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Paper 1 Lithosphere and Atmosphere

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Answer **all** questions.
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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows tectonic processes operating at a plate boundary.

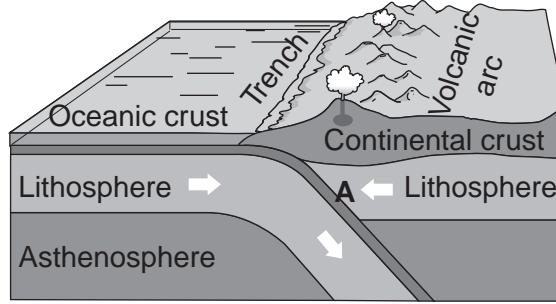


Fig. 1.1

- (i) What is meant by the term *tectonic process*?

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- (ii) Name the tectonic process occurring at **A**.

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- (iii) Describe the feature labelled trench in Fig. 1.1 and briefly explain how it is formed.

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(b) Fig. 1.2 is an example of volcanic activity that frequently occurs at plate boundaries of the type shown in Fig. 1.1.



Fig. 1.2

(i) Describe the characteristic features of the volcanic eruption shown in Fig. 1.2.

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(ii) Explain why volcanic eruptions are common at this type of plate boundary.

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(iv) Using data from Fig. 2.1 outline **one** way in which human activity might be influenced by this climate.

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- (b) Fig. 2.2 contains information on the climate of Greece and the fires that devastate areas of the country in the summer of 2009.

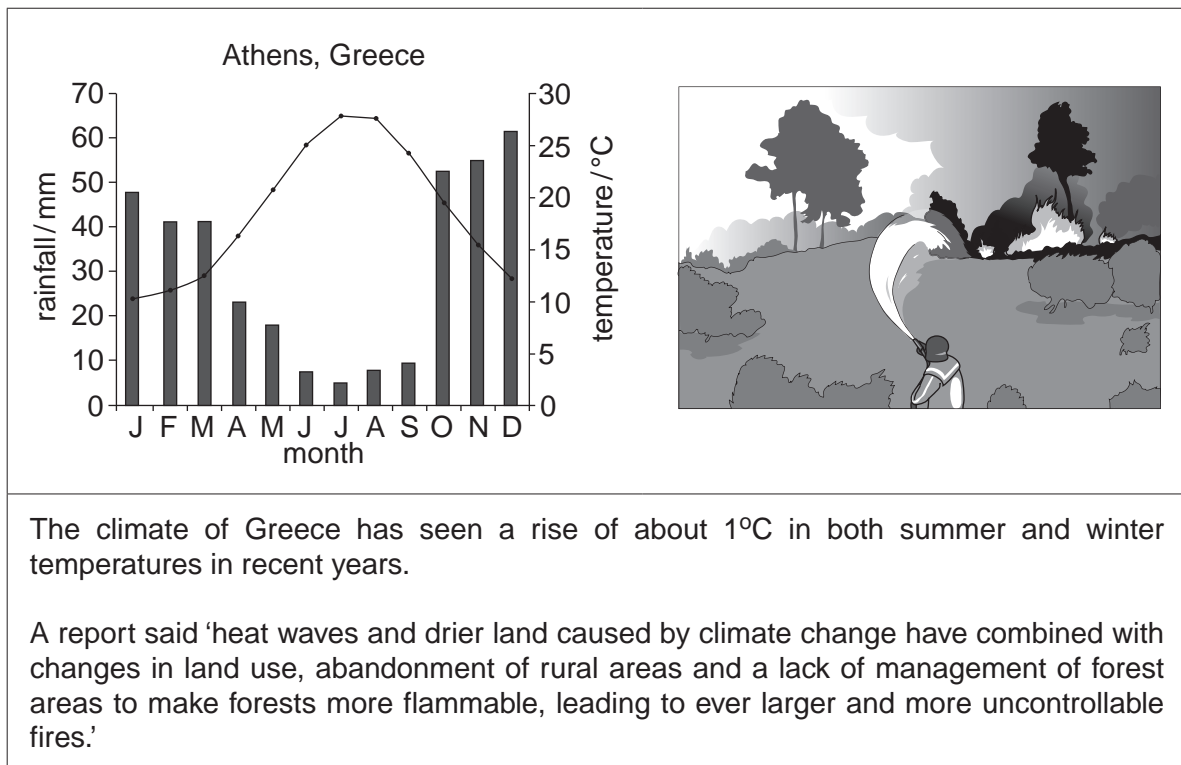


Fig. 2.2

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

- 3 (a) Describe the process by which stratospheric ozone is depleted and briefly describe the effects ozone depletion may have upon the health of people and vegetation. [10]
- (b) There are signs that the issue of stratospheric ozone depletion is responding to international actions. The issue of global warming, however, remains a major problem.

Describe the international agreements that have been reached in an attempt to solve these key environmental issues. Assess the extent to which MEDCs and LEDCs have been able to comply with agreements in respect of these two issues. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 4 (a) It is argued that the key to making coal-burning power plants more environmentally friendly is to capture the carbon dioxide by equipping them with carbon capture and storage technology.

Fig. 4.1 illustrates a scheme for doing this.

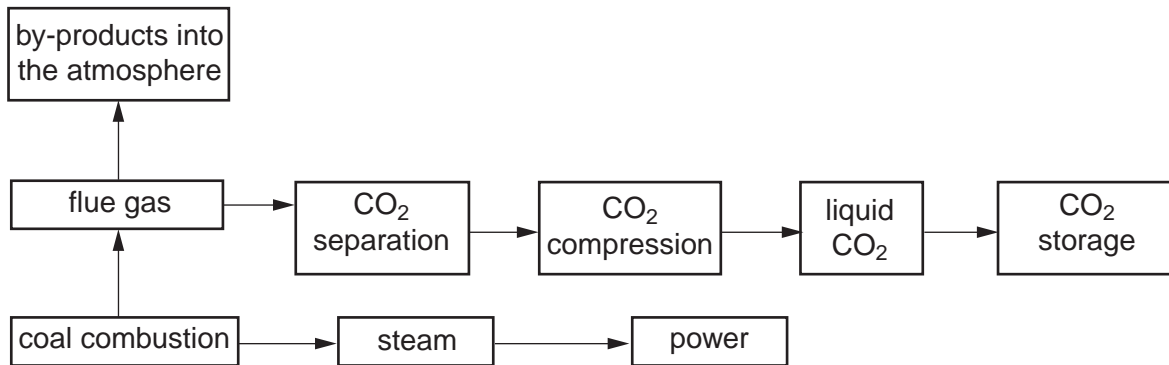


Fig. 4.1

Describe **three** different advantages of the technique shown in Fig. 4.1. [10]

- (b) Assess the extent to which the advantages of developing and utilising renewable sources of energy outweigh the disadvantages. Your answer should refer to examples from LEDCs and/or MEDCs. [30]

[Total: 40]

- 5 (a) Explain how vegetation, water infiltration and weathering have contributed to the Fig. 5.1.

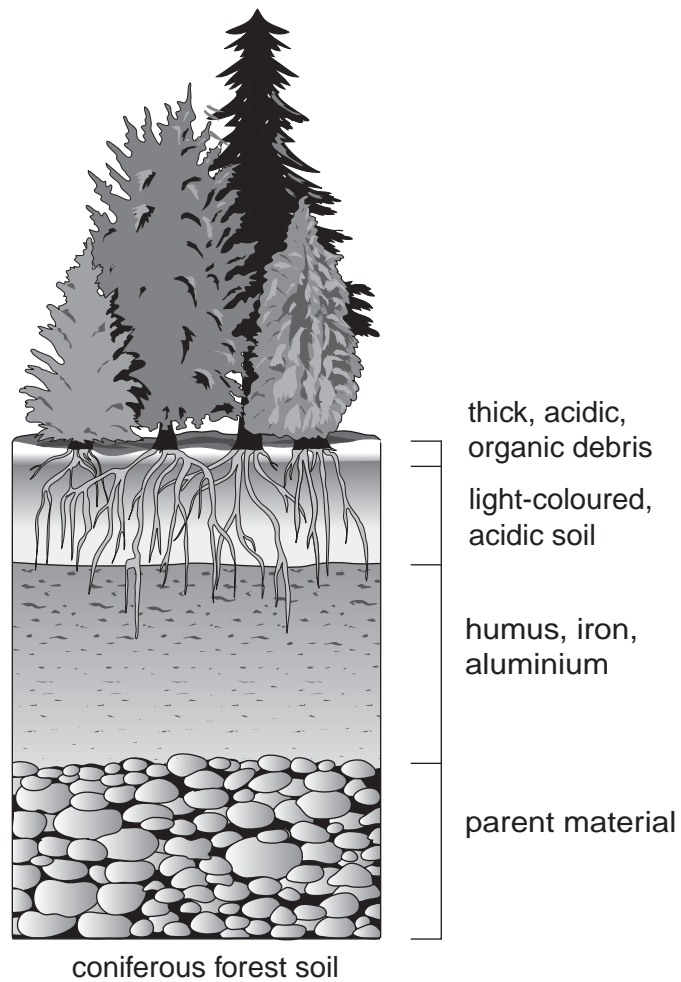


Fig. 5.1

- (b) With reference to examples you have studied, assess the extent to which human activity has caused deterioration in soil quality. Assess **two** methods that could be used to restore degraded soils. [30]

[Total: 40]

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