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International General Certificate of Secondary Education

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2

0680 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

0680/21 Paper 2, maximum raw mark 80

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1 (a) (i) light / energy from the Sun
water provided by rainfall / precipitation
dead leaves fall and decay / decompose into the soil
leaves take in the carbon dioxide from the air
water and nutrients are stored in the soil
roots take in water and nutrients (minerals)
permeable rocks / named example store water beneath t

9 spaces to be filled in – all 9 valid = 5 marks
7 or 8 filled in correctly = 4 marks
5 or 6 = 3 marks
3 or 4 = 2 marks
at least 2 = 1 mark **[5]**

(ii) plants manufacture their own food from inorganic / abiotic materials
unique ability to do this makes them the main self-feeders on Earth
make food by the process of photosynthesis
using sunlight, carbon dioxide and water
further detail about photosynthesis such as giving the formula
release oxygen and provide food for herbivores

Three points such as these. 3 @ 1 mark **[3]**

(iii) description of vegetation + named example of an herbivore
+ named example of a carnivore + named example of a top carnivore

e.g. in savanna lands of Africa
grassland vegetation + zebra + lion + human / vulture

e.g. in tundra
mosses and lichens + caribou / reindeer + wolves + human / bears

five elements
location + description of vegetation + example of herbivore +
example of carnivore + example of top carnivore.

any four which follow on / fit = 4 marks
any three which follow on / fit = 3 marks
any two which fit and follow on for a location = 2 marks
some idea of a food chain from examples stated = 1 mark **[4]**

(iv) energy lost = 1 mark: 90% reduction at each level in the food chain = 1 mark
up to 2 marks

energy lost in life processes in every stage such as breathing, generating heat, growing and moving around, which is why a smaller number of organisms can be supported at each level up to 2 marks **[3]**

(b) (i) animals and soils in any of the two empty boxes = 1 mar

(ii) climate and soils – abiotic; animals and natural vegetatio
and key completed for shading used = 1 mark

(c) (i) length of bars correct = 1 mark
bars kept the same width = 1 mark

(ii) B & C – description of classic savanna vegetation such as tall grasses with scattered trees; examples of trees such as acacia and baobab also possible
C & D – short grasses (and absence of / reduced number of trees)
D & E – thorn scrub / tufted grasses/ more discontinuous cover/ other desert plants

3 @ 1 mark for some valid description.
4th mark for additional detail, most likely for savanna or hot desert **[4]**

(iii) rainfall – because the decrease in rainfall from 2000 mm to 250 mm from 5ºN to 20ºN coincides with a decrease in vegetation height, biomass and surface cover, as well as a change towards more drought resistant plants such as thorn scrub and / or to seasonal variations in the savanna between wet season with trees with leaves and tall grasses compared with dry season short grasses and trees without leaves

the lowest temperature shown is 22 ºC, which is hot enough for plants still to grow; the largest annual range is only 14 ºC; the conclusion is that rainfall is controlling the type and amount of vegetation cover, not temperature

temperature based answer is increasing rates of evaporation with increasing temperatures inland – fierce desert heat dries out vegetation

simple statements, but with little elaboration or development = 1 or 2 marks
more complete answer, ideally referring to temperature as well in rainfall based answers = 3 or 4 marks **[4]**

(d) (i) capable of being more disruptive / damaging = 1 mark

2nd mark for further elaboration or greater context; although some indigenous peoples live like other animals as part of the natural ecosystem, people move in from other places, in greater numbers, and with the technology to destroy, ability to replace with different vegetation / crops **[2]**

(ii) accurate plots = 1 mark
ecosystem losses consistently identified (by shading / colour) and indicated in key = 1 mark **[2]**

(iii) **1** percentage loss differences reflect human opportunit
living; shortage of fresh water for crop growing / lack
make the hot desert regions the least attractive in th

density of vegetation limits access to tropical rainfo
low levels of technology, which applied more strongly

points made along these lines – minimum 2 marks,

2 limiting factor for human settlement and living environments is the cold / short growing season; much more limited variety and size of the natural vegetation makes living off what natural ecosystems provide more difficult; (many indigenous groups in polar lands rely more on ocean than land food supplies); although lack of rainfall may be a problem in some tropical ecosystems, it is always hot enough to grow crops and irrigation technology was developed early by humans

some points made from within these ideas – minimum 2 marks, maximum 3 marks **[5]**

(e) **(i)** agro-forestry, community forestry, reforestation, sustainable harvesting of hardwoods, fuelwood planting and genetic engineering

exemples such as, selective logging under the heading of sustainable harvesting of hardwoods, reforestation and community forestry

1 mark for naming the method and just enough description to show that they know what it is
another 2 or 3 marks for fuller description related to question context

minimum 2 marks, maximum 3 marks

(ii) less easy / more expensive than just clearing patches of forest / felling all the trees, people tend to look in terms of short-term gains rather than long-term sustainability, difficult to be selective when using modern machinery to cut down the trees, other advantages to clearing forests to use land for farming / allow economic development, where relevant lack of laws, no monitoring, corruption

points made along these lines
minimum 2 marks, maximum 3 marks **[4]**

[Total: 40]

2 (a) (i) bar drawn of correct length matching the width of others

(ii) mainly developed – North America, Australasia, Europe
mainly developing – Central America & Caribbean, Saharan Africa
allow Middle East and North Africa in either group (altho the usual heading)

(iii) developing: graph evidence is that carbon dioxide emi
person than in the established developed continents; in general there is a close relationship between high incomes / industrialisation and high emissions; knowledge that these countries lie on the southern / developing world side of the North-South divide, or other relevant knowledge about developing countries such as dependence on farming and primary activities
or
some countries in the Gulf are among the world's highest for income per head and for carbon dioxide emissions due to their oil based economies.

credit points to support the choice for up to 2 marks **[2]**

(iv) 18 100–18 300 kilograms **[1]**

(v) most carbon dioxide emissions come from burning fossil fuels, fossil fuels most used in transport, electricity, and manufacturing industry, much higher individual / domestic levels of consumption among richer people, whereas in poor countries fossil fuel use is not always a part of people's everyday lives, more work done manually in farming and industry, more limited access to electricity and private means of transport, waste of energy etc. more likely in developed world
Ethiopia is a poor country in sub-Saharan Africa with many subsistence farmers

points made along these lines
1–2 marks for answers which concentrate only on what happens in rich / developed countries, or for narrow answers with limited development
3–4 marks for broader answers, most likely referring to rich and poor, bringing out the variations in fossil fuel use between them, supported by explanation **[4]**

(b) (i) one from methane, CFCs or nitrogen oxides **[1]**

(ii) they enhance / increase / speed up / accelerate the natural greenhouse effect, they trap some of the heat which is radiated from the surface at night, preventing heat loss beyond the upper atmosphere into space, making the Earth's surface warmer than it would otherwise be, without 'greenhouse gases' in the atmosphere the Earth would be about 30ºC colder

three points made along these lines 3 @ 1 mark **[3]**

(iii) physical evidence:
average world temperatures in 1900 and 2000
rising sea levels 18 cm higher than 100 years ago
sea ice melting mountain glaciers retreating

effects:
more extreme weather events happening more often and
higher flood risk in coastal areas especially in low lying c
risk of less water for irrigation in Asia from rivers starting i

2 @ 1 mark **[2]**

(iv) in some cases it depends on location – low lying island countries in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, such as the Maldives, or delta countries such as Bangladesh and the Netherlands, are at greatest risk of coastal flooding, whereas higher or landlocked countries will be unaffected; matters less in big countries than small countries

it is also depends on climate type – more difficult / marginal climates for people to make a living such as savanna and monsoon, where many people rely upon the wet season rains; areas naturally prone to flood and drought such as those near the edges of deserts, or tropical storms, may find natural disasters more frequent / more intense

poverty / wealth of a country also relevant – rich countries better able to prepare and repair, poor countries have more people trapped in the poverty cycle; less chance to recover before being affected by the next adverse climatic event

simple statements, limited elaboration, nothing more than passing references to named examples, narrow coverage concentrating on one aspect without addressing 'some more than others' – 1 or 2 marks

fuller statements, broader coverage, quality may be raised by references to examples of both more and less affected countries, 'some more than others' part of the question definitely addressed – 3 or 4 marks **[4]**

(c) (i) best sectors to shade / colour in for fossil fuel emissions are; energy supply, manufacturing industry, transport, heating and lighting buildings **[1]**

(ii) credit for stating percentages taken from the graph ; in the order of the above in **(i)**;
25 + 19 + 19 + 8 = percentages from graph
total 71% (allow 69 – 74%) = 2 marks

part answers / answers based on narrow selection in (i) = 1 mark **[2]**

(iii) forest clearances: deforestation and burning wood nitrogen oxides; deforestation and decomposition of vege credit also references to carbon sinks

farming: rice farming and keeping cattle are examples of methane; use of chemical fertilisers releases nitrogen oxi

people's wastes; rotting organic matter on landfill site incinerating wastes also releases nitrogen oxides

precise description for chosen sector = 2 marks
just named or stated for the sector = 1 mark **[1]**

(iv) comment about the big size and dominance of the total percentage in the graph, with some supporting comment about how the sectors include activities that virtually everyone participates in / many are considered essential; only farming and forest clearances involve little fossil fuel use

some comment / understanding shown = 1 mark
fuller understanding of fossil fuel dominance = 2 marks **[2]**

(d) (i) all rely upon what nature provides / all are natural sources,
all are sources that will not run out / will always be available in those areas where they are plentiful

well stated = 2 marks
some understanding shown = 1 mark **[2]**

(ii) more expensive than fossil fuels
more recent / newer technology / people not as familiar with their use since they are natural, not all of them are available everywhere more difficult to harness, transport and use than just burning oil etc.
unreliable output / limited efficiency

two points such as these – 2 @ 1 mark **[2]**

(iii) solar: photovoltaic panels for electricity, roof panels for water heating, quite widely used in tropical countries even in some developing countries, on roofs of buildings in developed countries, part of going green and reducing carbon dioxide emissions, for government to meet carbon reduction targets

wave: barrages in places with high tidal range for waves to drive turbines, newer technology of snakes / tubes on surface oscillating in the waves, at frontiers of technology so much is experimental and restricted to a few places in developed countries with high wave energies such as UK

geothermal: heat from the Earth, most in tectonically active places such as Iceland and New Zealand; water forced down underground where it is heated, steam used to drive turbines for electricity, hot water may be used in municipal heating systems; well developed technology but areas for easy use restricted

hydro-electric: most widespread and oldest alternative; large dams on the world's big rivers driving giant tur inhabited continents; makes use of rainfall and rivers areas, where steep terrain makes dam building easier

mark awarded will reflect:
– number and precision of examples of areas / places wh
– precision of the information about how it is harnessed a
– any other relevant information such as prospects for wi

point mark on the basis of amount and precision of information given **[4]**

(iv) most depend on new technology and bringing down the price; for example there has been a big reduction in the price of solar panels made in China; they halved in price in not much more than a year; more mature sources such as hydro-electric may be more difficult to expand, likewise geothermal, because of more limited availability of new sites.

answers need to be source specific

content will depend on the chosen source – effectively answered = 2 marks, some progress = 1 mark **[2]**

(v) life expectancies of fossil fuels, increasing and high oil prices, but at the same time some reluctance to give up dependence on fossil fuels, which are so useful especially in transport; will the push to move away from fossil fuels be stronger than it is now?

optimistic or otherwise about research and development into new and cheaper ways to harness natural sources, about humans ability to innovate, and create new technology, especially as there is likely to be more pressure to do so

pressure from green organisations, perhaps noticeably worsening effects of climate change, perhaps international summits which actually agree on meaningful carbon emissions reductions

the ease and inertia of using fossil fuels cannot be overcome; there may be big oil and gas finds in polar lands which ease the pressure to change

simple statements, limited comment directed at the question, may be just one idea that is restated, candidate's view may not be clear = 1 or 2 marks

broader exploration of the possibilities, clear indication of the chances, answer based on ideas from within the content in the mark scheme = 3 or 4 marks **[4]**

[Total: 40]