

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

GEOLOGY

2831

Global Tectonics and Geological Structures

Thursday

25 MAY 2006

Afternoon

1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials:

Electronic calculator

Ruler (cm/mm)

Pair of compasses

Candidate
Number

Candidate Name

Centre Number

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TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where this is indicated in the question.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE		
Qu.	Max.	Mark
1	16	
2	18	
3	16	
4	10	
TOTAL	60	

This question paper consists of 8 printed pages.

Answer all the questions.

1 The sketch-map below shows an area after erosion has produced a flat surface.



(a) (i) On the sketch-map,

- mark the axial plane trace of the fold [2]
- indicate, with an arrow, the direction of plunge of the fold. [1]

(ii) Fully describe the fold using technical terms.

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..... [2]

(b) (i) Describe fault B using technical terms.

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..... [2]

(ii) Measure the amount of movement along fault B (in metres).

..... metres [1]

(iii) Name the fault structure between faults A and C.

..... [1]

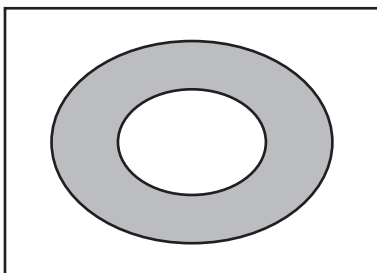
(c) Draw a cross section diagram of a normal fault, adding the following labels

- throw
- fault dip
- footwall
- arrows showing the direction of stress.

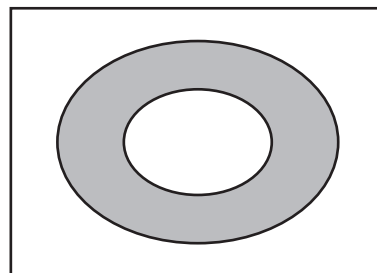
[4]

(d) (i) Add dip arrows to the sketch maps below, to show the difference between a dome and a basin. [2]

dome



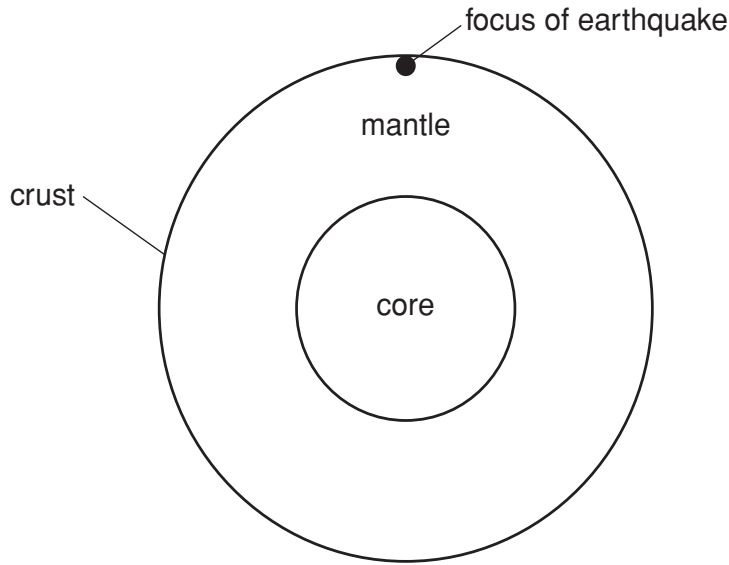
basin



(ii) Label the oldest rocks on each diagram. [1]

[Total: 16]

2 This simplified diagram shows some of the layers of the Earth.



(a) (i) Mark and label on the diagram above, using the symbols indicated,

- the path of **one** S wave ----- [1]
- the path of **one** P wave that travels through the core _____ [1]
- the path of **one** L wave ~~~~~ [1]

(ii) Mark and label on the diagram the extent of

- the S-wave shadow zone <-----> [1]
- the P-wave shadow zone <=====> [1]

(b) (i) State **two** properties of rocks that control the velocity of S waves.

- 1
- 2 [2]

(ii) Describe the state of the asthenosphere.

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..... [1]

(c) (i) Name the rock type that forms the upper mantle.

..... [1]

(ii) Describe **one** piece of evidence for the **composition** of the mantle.

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..... [1]

(iii) Describe two pieces of evidence for the composition of the core.

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(iv) Describe one point of evidence for the state of the outer core.

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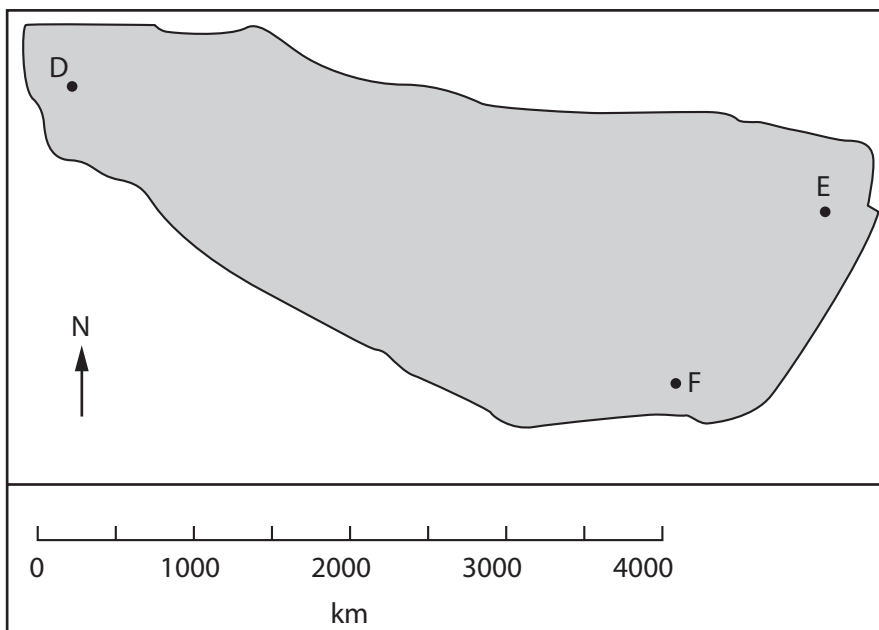
(d) After an earthquake, P waves were recorded at seismic stations D, E and F on the map below.

(i) Calculate the distances from the epicentre to seismic stations E and F. Assume that the average velocity of P waves is 500km per minute. Complete the table below.

seismic station	distance from epicentre (km)	P wave arrival time (min)
D	3500	7
E		3
F		2

[2]

(ii) Using the data in the table, plot and label the epicentre of the earthquake on the map below.



[3]

[Total: 18]

3 The map below shows North and South America and parts of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

(a) On the map below

- (i) shade and label an area of
- ocean basin (abyssal plain)
 - a continental shield (craton)
 - high heat flow.

[3]

(ii) Draw a line showing the position of a deep sea trench.

[1]



(b)

	tectonic feature
G	seamount
H	rift valley
J	continental slope
K	transform fault

	description
1	structure that offsets a section of mid ocean ridge
2	section of the ocean floor that links the continental shelf with the abyssal plain
3	an area of shallow sea, less than 200m in depth
4	a linear area of the crust bounded by two normal faults
5	submarine mountain

For each feature G to K, write the number of the correct description.

G

H

J

K

[4]

- (c) (i) Complete the table below showing the characteristics of oceanic and continental crust.

	age of the oldest rocks	average composition	average thickness (km)	density g/cm ³
oceanic				
continental				

[4]

- (ii) Describe **two** sources of evidence for the composition and structure of the oceanic crust.

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..... [2]

- (d) (i) Name a lithospheric plate which consists entirely of oceanic crust.

..... [1]

- (ii) Name a lithospheric plate which consists of oceanic and continental crust.

..... [1]

[Total: 16]

