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All answers should be written on a separate paper provided, except for question 13a.

Section A

Answer all questions from this section (from 1 to 9). Answers should be brief and to the point.

What is meant by the term 'climate'? Name two different types of climates found across the world.

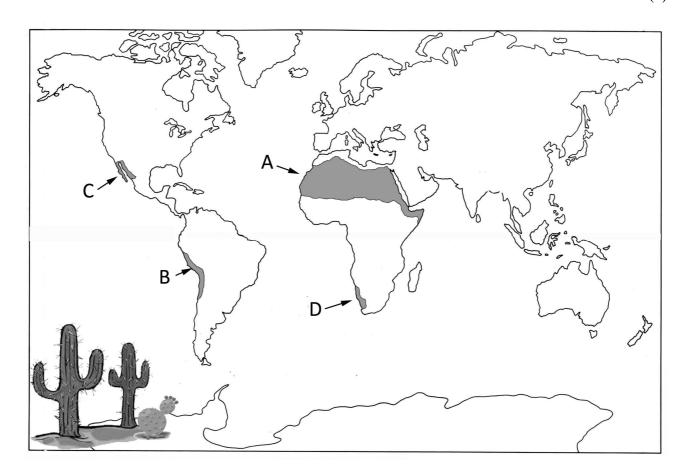
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List **four** reasons why different places in the world have different climates.

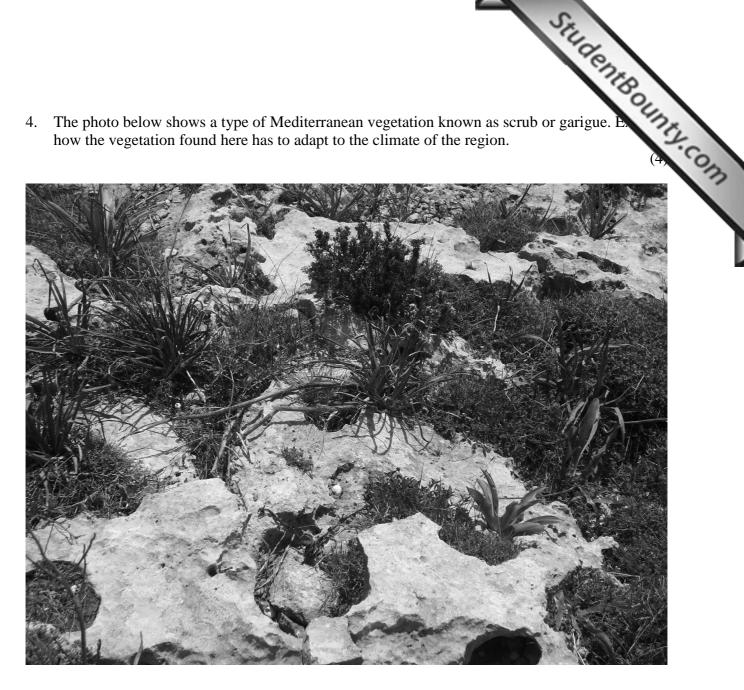
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3. Name the deserts shaded and lettered **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** on the map below.

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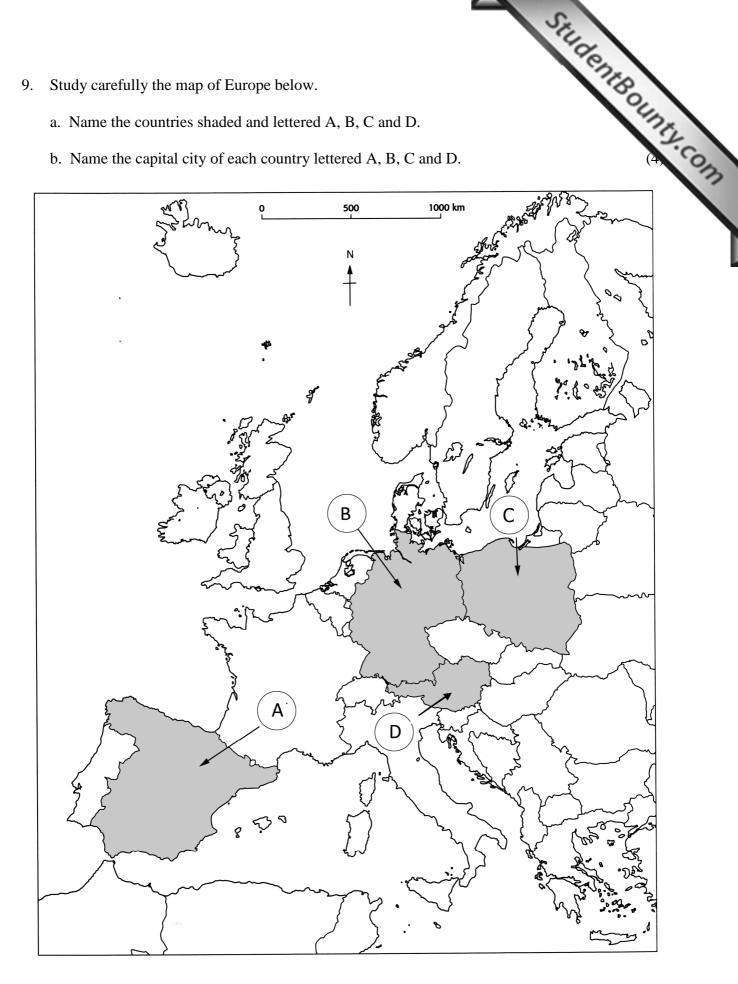


The photo below shows a type of Mediterranean vegetation known as scrub or garigue. how the vegetation found here has to adapt to the climate of the region.



- What is **soil** made up of? Why is soil considered a renewable resource? (4)
- Describe **two** main types of economic activities from **Primary**, **Secondary** and **Tertiary**. Give an example of a job that falls under each chosen category from the Maltese economy. (4)
- Explain why in the last 60 years the tourist industry worldwide has grown at a very rapid rate. (4)
- Briefly explain what is causing the earth's temperature to rise. (4)

- a. Name the countries shaded and lettered A, B, C and D.
- b. Name the capital city of each country lettered A, B, C and D.

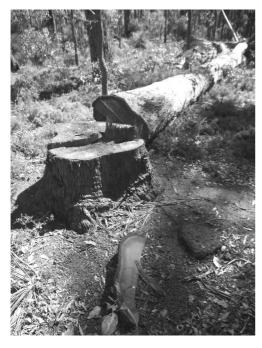


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Section B

Answer 3 questions from this section (from 10 - 13). Answers should be detailed. Each question carries 20 marks.

- 10. a. Briefly describe the main characteristics of the **Equatorial type of Climate**.
 - b. Name **two** areas where such a climate is experienced. (2)
 - c. Describe **three** differences between an Equatorial climate and a Hot desert climate. (6)
 - d. Describe the appearance of the vegetation present in areas with an Equatorial Climate. (4)
- 11. Reports published some years ago concluded that humans over the past years have caused **global warming**.
 - a. Describe **two** signs that show that global warming is already happening. (2)
 - b. Explain some of the things that might happen if global warming continues at its present rate. (8)
 - c. Since global warming is a serious problem, governments are taking action to find possible solutions. Suggest some possible steps governments can take to reduce the threat of global warming.
 - (4)
 - d. How can you adopt a more responsible lifestyle in order to try to stop global warming? (6)
- 12. Look carefully at the photos below.

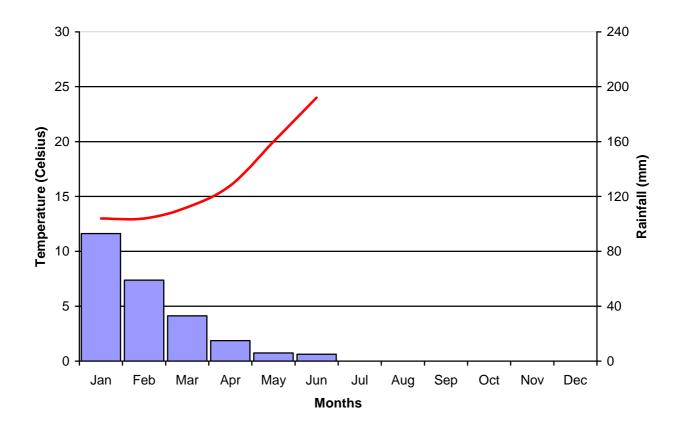




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- a. What do we call the activity taking place in the photos on page 4?
- b. Explain how this activity increases the rates of soil erosion.
- c. Mention and explain two other farming practices that can lead to soil erosion.
- d. Describe **three** soil conservation strategies that can be used to reduce the problem of soil erosion. (9)
- 13. a. Use the data provided to complete the climate graph shown below.

Months	Temperature	Rainfall
	°C	mm
Jul	27	0
Aug	27	5
Sep	24	20
Oct	22	45
Nov	18	60
Dec	15	90



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- Use the graph to describe the main characteristics of the climate shown. b.
- Name **four** places across the world that experience such a climate. c.
- The climate shown above suffers from a period of drought. What is meant by the term d. 'drought' and what problems are associated with it?

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