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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
F792
GEOLOGY

Rocks – Processes and Products

THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010: Afternoon
DURATION: 1 hour 45 minutes

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper

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Insert: repeat of diagram for question 3.

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Electronic Calculator
Ruler (cm/mm)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes on the first page.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer ALL the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your Candidate Number, Centre Number and question number(s).

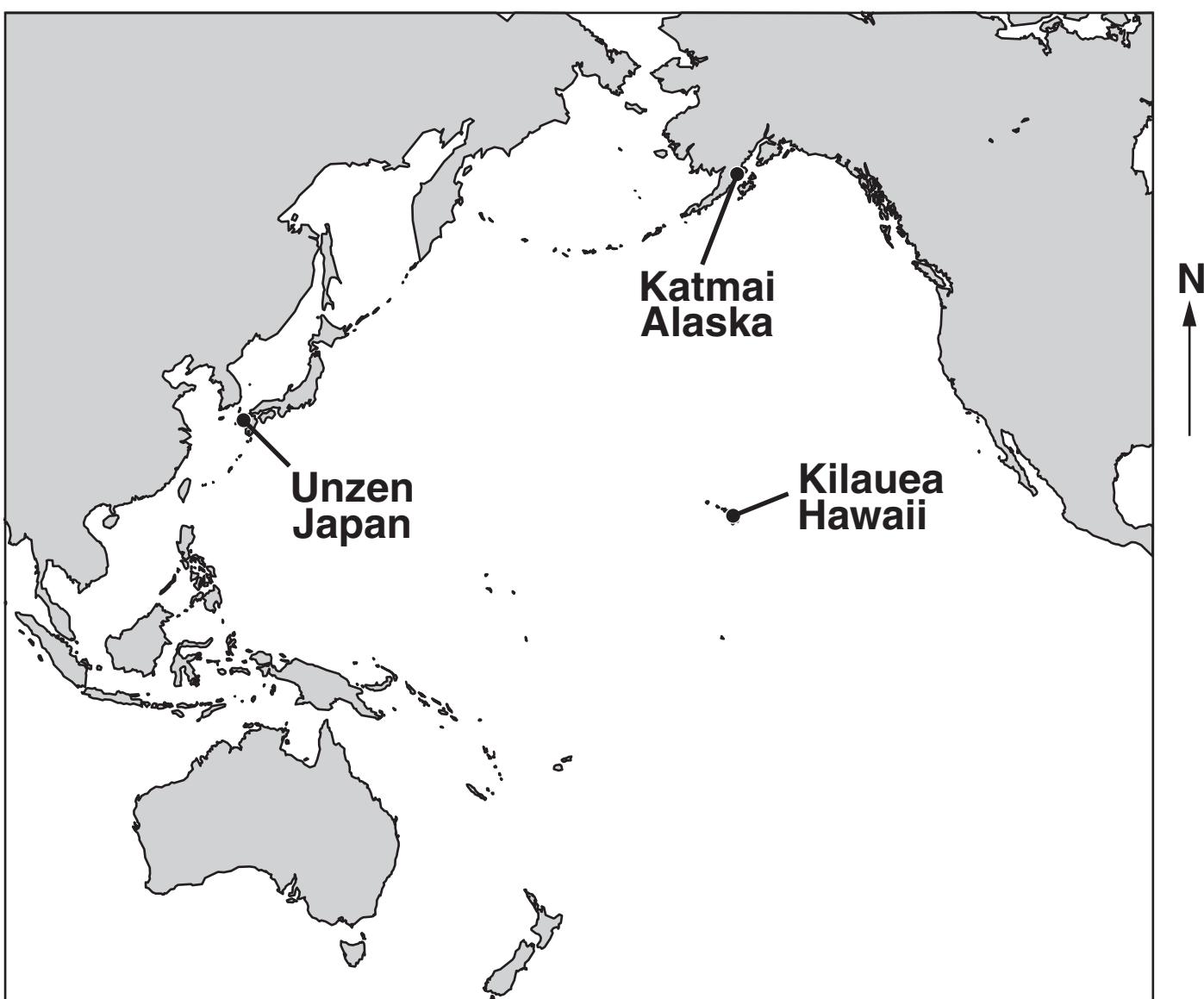
INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
-  Where you see this icon you will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in your answer.
- You may use an electronic calculator.
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.

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Answer ALL the questions.

- 1 The map below shows the location of three volcanoes around the Pacific.**



(a) (i) Shade the area where volcanoes are found around the Pacific.

[2]

(ii) State the plate tectonic setting for the volcanoes at:

Unzen _____

Kilauea _____ **[2]**

- (b) Describe the type of volcanic activity that takes place and the products produced at:**

Katmai in Alaska _____

[3]

Kilauea in Hawaii _____

[2]

- (c) Describe TWO volcanic hazards that are likely to affect people who live within 10 km of Unzen in Japan.**

1 _____

2 _____

[2]

(d) Describe clearly how a caldera forms. You may use diagrams to help you make your description.

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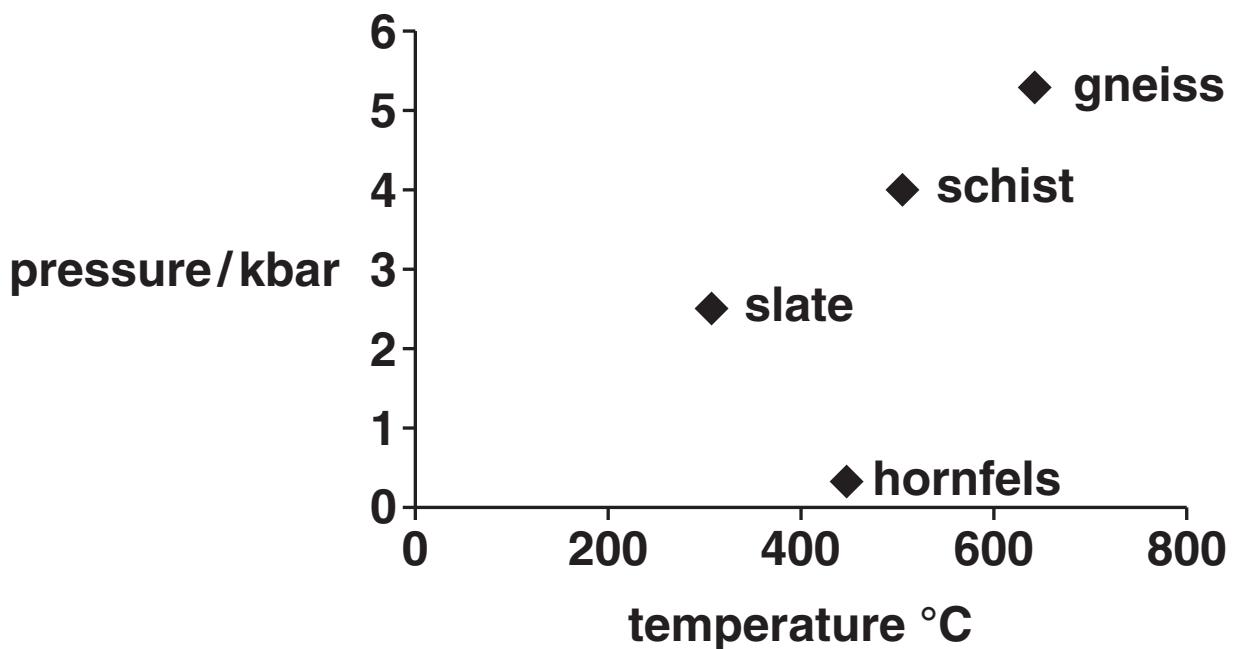
(e) Describe what a geyser is.

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2 (a) The diagram below shows a pressure/temperature plot for four rocks.



(i) Shade and label the area of the diagram where regional metamorphism takes place. [1]

(ii) Complete the table below with the names of the four rock types shown on the diagram.

You may use each rock type more than once.

formed at the greatest depth	
been re-crystallised by contact metamorphism	
has a cleavage	
a coarse banded texture	
no preferred orientation of its minerals	
parallel alignment of muscovite mica crystals	

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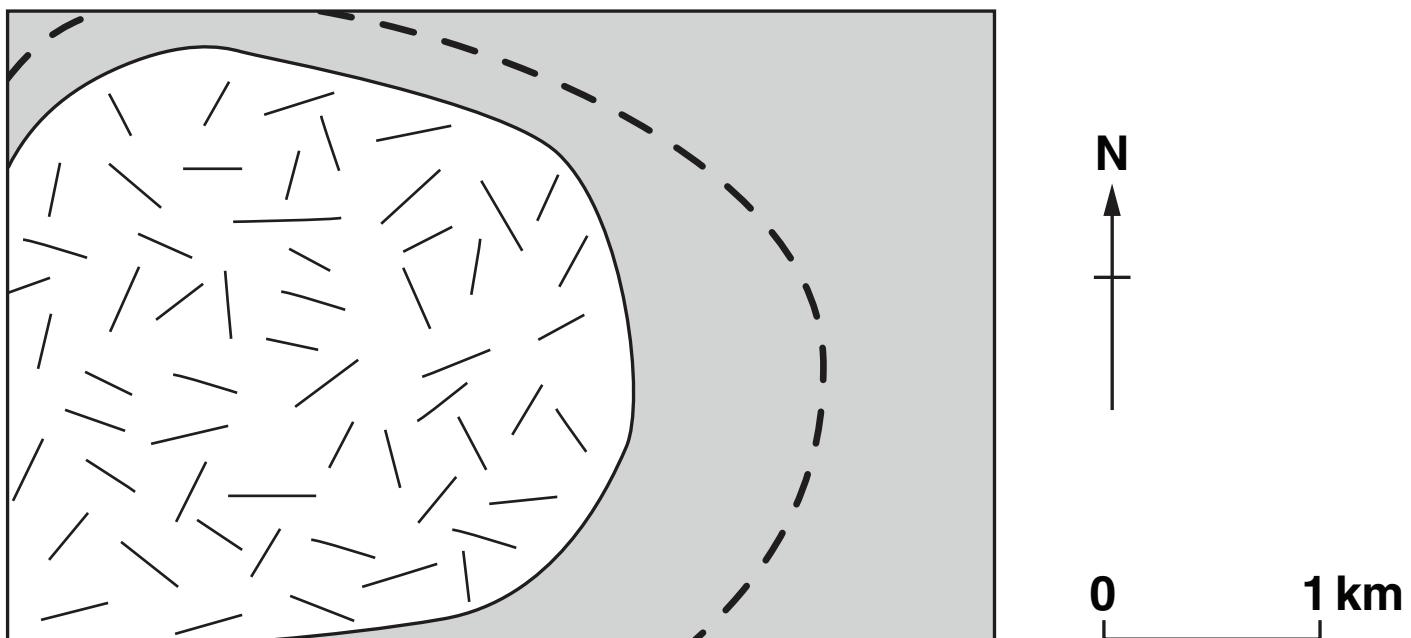
(b) (i) Explain the differences between the processes that form cleavage and schistosity.

[3]

- (ii) Explain the difference between the formation of a phenocryst and a porphyroblast.**

[2]

- (c) The map below shows a metamorphic aureole around a granite.**



granite



country rock

— — — edge of metamorphic aureole

- (i) Label on the map where you would find spotted rock.**

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(ii) Explain how a spotted rock forms.

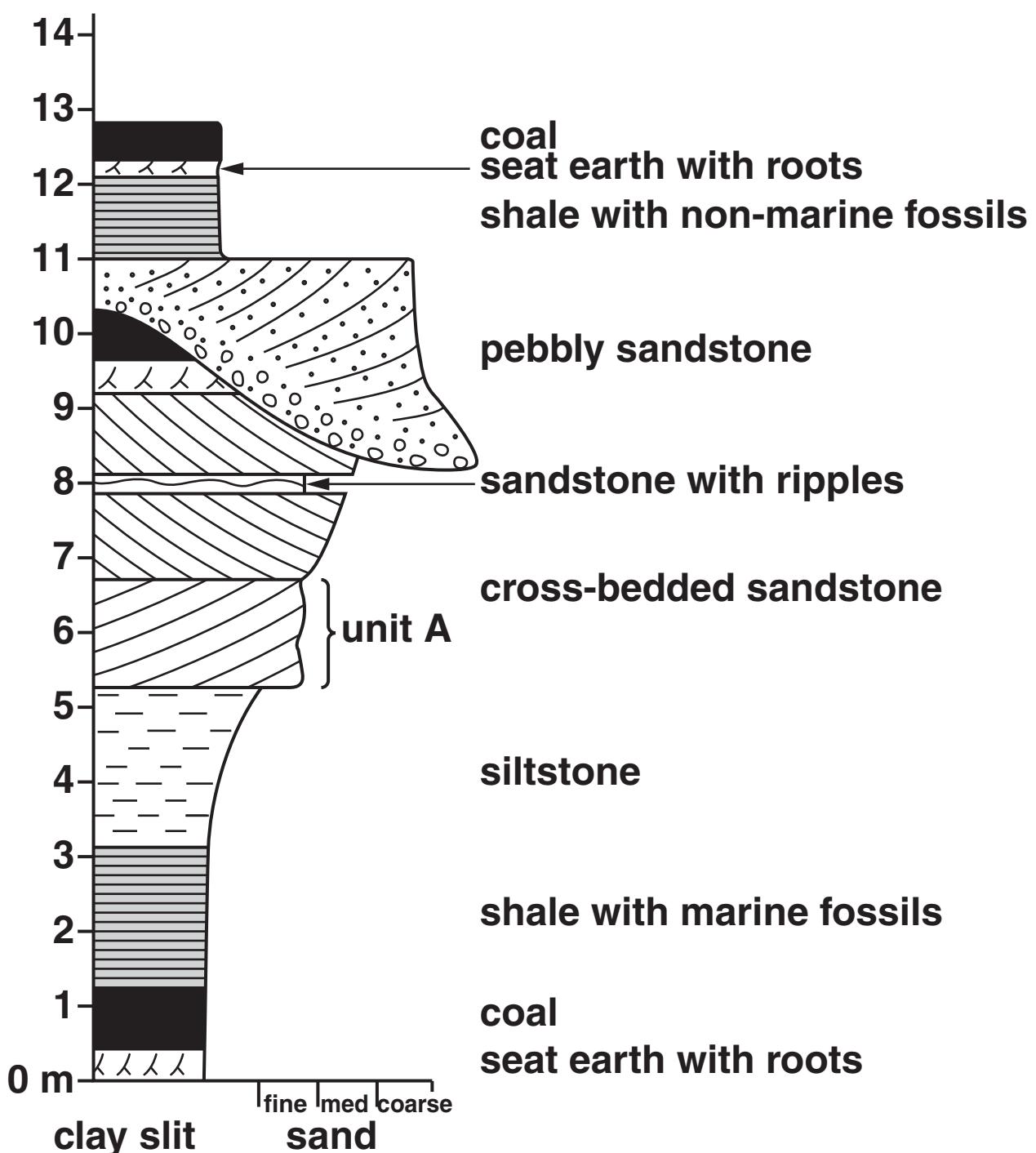
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(iii) Explain why the width of the metamorphic aureole may vary.

[2]

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- 3 The diagram below is a graphic log through a sequence of sedimentary rocks. The two thinnest beds are indicated by arrows.



(a) (i) What is the grain size of UNIT A?

[1]

(ii) Label a cyclothem on the graphic log.

[1]

(iii) Continue the graphic log to show a younger bed that is a coarse sandstone and is 80 cm thick.

[1]

(iv) Describe how the beds of coal and the seat earth with roots formed.

[2]

(v) Explain why the base of the pebbly sandstone is drawn at an angle.

[1]

(b) Describe as a numbered list each of the environments in which this sequence of rocks was laid down. Start with the oldest beds. A copy of the graphic log is provided as an insert.

[4]

(c) (i) Describe clearly how cross bedded sandstones are formed. You may use diagrams to help you make your description.

[3]

- (ii) The dip of the cross bedding was measured at a number of localities.
Calculate the average dip.

23°
18°
11°
15°

28°
32°
24°
14°

35°
30°
27°
19°

average dip _____ ° [1]

- (iii) Why was the angle of dip never greater than 35°?

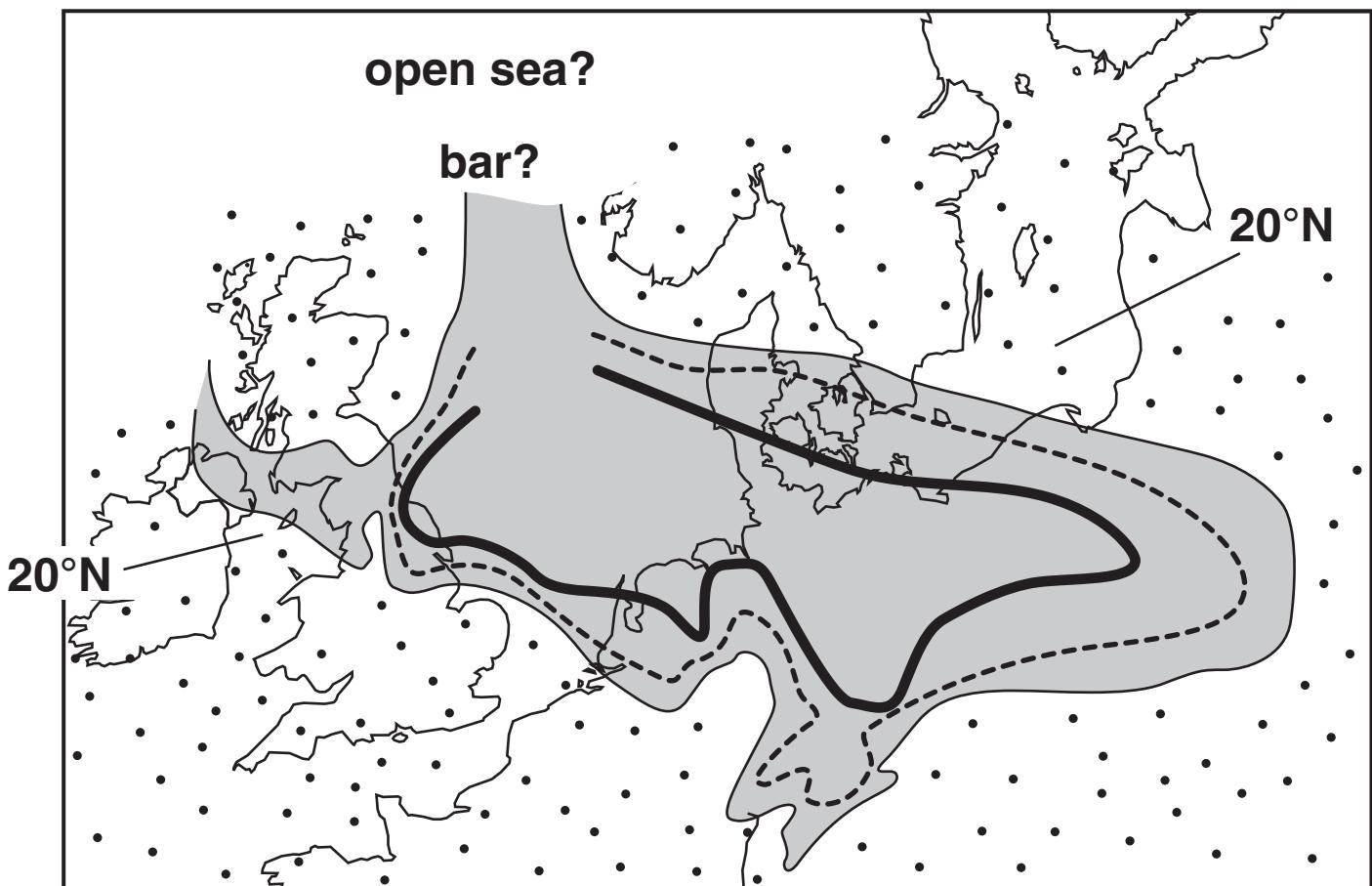
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(d) Describe clearly how ripple marks are formed in a river. You may use a diagram to help you make your description.

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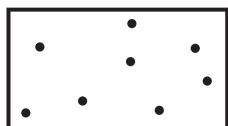
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- 4 The diagram below shows the palaeogeography of north west Europe during Permian times, about 260 Ma, when the Zechstein Sea covered the area.



— limit of potash salts (K salts)

- - - - - limit of halite (NaCl)



land



sea

- (a) (i) What type of climate existed in north west Europe during the Permian? Explain your answer.**

climate _____

explanation _____

[2]

- (ii) Describe how these salts formed in the Zechstein Sea.**

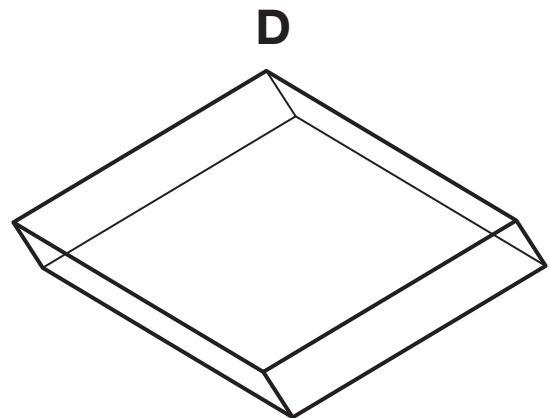
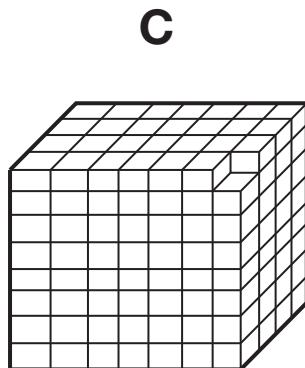
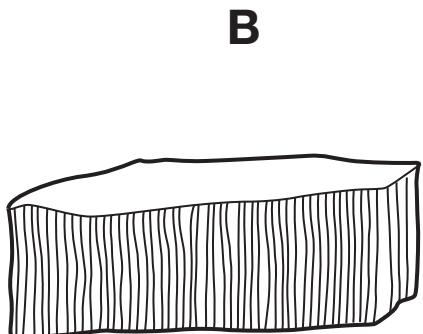
[2]

- (iii) A deep borehole through the Zechstein salt deposits found four separate sequences of salts. Explain how the salt deposits formed four times.**

[2]

(b) The table opposite shows data on a series of minerals found in the Zechstein deposits.

(i) Using the information in the table identify the three minerals B, C and D.



B _____

C _____

D _____ [2]

(ii) The differences in hardness between these minerals is small, as shown in the table. Describe the hardness tests that could be used to distinguish these minerals.

_____ [2]

SPECIFIC GRAVITY	CRYSTAL SYSTEM AND CLEAVAGE	HARDNESS	COMPOSITION	COLOUR	NAME
2	varies	2	K salts	white	potash salts
2.3	massive or cubic with excellent cleavage so cleaves into smaller cubes	2.5	NaCl	white	halite
2.9	massive layers	3	CaSO ₄	white	anhydrite
2.2	fibrous layers	2	CaSO ₄ .2H ₂ O	white or pink	gypsum
2.8	massive or rhombohedral but faces are often curved	3.5	CaMg(CO ₃) ₂	white	dolomite
2.7	massive or rhombohedral with three planes of cleavage so cleaves into smaller rhombs	3	CaCO ₃	white	calcite

- (iii) Starting from the bottom, the order that the minerals appear in the table is the order of crystallisation from sea water. Explain why crystallisation occurs in this order.**

[2]

- (c) Describe how desiccation cracks form around the edge of a shallow sea like the Zechstein Sea. You may use diagrams to help you make your description.**

[3]

[Total: 15]

- 5 The table below shows the percentage of silica in four plutonic igneous rocks.**

	ROCK E	ROCK F	ROCK G	ROCK H
SiO₂%	70.8	62.5	41.7	49.0

- (a) (i) Define the term plutonic.**

[1]

- (ii) Name the compositional groups for rocks, E, F, G and H.**

E _____

F _____

G _____

H _____ [3]

(b) Use the table of data below showing the mineral composition of three igneous rocks to answer the following questions.

MINERAL	ROCK J %	ROCK K %	ROCK L %
QUARTZ	0	0	20
K FELDSPAR	5	0	40
PLAGIOCLASE FELDSPAR	55	45	30
MAFIC MINERALS	40	55	10

(i) Name the compositional groups for rocks J, K and L.

J _____

K _____

L _____

[2]

(ii) Define the term mafic minerals.

[1]

- (iii) Explain the difference between the percentage of quartz and the percentage of silica in a rock.**

[2]

- (iv) Igneous rocks can be classified by using the percentage of silica or the percentage of quartz. Which of these methods is easier to use with hand specimens? Explain your answer.**

[2]

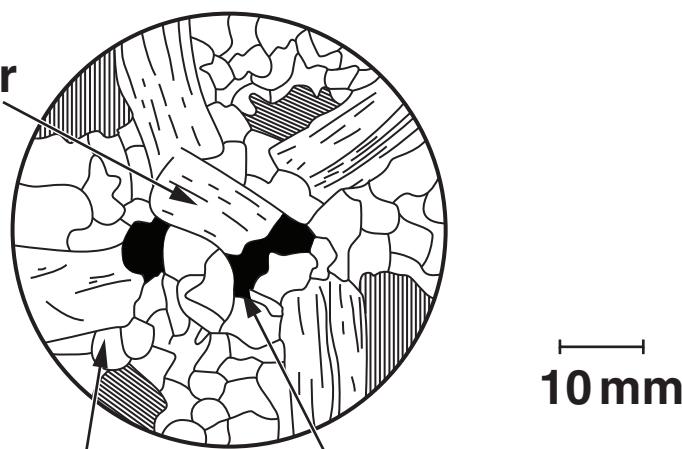
- (c) Match the rock names to the correct descriptions or thin section drawings.**

**ANDESITE
GABBRO**

**BASALT
GRANITE**

**DOLERITE
OBSIDIAN**

**DIORITE
RHYOLITE**

DESCRIPTION	ROCK NAME
intermediate with fine crystal grain size	
medium crystal grain size and black colour	
fine grained and a light grey colour with flow banding	
coarse crystal grain size with black biotite and hornblende and white plagioclase	
 olivine augite plagioclase feldspar 10 mm	
 feldspar quartz mafic mineral 10 mm	

[6]

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- 6 Describe the deposition and characteristics of conglomerates, sandstones and mudstones on beaches and in sediment-rich shallow seas. You may use diagrams to illustrate your answer.**



In your answer you should make clear how the formation of the rocks and their environment are related.

Deposition and characteristics of conglomerates

Deposition and characteristics of sandstones

Deposition and characteristics of mudstones

[10]

[Total: 10]

- 7 **Describe the processes that operate in the rock cycle to form each of the main groups of rocks. You may use diagrams to illustrate your answer.**



In your answer you should make clear how the rock groups and processes are linked to the rock cycle.

[10]

[Total: 10]

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