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Paper 2 Environment and Development of Bangladesh

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Answer **three** questions.

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Answer **three** questions.

1 (a) (i) Study Fig. 1, a map showing some physical regions of Bangladesh.

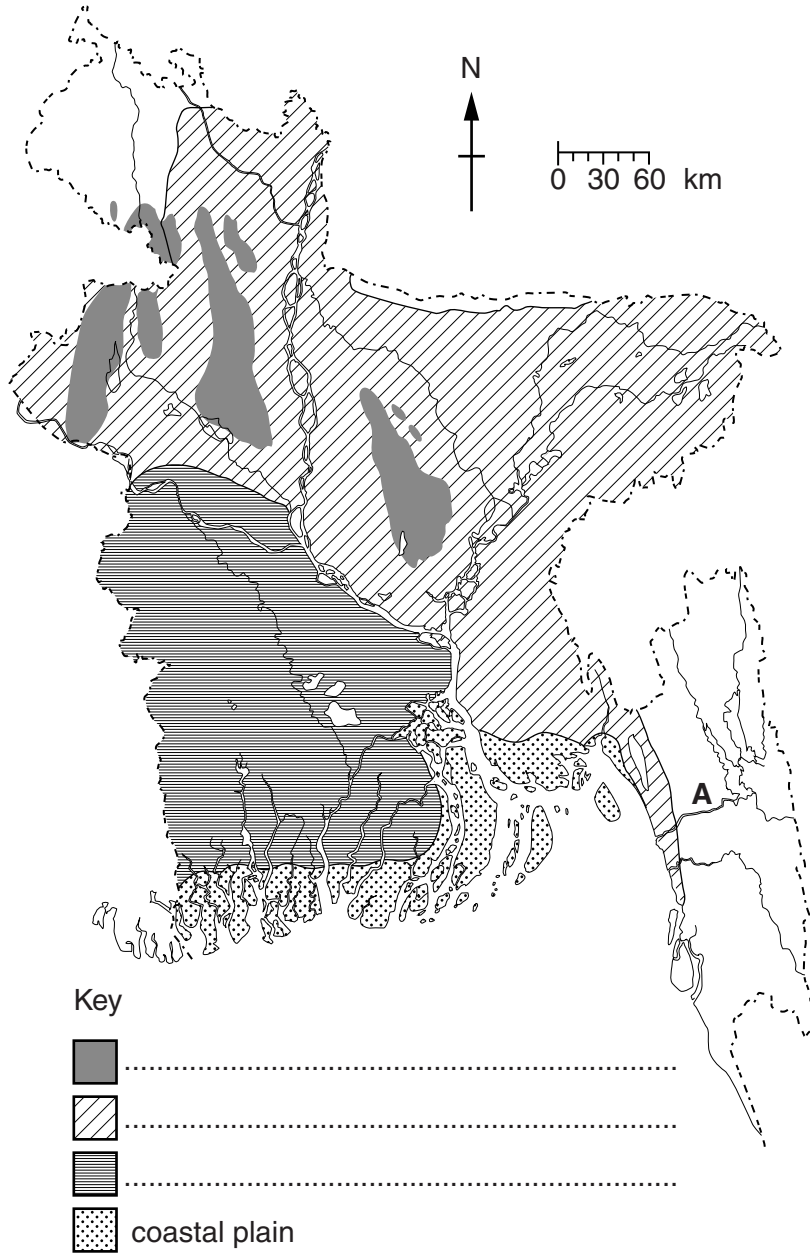


Fig. 1

Name river **A**

Complete the key for the following physical regions.

- deltaic plain
- flood plain
- uplands

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(ii) Describe the physical characteristics of the deltaic plain and the uplands.

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(iii) Explain how flood plains are formed. You may use a diagram to illustrate your answer.

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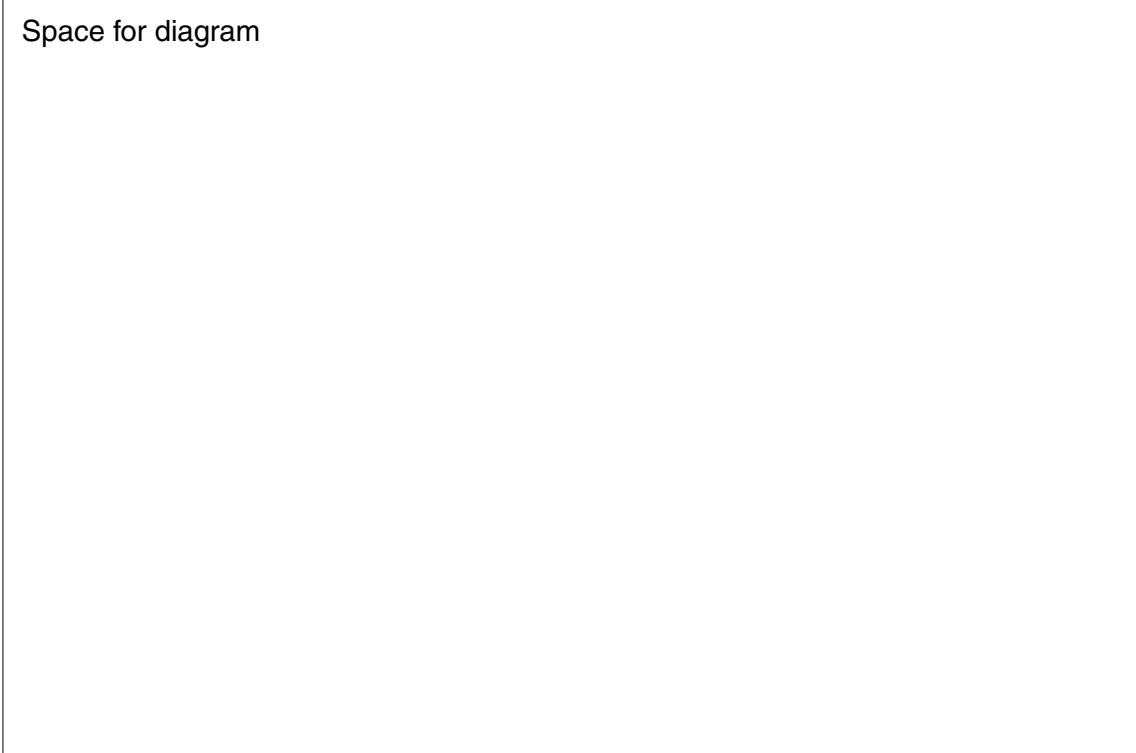
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(b) Study Fig. 2 which shows the climate for Bangladesh and the growing seasons of three types of rice.

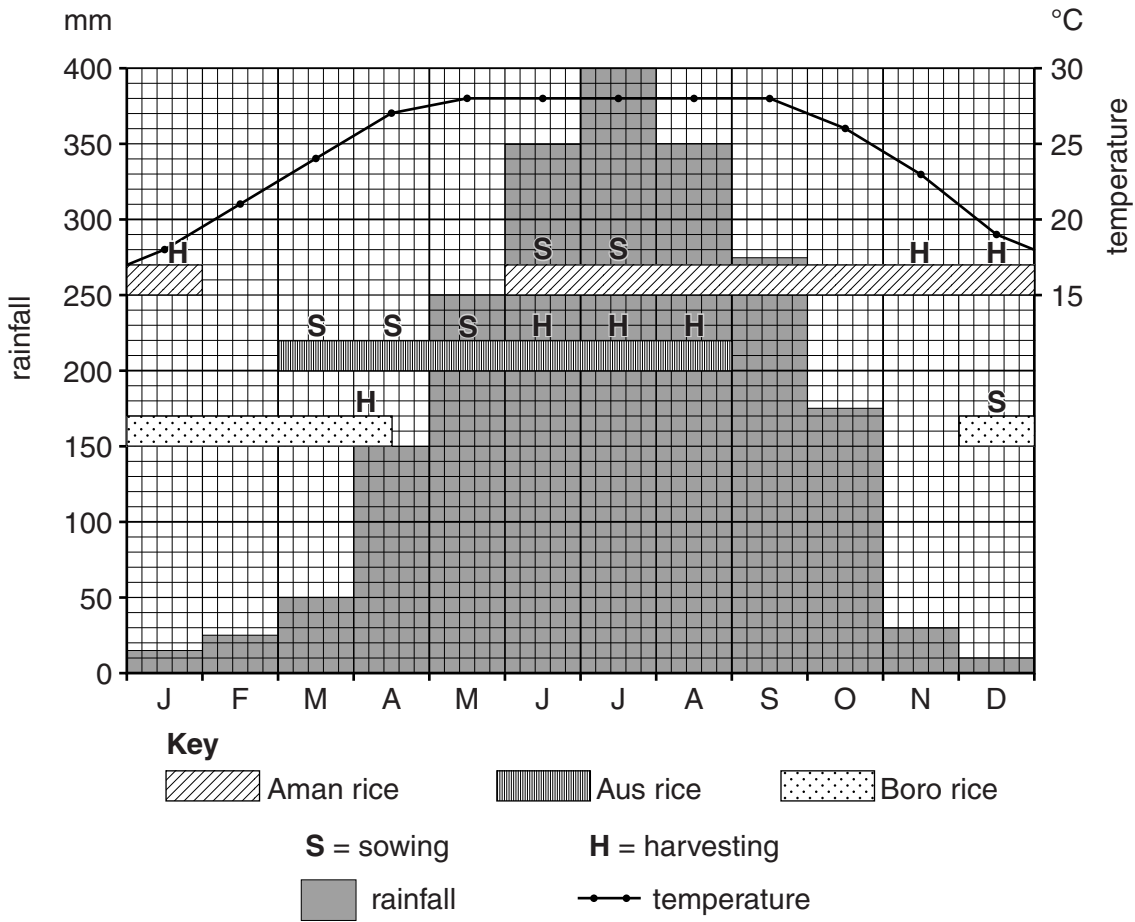


Fig. 2

(i) How long is the growing season for Boro rice?

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(ii) Using Fig. 2, compare the climatic conditions for growing Aus rice with those for growing Boro rice.

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(c) (i) Describe the processes involved in preparing the land for the sowing and harvesting of rice in Bangladesh.

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(ii) Explain how farmers can increase rice production.

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(d) Study the two statements below.

A 'The topography (physical features) of Bangladesh is very beneficial for the farmers.'
B 'The topography (physical features) of Bangladesh presents many problems for the farmers.'

(i) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement A.

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(ii) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement B.

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(iii) Which statement do you agree with the most? Give reasons for your answer.

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- 2 (a) Study Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 which show average rainfall and depth of flood water in July in Bangladesh.

Rainfall in one week

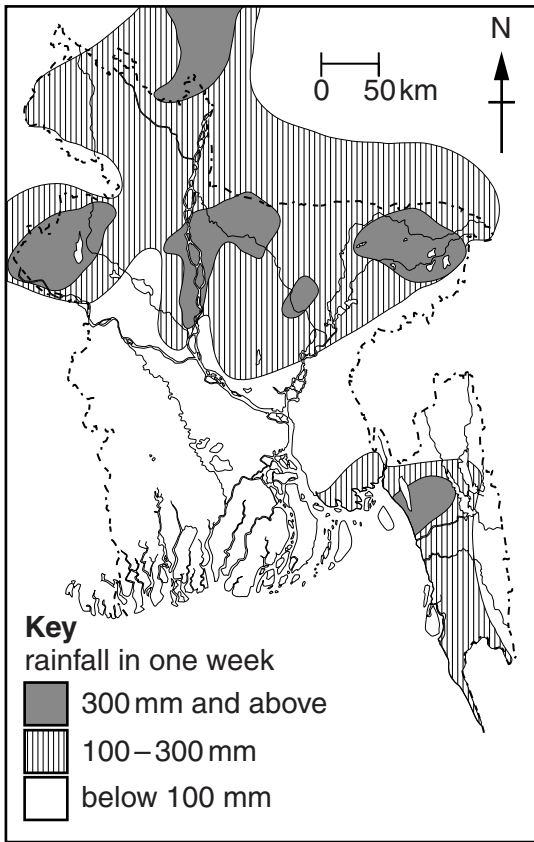


Fig. 3

The depth of flood water two weeks later

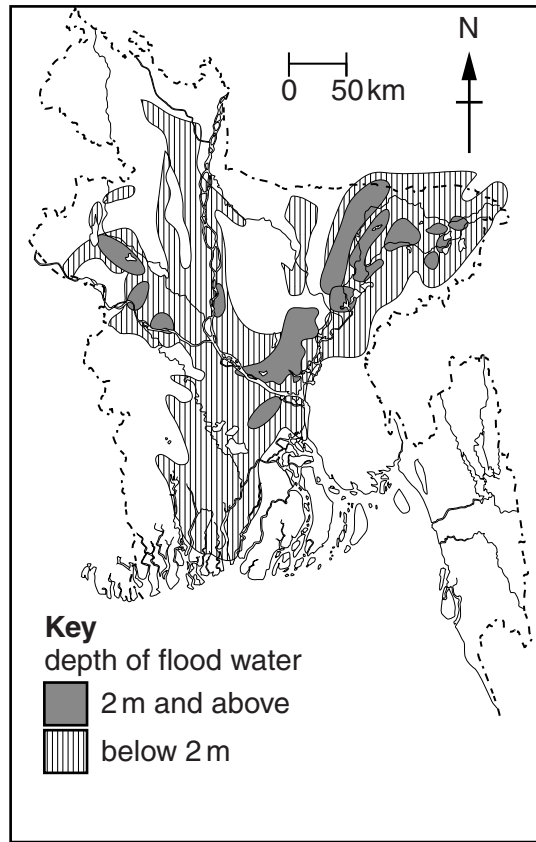


Fig. 4

- (i) Using compass directions only, describe where more than 100mm of rain fell in Bangladesh.

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- (ii) Describe the general pattern of the floods.

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(iii) Explain why the floods were so severe two weeks after the week of heavy rain.

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(b) Explain how floods affect the people and the economy of Bangladesh.

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(c) (i) Study Fig. 5, a pie chart showing the percentage of air pollution caused by industries.

Complete Fig. 5, showing the five most air polluting industries of Bangladesh, using the following information.

- Cement/clay – 16%
- Pulp and paper – 14%
- Textile – 10%

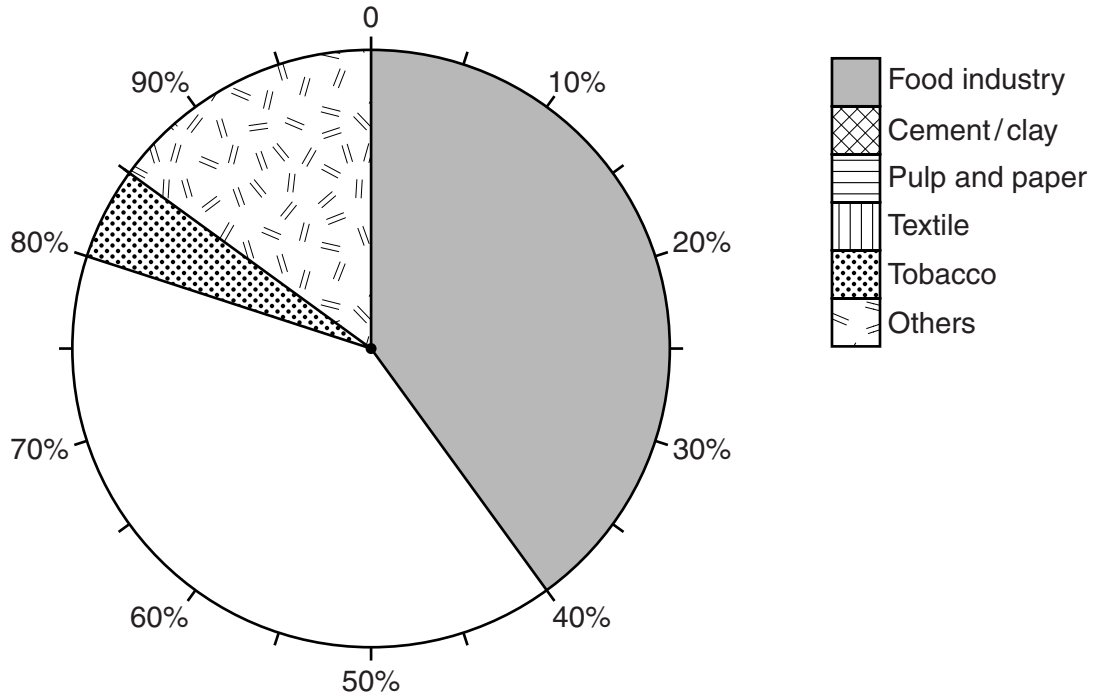


Fig. 5

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(ii) What percentage of the total air pollution is caused by the five most polluting industries?

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(iii) Apart from an industry, name a major cause of air pollution in Bangladesh.

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(d) Explain how the government is trying to reduce air pollution in Bangladesh.

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(e) Study the statement below.

‘Controlling the flooding of rivers in Bangladesh is almost impossible.’

(i) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports this statement.

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(ii) Give **one** piece of evidence which shows how rivers can be controlled.

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(iii) How far do you agree with the statement? Give reasons for your answer.

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3 (a) Study Fig. 6 which shows gas fields, gas pipelines and fertiliser factories.

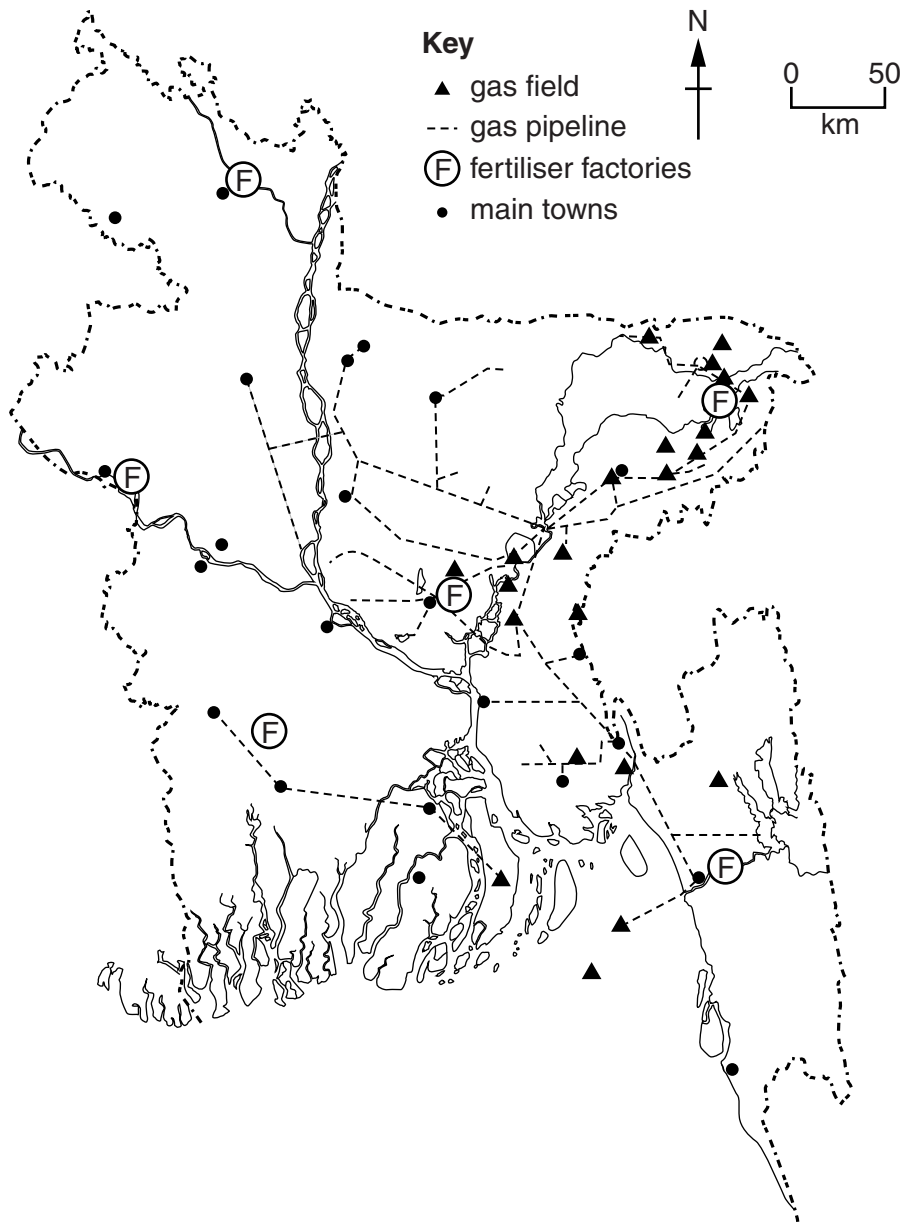


Fig. 6

Describe the general distribution of gas fields and the network of gas pipelines.

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(b) Fig. 7 shows the percentage of natural gas consumption by different sectors.

Complete Fig. 7 using the following information.

- industry – 20%
- domestic use – 10%
- fertiliser manufacture – 10%

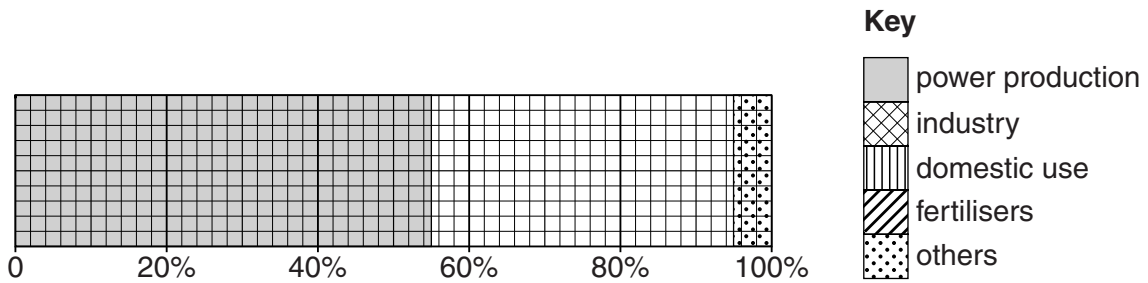


Fig. 7

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(c) (i) Using Fig. 6, suggest one reason for the distribution of fertiliser factories in Bangladesh.

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(ii) Explain the importance of the production of fertilisers to farmers and to the economy of Bangladesh.

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(d) Climate change will affect agriculture in Bangladesh.

(i) Name two gases that are causing global warming.

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(ii) Explain how human activities cause the increased production of these gases.

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(iii) Explain the effect climate change will have on agriculture and the food supply of Bangladesh.

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(e) Study the two statements below.

A 'Bangladesh is not a major contributor to climate change.'

B 'Bangladesh will be one of the countries worst affected by climate change.'

(i) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement A.

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(ii) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement B.

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(iii) Do you think other nations should help Bangladesh cope with the effects of climate change? Give reasons for your answer.

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(b) (i) Describe how government policies protect new industries in Bangladesh.

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(ii) Explain how Bangladesh can overcome obstacles to industrialisation, other than ways mentioned in **(b)(i)**.

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(c) (i) Explain why the financial sector is important for industry in Bangladesh.

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(ii) What is meant by 'micro-credit'?

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(iii) Explain why micro-credit has been successful in Bangladesh.

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(d) Study the two statements below.

A 'Bangladesh's increased economic growth depends on expanding the small scale industrial sector.'

B 'To maintain economic growth Bangladesh needs to improve its large scale industries.'

(i) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement A.

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(ii) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement B.

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(iii) Which statement do you agree with the most? Give reasons for your answer.

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- 5 (a) Study Fig. 9A and Fig. 9B, which show population structures for Bangladesh in 1994 and 2014.

Population structure, Bangladesh 1994

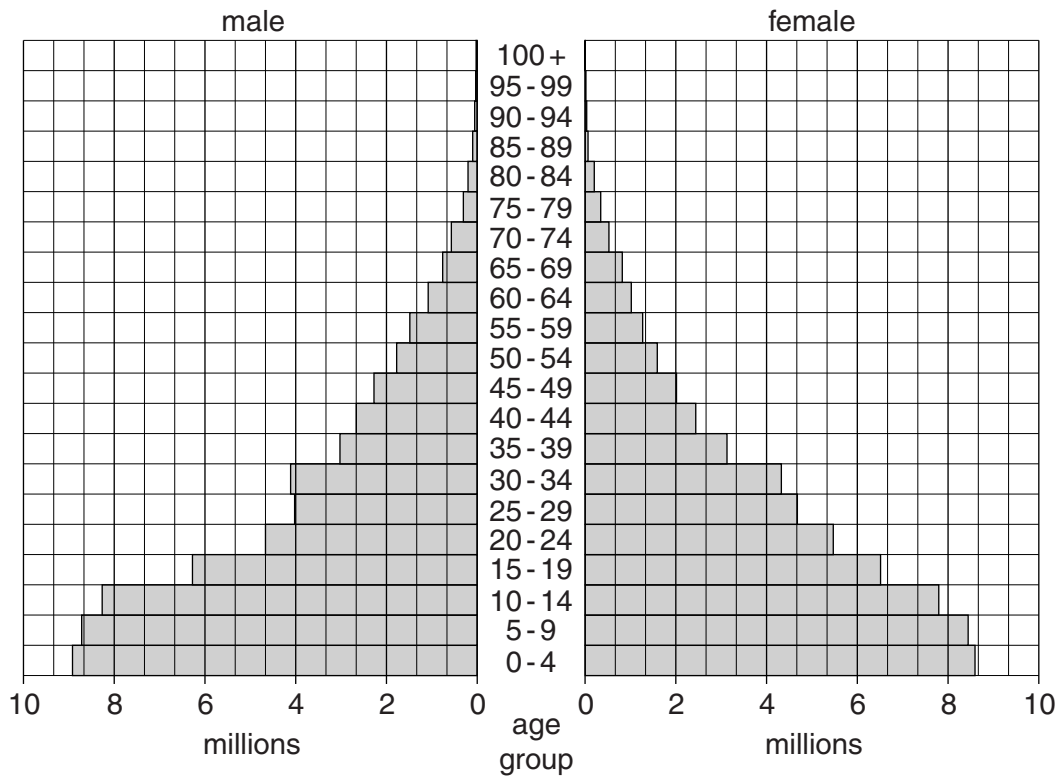


Fig. 9A

Population structure, Bangladesh 2014

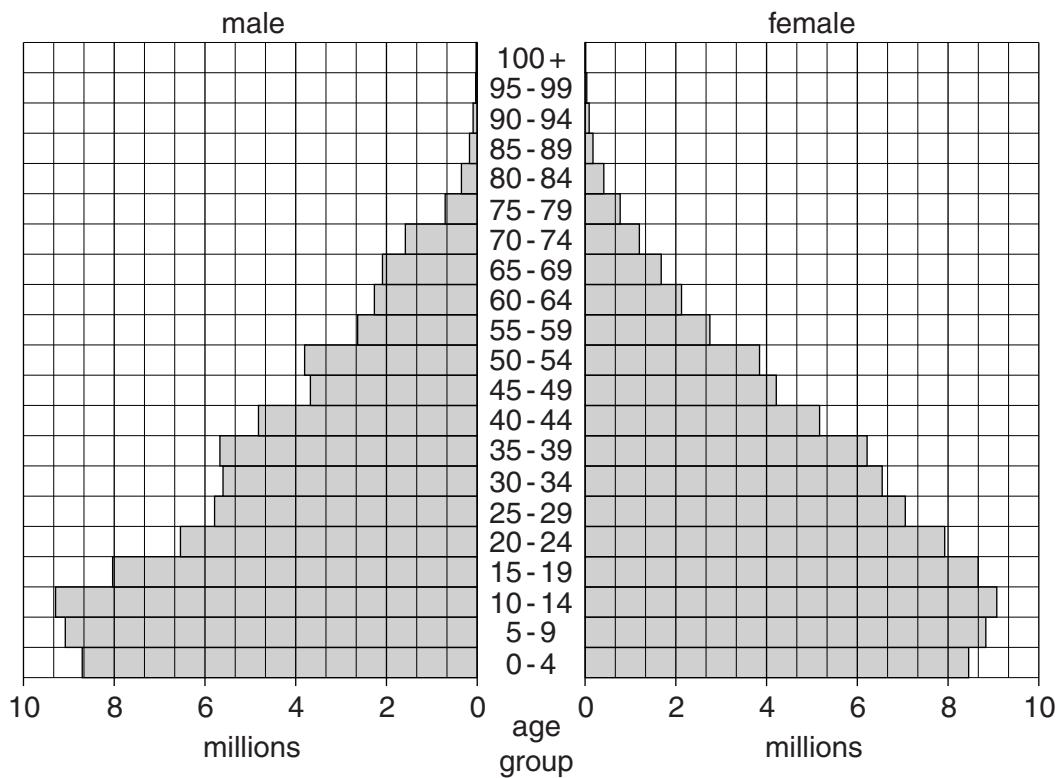


Fig. 9B

(ii) Only 2% of the population of Bangladesh are not Bengali. Describe some of the minority ethnic groups and where they live.

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(c) (i) Study Fig. 11 which shows the percentage of youths (aged 15–24 years) who are literate in Bangladesh and South Asia as a whole.

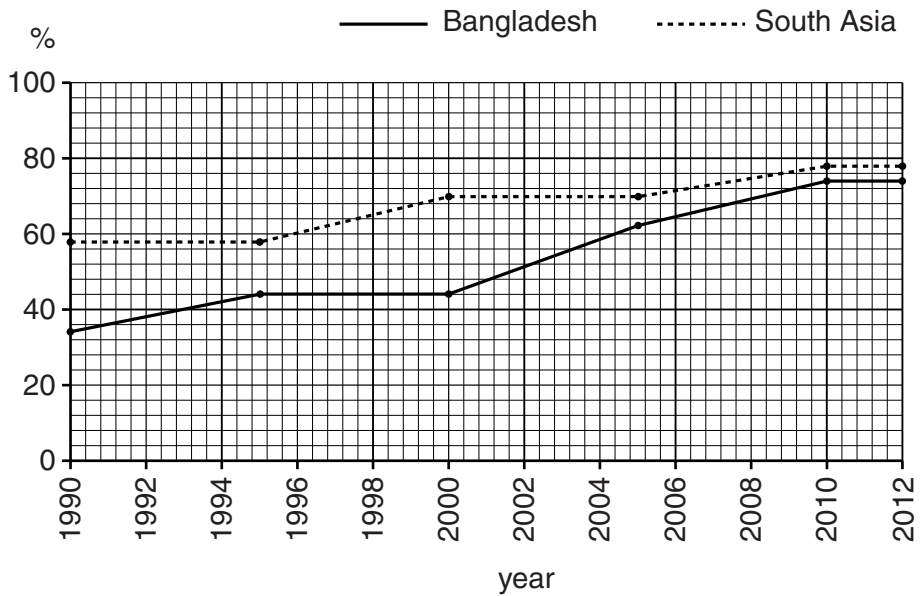


Fig. 11

Using Fig. 11, compare the progress of the youth literacy rate of Bangladesh with that of South Asia.

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(ii) Explain how an increase in the literacy rate improves the development of Bangladesh.

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(iii) Apart from increasing the literacy rate, describe **two** other educational challenges for Bangladesh.

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Please turn over for 5(d)

(d) Study the two statements below.

A 'Improved health care is the best way to slow down population growth in Bangladesh.'

B 'Increased educational opportunity is the best way to slow down population growth in Bangladesh.'

(i) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement A.

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(ii) Give **one** piece of evidence which supports statement B.

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(iii) Which statement do you agree with the most? Give reasons for your answer.

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