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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**8291/12**

Paper 1 Lithosphere and Atmosphere

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper  
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Answer **all** questions.  
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**Section A**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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- 1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows the percentage of people affected by different sources of noise in Berlin, and those strongly affected.

**Content removed due to copyright restrictions. Fig. 1.1**

- (i) What is meant by the term *noise pollution*?

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- (ii) What is the difference between the percentage of people affected by road noise and the percentage of people affected by noise from air traffic?

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- (iii) Explain the difference between the percentage of people affected by road noise and the percentage affected by noise from air traffic.

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- (iv) For both road noise and air traffic noise, about 1 in 3 people are strongly affected. Describe circumstances under which people would be strongly affected by these sources of noise.

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- (v) Briefly describe the extent to which people are affected by noise from the remaining sources in Fig. 1.1.

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- 2 (a) Study Table 2.1 containing information on the number of urban areas of greater than 10 million population and between 5 and 10 million population for MEDCs and LEDCs between 1975 and 2015.  
Answer the questions that follow.

**Table 2.1**

|       | urban population size | numbers of urban areas in each category |      |      |      |
|-------|-----------------------|---|------|------|------|
|       |                       | 1975                                    | 2000 | 2005 | 2015 |
| MEDCs | > 10 million          | 42                                      | 85   | 88   | 91   |
|       | 5 – 10 million        | 50                                      | 42   | 54   | 67   |
| LEDCs | > 10 million          | 11                                      | 154  | 204  | 268  |
|       | 5 – 10 million        | 68                                      | 152  | 150  | 206  |

- (i) By how much is the number of urban areas with populations of over 10 million in MEDCs and LEDCs likely to increase between 1975 and 2015?

MEDCs .....

LEDCs ..... [2]

- (ii) Describe the trends in the number of urban areas of 5 – 10 million and greater than 10 million for MEDCs and LEDCs in the period 1975 to 2015.

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- (iii) Explain why the rate of growth in the number of urban areas is higher in LEDCs.

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- (iv) Suggest one reason for the decrease in the 5 – 10 million group of urban areas in 2000 for MEDCs and 2005 for LEDCs.

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- (b) Fig. 2.1 shows a model of land use within a city in a LEDC.

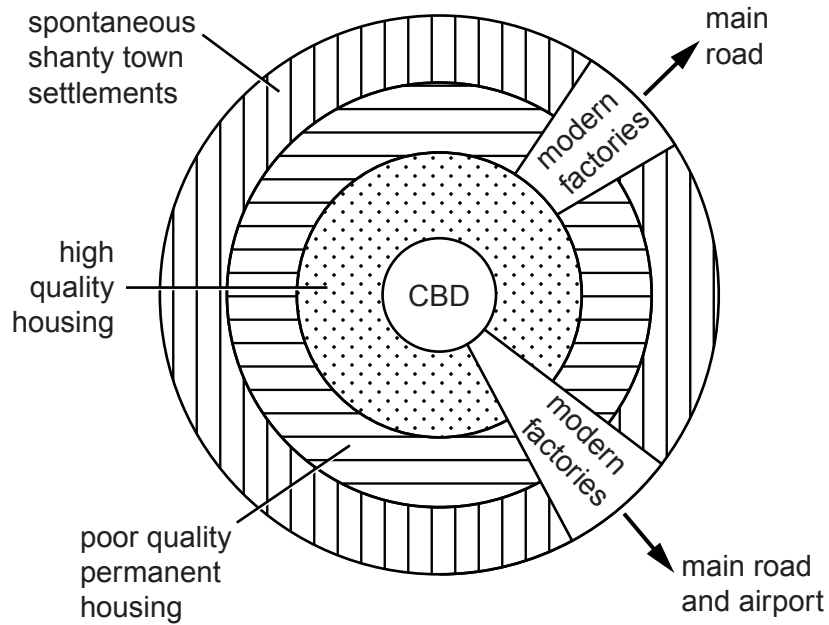


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Briefly describe and give **one** reason for the location of the poorer quality housing shown in Fig. 2.1.

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(ii) Explain how the development of non-residential land would place pressures on land beyond the city boundary.

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(c) Look at the photograph for Question 2(c) on the insert. Describe the environmental issues that are associated with the development of the shanty town (favella) shown in the photograph.

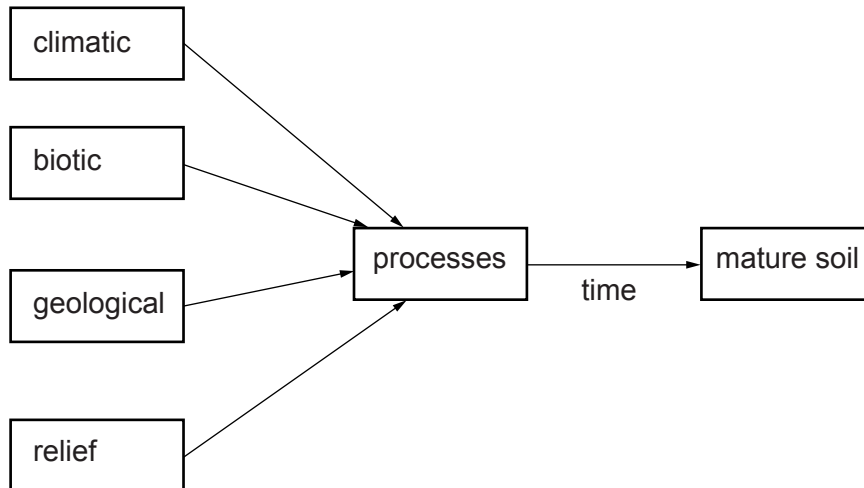
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**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

- 3 (a) Briefly describe how the factors contained in Fig. 3.1 work together to produce a mature soil. [10]



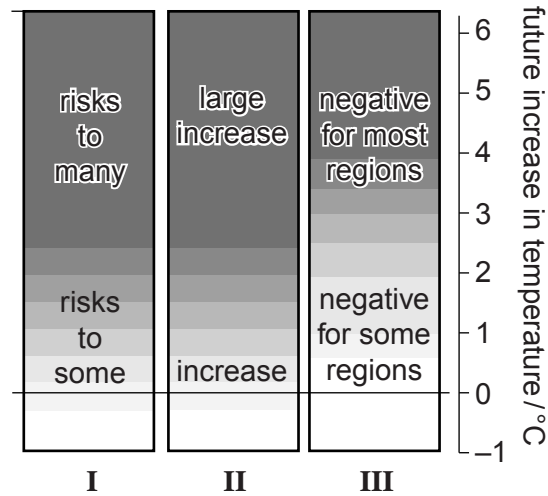
**Fig. 3.1**

- (b) Describe **three** ways in which agricultural activity can cause the deterioration of a soil. With reference to examples you have studied, assess the ways in which the fertility of a soil can be sustained. [30]

[Total: 40]



- 4 (a) Describe and suggest reasons for the increases in risks and impacts of global warming shown in Fig. 4.1. [10]



- I** risks to unique and threatened ecosystems  
**II** risks from frequency and severity of extreme climatic events  
**III** the balance of impacts and global distribution

**Fig. 4.1**

- (b) With reference to examples you have studied, assess how effectively the issue of global warming and climatic change is being addressed on both a national and international scale. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 5 (a) Look at the photographs for Question 5(a) on the insert. They show two effects of acid rain. Briefly describe the processes that contributed to these two aspects of environmental damage. [10]
- (b) With reference to urban areas with which you are familiar, describe the main contributors to chemical pollution of the atmosphere. Assess some of the measures that are being adopted to reduce this pollution. [30]

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