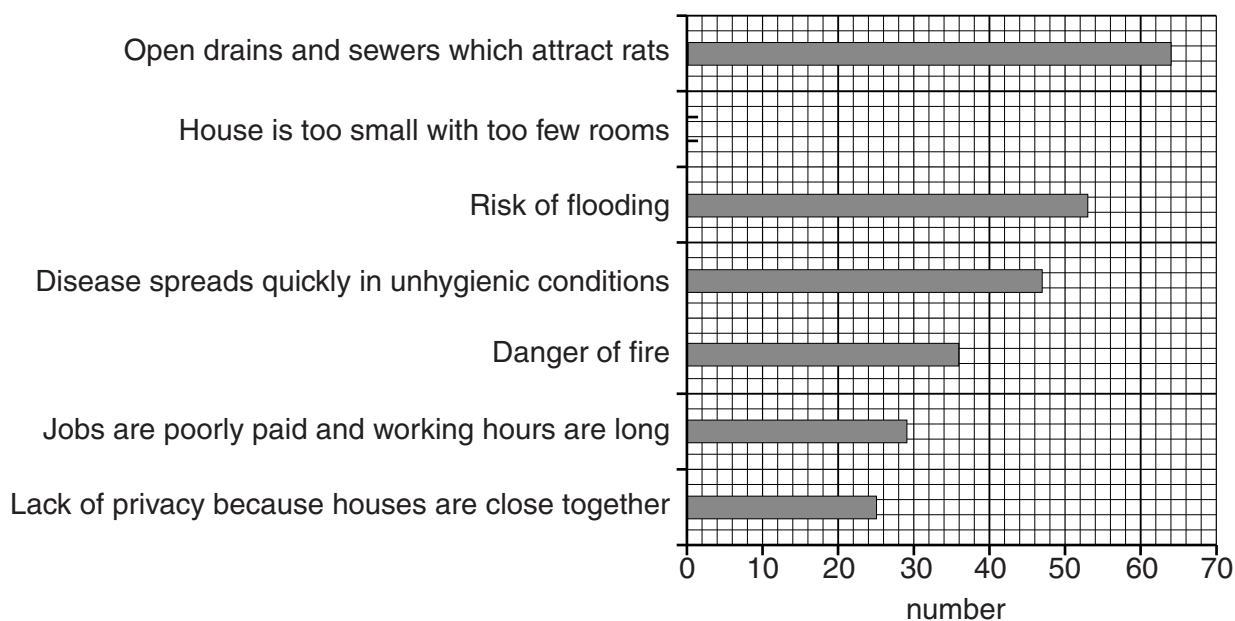


Fig. 16

- (ii) Two of the problems suggested in Table 6 are 'danger of fire' and 'risk of flooding'. Explain why these are common problems in a squatter settlement.

Danger of fire

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Risk of flooding

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- (iii) Do the answers to Questions 2 and 3 support **Hypothesis 2: There are more benefits than problems for those living in the area of squatter houses?**

Explain your conclusion by using data from Figs 15 and 16 and Table 6.

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- (d) Suggest **three** difficulties of doing fieldwork in a squatter settlement.

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- (e) Two other students decided to extend their fieldwork and investigate housing conditions in the area.

Describe how they could collect information but do **not** include a questionnaire.

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