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F791 Global Tectonics

Qu	lesti	on	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
1	а	i	South American trench / Caribbean trench / New Zealand / Aleutian trench	1	Majority within 2 mm of the coastline (use the overlay) <u>no part on land</u>
			Rockies / Andes / Appalachians	I	Parallel to coast and majority within correct zone
		ii	New Zealand / Hawaii / Caribbean arc / Aleutian Islands / Rockies / Andes / East Pacific Rise / Mid Atlantic Ridge	1	
		111	convergent partial melting (of the subducted plate) / volcanic activity / rising magma / friction causing partial melting divergent partial melting (of the mantle) / volcanic activity / rising magma / convection currents bringing hot mantle close to the surface / where sea floor spreading is taking place hot spots		'subduction' insufficient on its own because it is a MOR / divergent plate boundary is too vague
			partial melting (of the mantle) / volcanic activity / rising magma / rising mantle plume	any 1	allow 'hotspot' on its own
		iv	Brazil / Canadian Shield / Greenland / top of subduction zones / ocean trench / abyssal plain	1	
		v	away from plate margin / centre of plate / cold convection currents / thick crust / descending convection currents / old (stable) crust / no igneous activity / no rising magma	1	

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Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
1 mark for each correct label	5	earthquakes need to be in a descending zone <u>not just a point</u> and <u>top</u> of descending plate island arcs need to be drawn as islands and <u>not on continental crust</u> island arc and volcanoes need to be away from the trench if divergent drawn = zero allow if one convection current <u>parallel</u> to <u>subducting</u> plate and sinking convection current needs to descend plan view max = 2 accept build up of pressure
(oceanic) crust is <u>subducting</u> stress / energy builds up stored (friction) energy / stress is released / pressure is released reverse (thrust) faults	any 2	do not accept 'sinks' do not accept 'tension'
flexible pipes / electricity cables prevents pipes from fracturing / stops fires cross-bracing / bird caging / <u>shear</u> walls to strengthen building / reduces torsion / reduces twisting weight on roof of tall buildings / passive damping / damping acts as a counterbalance as the building sways pyramid-like structure more stable / wider base flexible structure / flexible supports		name = 1 mark accept the name as part of the explanation description / explanation / recognisable diagram = 1 mark max 2
	I mark for each correct label friction between plates (oceanic) crust is <u>subducting</u> stress / energy builds up stored (friction) energy / stress is released / pressure is released reverse (thrust) faults flexible pipes / electricity cables prevents pipes from fracturing / stops fires cross-bracing / bird caging / <u>shear</u> walls to strengthen building / reduces torsion / reduces twisting weight on roof of tall buildings / passive damping / damping acts as a counterbalance as the building sways pyramid-like structure more stable / wider base	1 mark for each correct label 5 1 mark for each correct label 5 friction between plates (oceanic) crust is <u>subducting</u> stress / energy builds up stored (friction) energy / stress is released / pressure is released preverse (thrust) faults any 2 flexible pipes / electricity cables prevents pipes from fracturing / stops fires cross-bracing / bird caging / <u>shear</u> walls to strengthen buildings / passive damping / damping acts as a counterbalance as the building sways pyramid-like structure more stable / wider base any 2

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
	absorbs energy / allows building to sway		
	base isolation / rubber / Teflon / ball bearings / rollers between building and foundations to absorb ground vibrations / separate building from ground / building stationary while ground moves		'shock absorbers' max =1 'rubber foundations' max =1
	building on a solid concrete raft / pumping liquid cement / deeper / wider / piled foundations / strengthen building foundations / reinforced foundations to provide greater support / stops shearing from foundations	2	general comments about reinforced concrete with steel rods = 1
	Total	15	

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Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
2 a i	EARTHQUAWER/FAULTS VOLCANIC ACTIVITY RISING MAGMA CONVOCTION CUBRENTS		
	axial rift in centre labelled diverging convection currents magma rising labelled volcanoes in rift area labelled	any 4	needs indication of rising magma volcanoes within 2mm of edge of rift
ii	sea floor spreading ridge push slab pull injection of magma / intrusion of new material <u>pushes / forces</u> plates apart convection currents <u>diverging</u> / <u>pulling</u> plates <u>apart</u>	any 2	allow description of ridge push or slab pull do not accept extrusive activity general comment about convection currents=0
b i	Key 200 400 400 400 400 400 400 400		use the overlay allow one small square of error 1 / 2 points correct = 1 3 / 4 points correct = 2 correct line through origin and joining points = 1

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Qu	Question		Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
				3	
		ii	5.88 cm per year +/- 0.5cm per year (ecf) correct working	1 1	$\frac{20}{3.4} = 5.88 \frac{50}{0.8} = 6.25$ if distance over time suggested then 1 mark for working do not allow just 'd/t'
		iii	steeper gradient / steeper angle	1	answer must refer to the gradient of the line
	C		mafic / basic / basaltic	1	spelled correctly do not accept basalt / dolerite / gabbro on its own
	_		Total	13	

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Qu	esti	on	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
3	а		stress the <u>forces</u> acting upon a rock / the force per unit area / pressure	1	tension / compression / shearing=1 if <u>also</u> given for strain=0
			strain the resultant <u>deformation / change in shape</u> of the rock	1	accept example folding, faulting 'effect on the rock' = 0
	b	i	the rock does not change thickness when folded or deformed / more prone to fracture / tend to form joints when folded / rocks stronger / more resistant to forces / brittle sandstone / limestone / basalt	1	accept more likely to break 'hard'=0 any igneous rocks no metamorphic rocks
		ii	rock changes thickness when deformed / tends to flow or fold rather than fracture / tend to form cleavage when folded / weaker and less resistant to forces shale / mudstone / clay / claystone	1	accept more plastic or ductile not 'elastic'
	C	i	C = strike slip / tear / wrench / sinistral D = normal E = reverse / thrust	1 1 1	not transform or shear not just 'dip slip'
		ii	footwall	1	the footwall needs to be clearly on the right hand side, arrows that point to the fault gain no mark
		iii	stress typefault C, D or EcompressionEshearCtensionD	2	1 correct = 1 2 / 3 correct = 2

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Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
d I			
	correct diagram (at least one correct label) = 1 scratches / striations / grooves / gouges / gashes formed mineral growth caused by movement along the fault (plane) / in direction of movement any 2	3	labels on diagram marked as text
	$F_{natrix} = \frac{1}{F_{natrix}} = \frac{1}{F_{natrix}}$ correct diagram (at least one correct label) = 1 brittle deformation / close to surface rocks fractured as fault moves / broken as the fault moves angular fragments finer material (matrix) forms as rock is crushed any 2	3	labels on diagram marked as text diagram not just a breccia
	Total	18	

Qu	Question		Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
4	а	i	hydrogen helium	1 1	both spelled correctly for 2 marks
		ii	Mercury / Venus / Mars	any 2	
		iii	similar mass / density / (relatively) high density similar composition / rocky / metallic core / NiFe core similar size / relatively small closest to the Sun / inner planets similar structure / solid crust / solid surface / rocky surface	any 2	do not accept 'solid' on its own
			Total	6	

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Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
5	mantle upper part of upper mantle is part of the lithosphere asthenosphere within the upper mantle / below the lithosphere rest of upper mantle below the asthenosphere lower mantle below the upper mantle any 2 =1 mark	1	need depth, state and composition for 4 need 2 marking points for 1 mark accept Low Velocity Zone / LVZ for asthenosphere
	mantle starts between 7 and 90 km / 30 km depth on average Moho forms the crust mantle boundary asthenosphere 70 – 250 km / 70km from 670 – 2900 km is lower mantle / 670 km Gutenberg discontinuity between core and mantle (give once) any 2 = 1 mark		need 2 marking points for 1 mark credit Gutenberg once only (mantle or
	lithosphere is solid asthenosphere is (5%) partially molten / rheid <u>rest</u> of mantle is solid / mantle is <u>mainly</u> solid any 2 = 1 mark all ultramafic / ultrabasic / peridotite / silicate / olivine rich / mafic minerals /	1 1 1	core) need 2 marking points for 1 mark
	ferromagnesian minerals core Gutenberg discontinuity between core and mantle (give once) / Lehman discontinuity between outer and inner core	max 4 any 1	need depth, state and composition for 4 credit Gutenberg once only (mantle or
	liquid outer core and solid inner core (need both)	1	core)
	2900 – 5000-5150 km for the outer core / 2900 km 5000-5150 – 6371 km for the inner core / 5000-5150 km	any 1	allow between 5000 and 5150 km for outer core / inner core boundary
	core mainly Ni, Fe	1 max 4	accept sulfur / silicon as additional elements
	Total	8	

F792 Rocks – Processes and Products

Qı	Question		Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
1	(a)		A= sedimentary B= metamorphic C= metamorphic / sedimentary 4 or 3 correct = 3, 2 correct = 2, 1 correct = 1	3 max	A allow correct clastic rock conglomerate / breccia / sandstone B allow slate / schist / gneiss C allow marble / limestone / orthoquartzite / meta quartzite / quartzite D allow any named igneous rock NOT contradictory rock types
	(b)	(i)	<pre>clastic = composed of clasts / particles / pieces / grains / of pre existing rocks / other rock / containing broken shells / fragments / fragmentary crystalline = composed of (interlocking) crystals</pre>	1	Not 'bits'
		(ii)	made of grains or crystals sediment that has hardened or magma that has cooled an aggregate of minerals a mixture of minerals naturally occurring substance composed of mineral/s	any 1	
		(iii)	minerals subjected to directional stress / pressure during folding / mountain building / at a convergent plate boundary / during regional metamorphism minerals recrystallise due to effect of stress / pressure minerals align with long axis perpendicular / 90° to stress direction / pressure minerals must be flat / platy / tabular / not equidimensional / mica burial beneath great thicknesses of overlying rocks / stresses applied to minerals due to mass of overlying rocks	any 2	Not just 'pressure' must have reason for pressure
	(c)	(i)	E = igneous F= sedimentary	1	

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Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
	crystalline porphyritic texture / finer groundmass / two stage cooling crystals not aligned / randomly orientated interlocking crystals / plagioclase phenocrysts / no cement made of mafic minerals	any 2	ecf on (c)(i)
(iii)	contains fossils / bioclastic cement between grains / calcite cement / cement only occurs in sedimentary rocks fragmental / clastic	any 2	ecf on (c)(i)
	Total	14	

Quest	ion	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
2 (a)	(i)	sediment carried by (turbulent) flow / current sediment does not contact the river bed carried in the water column very fine sand or sediment particles or silt or clay or small grains / light grains	any 2	Allow if suspension defined as carried in the air
	(ii)	energy of transporting medium may vary seasonal variation in river discharge / variable wind velocity high energy allows suspension of fine or light grains / particles lower energy leads to saltation of grains / particles large grain becomes smaller by attrition / abrasion	any 2	Allow velocity / speed for energy (allow discharge)
	(iii)	difference ice poorly sorted, wind well sorted ice angular grains, ice not well rounded, wind well rounded grains ice mixed composition of rock fragments, wind composed of sand / quartz ice coarse grained > 2 mm, wind medium grained approx 1 mm ice no frosted grains, wind grains are frosted	any 1	difference must include both ice and wind or comparative term (e.g. more than / less than) reason must match difference
		reason / explanation wind energy insufficient to transport coarse grains / wind does not pick up coarse grains / wind blows finest grains further than sand grains more attrition with wind transport reduces size and makes it well sorted and all quartz / ice transport has less attrition because grains not in contact / ice deposits wide range of grain sizes and composition and sorting	any 1	read difference and reason together
(b)	(i)	west bank of river (small part of steep bank symbol on east bank at lower edge)	1	on left on outside of the meander label must be on the bank of the river where slope marked or below water level
	(ii)	cross bedding ripple marks (asymmetrical) graded bedding imbricate structure	any 2	Do not allow symmetrical ripple marks

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance	
	as channel moves / meanders sediments are deposited on the inside of the meander bend / river is at 1 first then moves to 2 forms point bar / sand bar deposit so beds are dipping towards the river youngest sediments are down dip	any 2	Allow 1 mark for concept of superposition with sediment 2 on top of sediment 1 so younger	
	when the river floods, the suspended load is deposited on the flood plain as mud - low velocity sand deposited in channel under high / medium energy gravel deposited in channel when velocity drops from very high	1 1 1	2 marks for statements of mud on flood plain, sand and gravel in channel	
	or high velocity produces coarse gravels at the bottom of the sequence as velocity decreases sediment gets finer (sand / clay)	1 1	description of coarse first, then sand, then mud max 1	
	Total	14		

Mark Scheme

Question	Expected answ	Marks	Additional guidance		
3 (a) (i)	grain size	mass (%)	cumulative		Allow full marks even if points 5 and 6 are not plotted
	eo (phi)		mass %		
	0	0	0		
	60 1	2	2		
		14 78	<u> 16 </u> 94		
	40 4	6	100		
	5	0	100		
	20 6	0	100		
	correct completion of cumulative mass			1	
	all points plotted correctly / ecf for points plotted in	calculation	on wrong		
	joined with a smooth 's' shaped curve				
(ii)	degree to which particles are the same size				accept 'same size and shape' max 1
, í	spread of grain size around the mean / measure of	of variation	n in grain size		diagram can act as text
	well sorted= all same size				
	poorly sorted= wide range of grain sizes			any 2	
(iii)	<u>3.2 – 0.2</u> (<u>2.8 – 2.0)</u>			1	correct method shown 1 mark even if
	2 (2)				calculations are incorrect
	G =1.5 (+/-0.1) $H = 0.4 (+/-0.1)$			2	correct answers 1 for each sediment
	method = 1 and answers = 2				even if no working
(i)	H is better sorted than G		allow ecf for sediment H Allow ecf from (iii)		
(17)	H is well sorted and G is poorly sorted	any 1	If coefficient for H is 0.5 allow		
	G has coefficient of 1.5 compared with 0.4 for H				'moderate sorting'

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Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance	
(v)	G = river / alluvial fan / glacial / wadi H = aeolian dune/ desert / beach dunes	1	ecf if moderately sorted in part (iv) allow beach / river / shallow sea /	
	H = aeolian dune/ desert / beach dunes		deltaic	
(b) (i)	J greywacke deep sea / turbidite due to angular / poorly sorted grains with rock fragments and	1	1 mark for identification 1 for explanation	
	matrix	1		
	OR			
	Jarkose	1		
	Alluvial fan / river / wadi due to angular / poorly sorted grains with rock fragments and matrix with feldspar	1		
(ii)	cement is calcite / calcium carbonate precipitated from sea water	1		
(iii)	K is angular so little transport compared to L well rounded lots of transport	1		
	OR			
	K is angular so short time of transport compared to L well rounded long time of transport			
(iv)	well rounded grains due to saltation / abrasion / wind transport / high energy			
	all quartz grains so long period of weathering / mature / extreme chemical weathering iron oxide cement forms in oxidising desert conditions			
	well sorted as wind only picks up one size	any 2		
	Total	17		

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Question		on	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
4 (a		(i)	3 magma accumulation 1 recrystallisation / metamorphism 4 crystallisation	1 1 1 1	
			mass / weight of overlying sediment / hydrostatic pressure / load pressure / compression fluids squeezed from pore spaces / from sediment porosity reduced / no pore spaces / close packing of grains volume reduced / thickness of sediment reduced / density increased more effective on platy / clay minerals ORA	any 2	Not just 'pressure'
	((iii)	fluids pass through pore spaces / through sediment carry minerals in solution / calcite or quartz or haematite in solution minerals precipitate in pore spaces / crystallise out / come out of solution / minerals deposited in pore spaces porosity / permeability reduced grains glued / stuck together by a named mineral most effective in sandstones	any 2	Not 'evaporated' instead of 'precipitated'
(b)) ((i)	 hornfels contains sillimanite / andalusite rock is crystalline / unfoliated / granoblastic / crystal size medium or coarse andalusite / chiastolite rock / slate rock has porphyroblasts of andalusite / unfoliated / crystal size medium spotted rock / rock contains chlorite / biotite / muscovite / mica fine crystal size / spots of recrystallised minerals OR 	1 1 1 1 1 1	
			2 marks max for any 2 correct rock names (hornfels, andalusite rock / slate, spotted rock) 2 marks max for index minerals (sillimanite, andalusite, chlorite / biotite) 2 marks max for descriptions of crystal size, texture etc		

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance		
	Drawing of granoblastic crystals crystals of quartz (crystal grain size any) rock is white / grey in colour / crystalline / hard / interlocking crystals / metaquartzite / granoblastic texture	1 1 1	1 mark for drawing 1 mark for description / label 1 mark for additional detail for other label on diagram drawings must show no foliation		
(iii)	metamorphic aureole – large scale 100's m to km / around a batholith baked margin - small scale cm to m / around sills and dykes / below lava flow	1	1 mark max if size is not quantified (e.g. aureole larger than baked margin)		
	Total	19			

Qu	Question		Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance		
5	(a)		arrow from bottom to top	1	Accept correct temperatures		
		(ii)	olivine augite / pyroxene muscovite quartz	3 max	4 or 3 correct = 3, 2 correct = 2. 1 correct = 1		
			Ca rich crystallises at high temperature / first Na rich crystallises at low temperature / last variable mix from 100% Ca to 50:50 to 100% Na Ca is depleted as crystallisation takes place so more Na plagioclase forms	any 2	Allow anorthite as Ca and albite as Na suitable description of changing composition		
	(b) ((i)	olivine – forms at high temp / rich in Mg Fe / first to crystallise pyroxene / augite - forms at high temp / rich in Mg Fe / second to crystallise / dark colour Ca rich plagioclase - forms at high temp / first to crystallise	any 2	mark is for the reason not just the name max 1 mark for 2 correct minerals named		
			quartz H 7 so will scratch glass plagioclase H 6 will not scratch glass / quartz is harder / feldspar can be scratched by steel nail but quartz can't quartz has no cleavage compared to plagioclase with 2 good cleavages / quartz will not split but will fracture plagioclase may cleave quartz is composed of silica and plagioclase feldspar is a Na or Ca rich aluminium silicate	Any 2	Do not accept data not provided in table Max 1 if no explanation		
	(c)	• •	Q black crystals as biotite N large phenocrysts as K feldspar	1 1	Allow orthoclase feldspar Not just 'feldspar'		
		(ii)	muscovite / plagioclase feldspar / quartz any 2	1	Not 'mica' or 'feldspar' as already used		

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
(d)	Olivine forms layer at base due to gravity settling denser / early formed minerals sink to the bottom Mg and Fe depleted as used to form olivine and augite mafic rocks form early so mafic minerals depleted Ca depleted as used for plagioclase feldspar magma enriched in Na, K and silica last / low temperature minerals make intermediate / more silicic rock	any 3	
		16	

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
6 De	scribe the grades of regional metamorphism and the rocks produced at each grade	r	
	limestone as parent rock forms marble at all grades sandstone as parent rock forms metaquartzite at all grades	1 1 1	Regional metamorphism forms slate, schist and gneiss in sequence max 1 for general statement not given in detail below
	regional metamorphism needs both temperature and pressure	1	can be shown on P/T diagram
	description of Barrovian zones	1	
	low grade regional metamorphism- slate / low temperatures and pressures	1	
	index mineral chlorite muscovite formed by recrystallisation formation of slaty cleavage minerals aligned at 90° to pressure fine crystals / crystals <1 mm / pyrite porphyroblasts grey / black / green colour	1 1 1 1 1 1	diagrams to be marked as text if features are clearly seen or labelled
	medium grade regional metamorphism – schist / medium temp and pressures	1	
	schistose texture / schistosity, foliation index mineral biotite and garnet minerals grow porphyroblasts of garnet index mineral kyanite as Al ₂ SiO ₅ polymorph medium crystals / crystals 1-5 mm silvery colour / sheen / shiny / appearance	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	diagrams to be marked as text if features are clearly seen or labelled
	high grade regional metamorphism – gneiss / high temperatures and pressures	1	
	rich in quartz, biotite and K feldspar gneissose banding index mineral sillimanite as Al_2 SiO ₅ polymorph coarse crystals / crystals >5 mm black and white bands	1 1 1 1 1 1	diagrams to be marked as text if features are clearly seen or labelled

Question	Expected answers	Marks	Additional guidance
7 Descri	be and explain the essential features of strato-volcanoes and shield volcanoes.		
	magma viscosity Lava is fluid / non-viscous for shield because it is mafic in composition	1	1 mark for strato viscous and shield non-viscous
	Viscous / non-fluid for strato because it is silicic / felsic in composition lava type	·	
	mafic / basaltic in composition for shield pahohoe (ropey) / aa (blocky) appearance to lava surface	1 1	
	intermediate / andesitic / felsic / silicic / rhyolitic in composition for strato short / thick / ropey flows / in domes	1 1	
	gas content effusive / quiet eruptions / gas escapes easily for shield	1	Allow Hawaiian / fissure for quiet
	explosive / violent eruptions / gas held in lava for strato	1	Allow Plinian / Pelean for explosive
	<pre>shape and structure of the volcanoes wide base 100s km shallow sides 2-10 degrees primarily lava little pyroclastics central crater labelled diagram steeper sides > 30 degrees narrow base 10s km made of alternating layers of lava and ash / pyroclasts/ tuff / agglomerate may have parasitic cones / diagram / calderas labelled diagram for strato</pre>	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	suitable examples of each 1 mark wide and shallow with no quantitative detail max 1 mark labelled diagrams as text If volcanoes described separately max 6 for each volcano steep and small with no quantitative detail max 1 Max 1 for 2 unlabelled diagrams showing correct shape / size
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Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

U	nit	Maximum Mark	а	b	С	d	е	u
F791	Raw	60	43	37	31	26	21	0
	UMS	90	72	63	54	45	36	0
F792	Raw	100	76	66	56	46	37	0
	UMS	150	120	105	90	75	60	0
F793	Raw	40	32	28	25	22	19	0
	UMS	60	48	42	36	30	24	0

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	Maximum Mark	A	В	С	D	E	U
H087	300	240	210	180	150	120	0

The cumulative percentage of candidates awarded each grade was as follows:

	A	В	С	D	E	U	Total Number of Candidates
H087	17.1	36.1	57.8	75.8	89.6	100	1046

1046 candidates aggregated this series

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