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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows the former area of coastal forest in East Africa. Coastal forest is now limited to a few small areas, of which the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest is the largest remnant. The golden rumped elephant shrew, in Fig. 1.2, is only found in these remaining coastal forests.

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Fig. 1.2

Fig. 1.1

- (i) Suggest **two** abiotic factors that have confined the coastal forest to the narrow band shown in Fig. 1.1.

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(ii) State **two** biotic factors that may have limited the golden rumped elephant shrew to the remaining small areas of coastal forest, such as the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest shown in Fig. 1.1.

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(iii) Describe **two** human activities that could have led to the reduction in area covered by coastal forest.

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(iv) Explain why conserving the remaining areas of coastal forest is important.

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(b) Fig.1.3 shows the management plan for the sustainable use of the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest (Kenya).

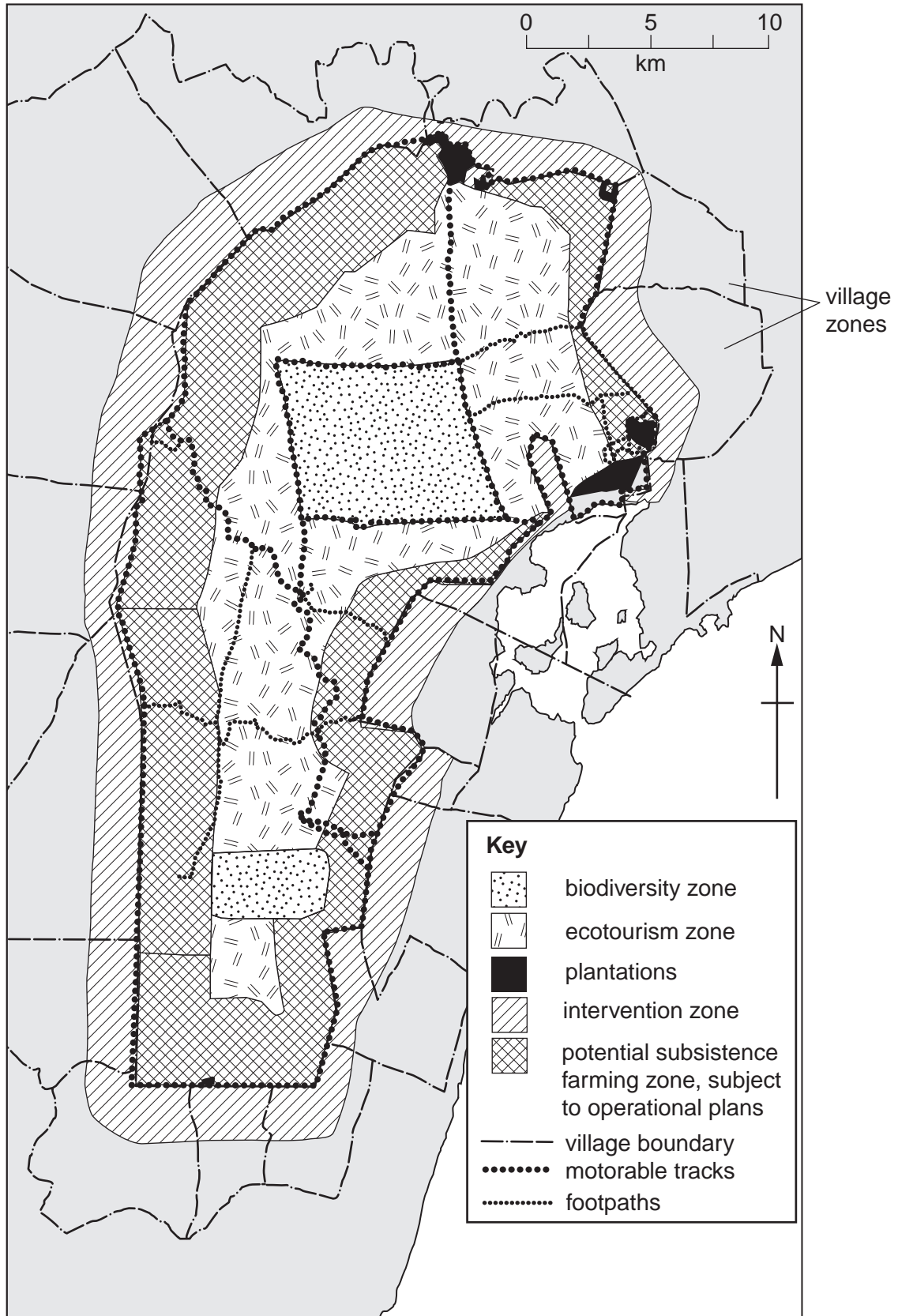


Fig. 1.3

Section B

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- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows a food web for an ecosystem in a tundra biome.

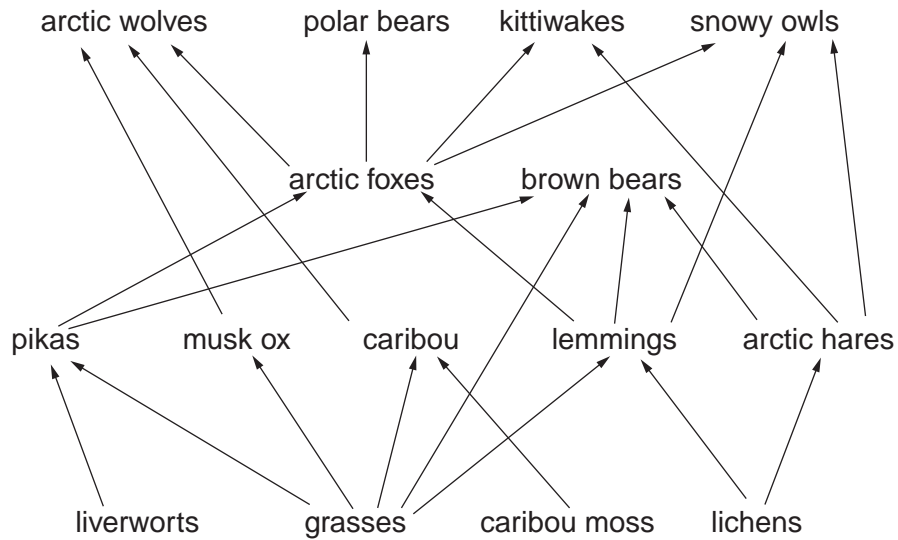


Fig. 3.1

- (a) Describe the inter-relationships between the organisms in the food web shown in Fig. 3.1. [10]
- (b) With reference to a biome with which you are familiar, describe the influence of human activity on its ecosystems and the effectiveness of conservation measures. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 4 Fig. 4.1 shows part of the water cycle in an area where a pumping well has been dug.

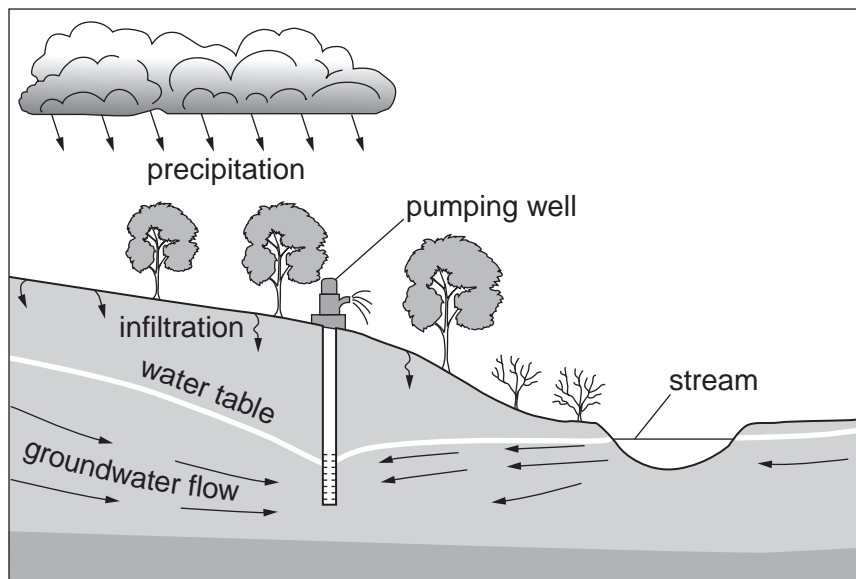


Fig. 4.1

- (a) With reference to Fig. 4.1, describe and explain the effect of the pumping well on the groundwater and water table. [10]
- (b) With reference to examples with which you are familiar, discuss how efforts to achieve a sustainable supply of water can have both positive and negative effects on human activity and the environment. [30]

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- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows the extent to which shrimp farms have extended into a mangrove ecosystem between 1989 and 1999.

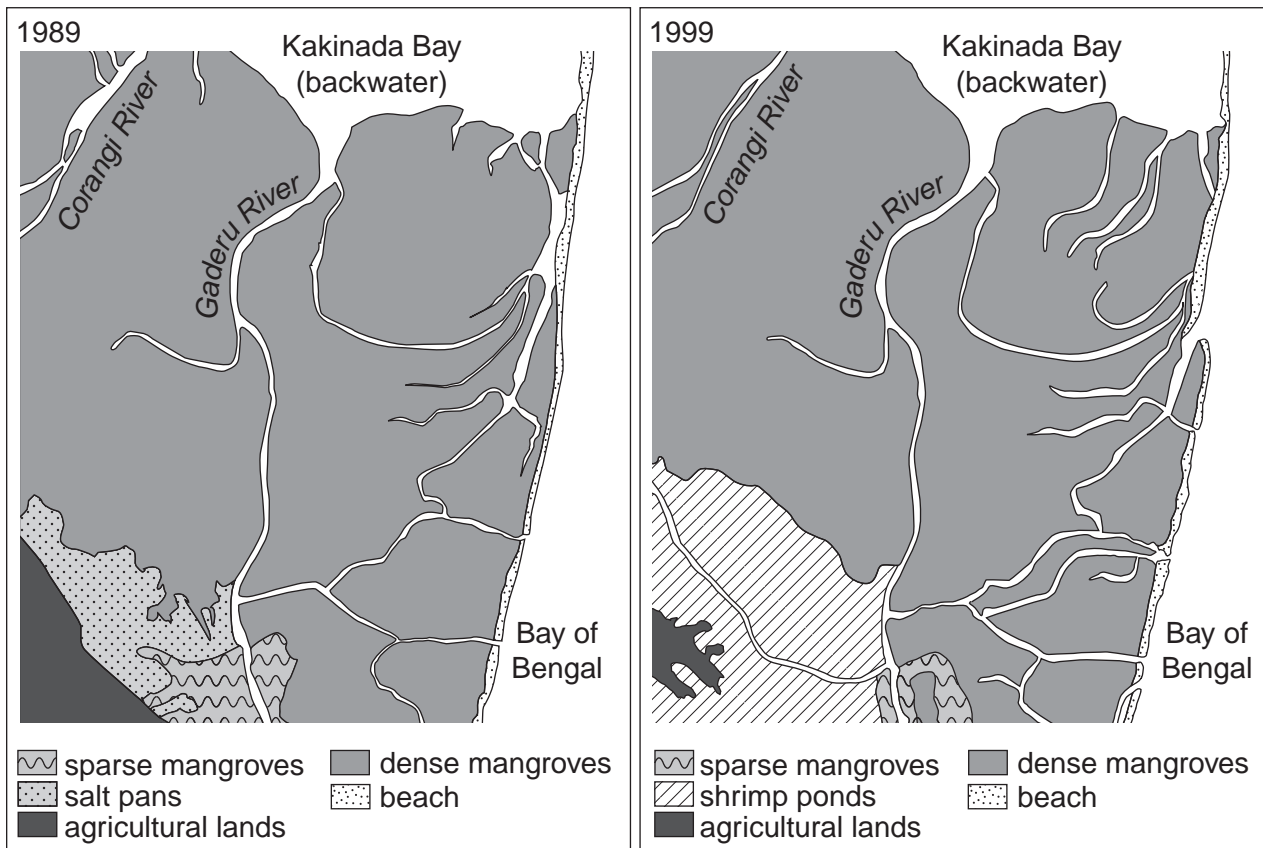


Fig. 5.1

- (a) With reference to Fig. 5.1, suggest and explain **three** effects that human activity is having on the environment. [10]
- (b) With reference to a threatened ecosystem with which you are familiar, assess the measures that have been adopted to conserve its flora and fauna. [30]

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