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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A, **ONE** question in Section B and **ONE** question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- Calculators may be used.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Compulsory topics and synoptic question

Answer ALL questions in this section. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

You must use the Resource Booklet.

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

1 Using Figure 1, suggest reasons for the trends in tropical cyclone disasters.

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(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)

A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

2 (a) Using Figure 2, suggest reasons why future biodiversity levels are uncertain.

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(b) Assess the importance of different players in the management of biodiversity at both local and global scales.

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(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

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Synoptic question

You should use relevant knowledge and understanding from Unit 1 and Unit 3 (topics A1 and A2) to answer this question.

3 'Globalisation brings people together to solve environmental threats such as pollution and global warming.'

To what extent do you agree?

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(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 50 MARKS

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SECTION B

Resource options

Answer ONE question in this section – EITHER Question 4 OR Question 5.

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Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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If you answer Question 4, put a cross in the box ☒ .

B1: Energy Security

4 (a) Using Figure 3, explain how this landscape could be used to generate renewable energy.

(5)

(b) Using named examples, assess how far biofuels are the best 'carbon neutral' alternative to fossil fuels.

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(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

Do not answer Question 5 if you have answered Question 4.

If you answer Question 5, put a cross in the box ☒ .

B2: Water Conflicts

5 (a) Using Figure 4, explain how the hydrological cycle operates in this landscape.

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(b) Using named examples, assess how far desalination is the best solution to water insecurity.

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 20 MARKS

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SECTION C

Economic and Political options

Answer ONE question in this section – EITHER Question 6 OR Question 7.

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Write your answers in the spaces provided.

If you answer Question 6, put a cross in the box ☒ .

C1: Superpower Geographies

6 To what extent are the economic power of Trans-National Corporations (TNCs) and political influence within Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs) important in explaining superpower status?

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(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)

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If you answer Question 7, put a cross in the box ☒ .

C2: Bridging the Development Gap

7 To what extent are trade and the quality of governance important in explaining differences in development progress?

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SECTION A

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

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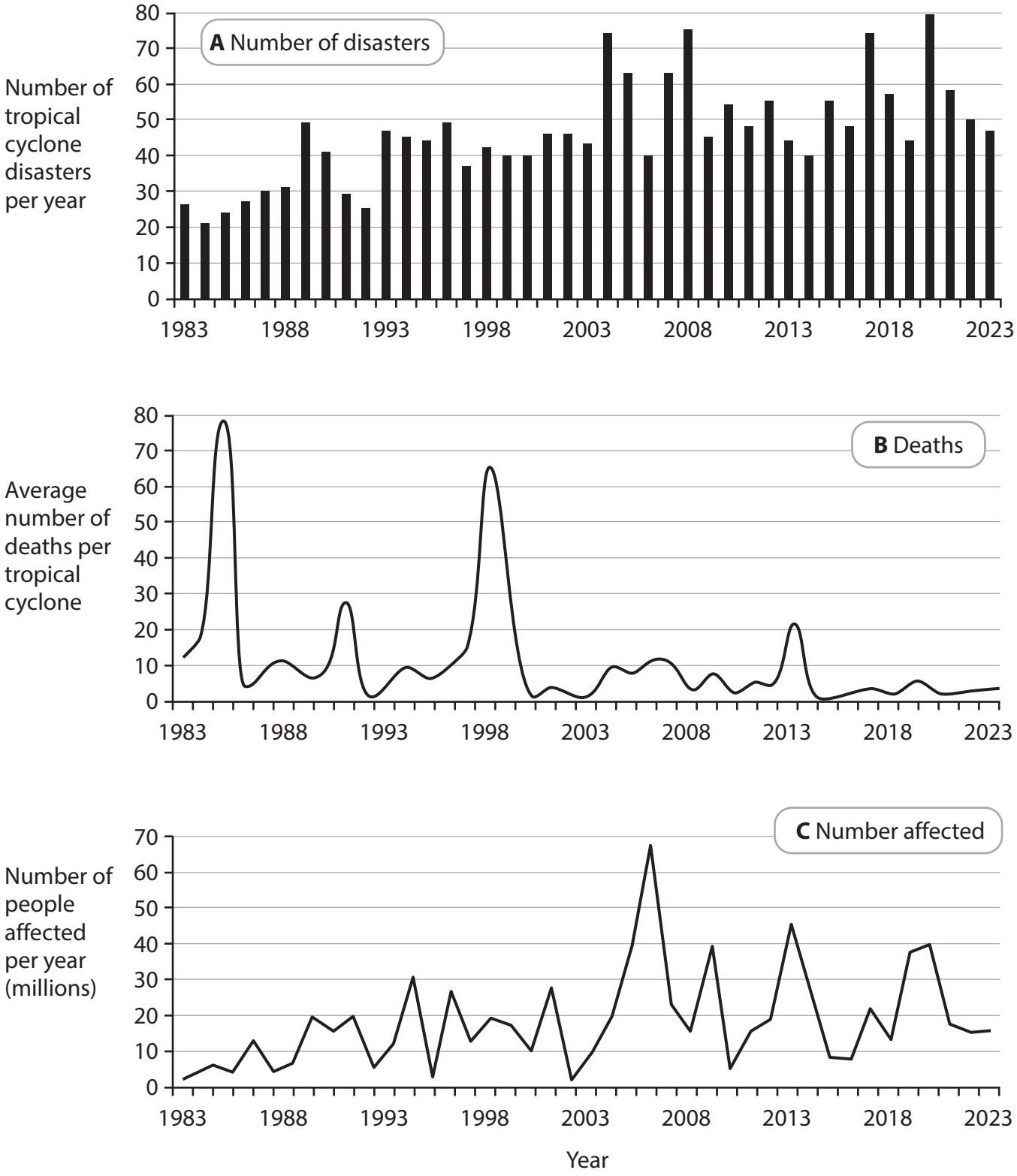

Figure 1

Trends in tropical cyclone disasters, 1983–2023

A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

The following resource relates to Question 2 (a).

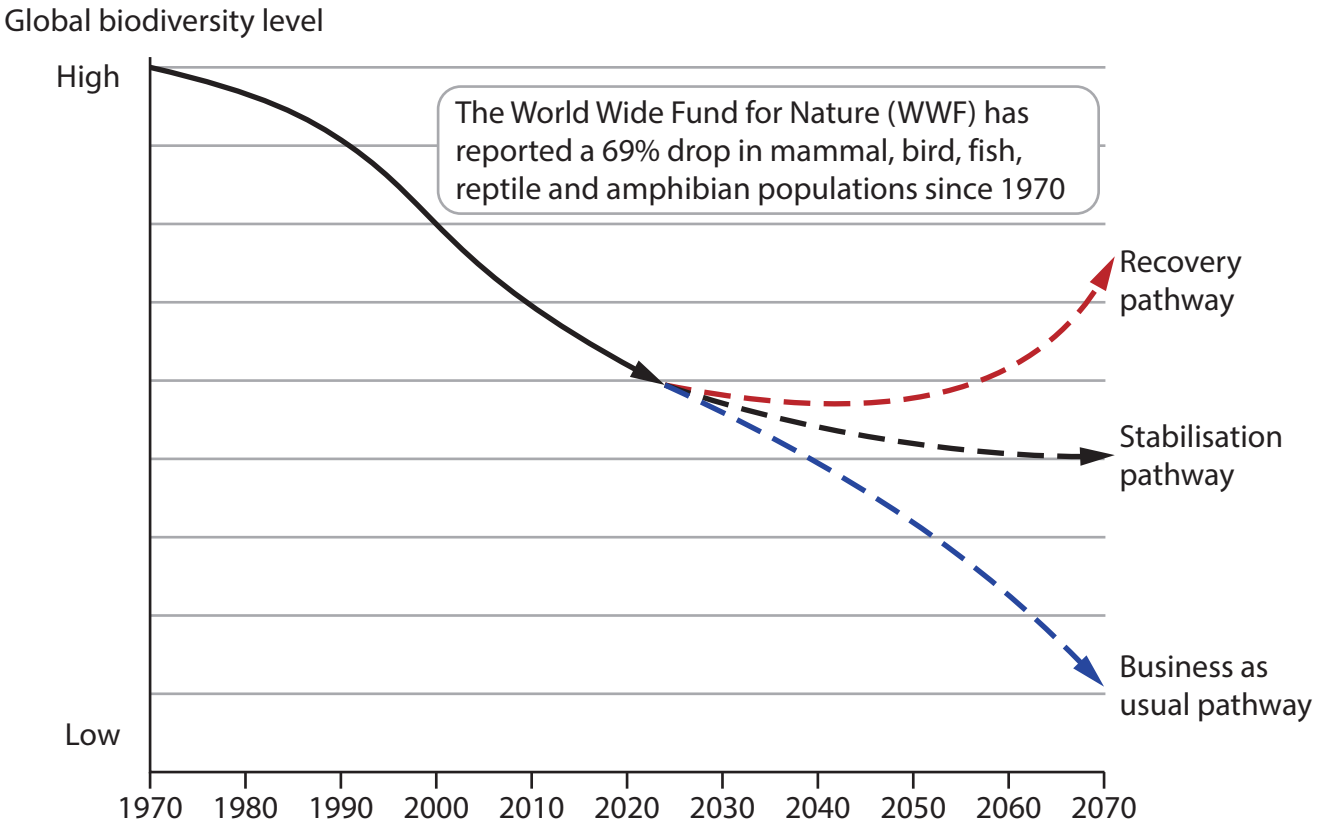

Figure 2

Three possible pathways for global biodiversity to 2070

SECTION B

B1: Energy Security

The following resource relates to Question 4 (a).



Figure 3

A landscape with renewable energy potential

B2: Water Conflicts

The following resource relates to Question 5 (a).



Figure 4

A landscape showing parts of the hydrological cycle

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