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Wednesday 3 June 2026

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Geography

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UNIT 3: Contested Planet

You must have:
Resource Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

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.*

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.*
- Calculators may be used.

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.

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

- 1 (a) Using Figure 1, explain how ocean circulation influences global climate and weather patterns.

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(b) Assess the importance of prediction and evacuation in reducing the social and economic impacts of tropical cyclones.

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A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

- 2 Using Figure 2, suggest reasons why forest area has decreased in some of these regions but has increased in others.

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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** To what extent does rapid urbanisation explain the increasing social and economic costs of weather hazards?

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 50 MARKS



SECTION B

Resource options

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

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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

B1: Energy Security

- 4 (a) Using Figure 3, suggest reasons for the energy mix of Denmark.

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- (b) Using named examples, assess how far nuclear power is a sustainable solution to the problem of energy insecurity.

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

B2: Water Conflicts

5 (a) Using Figure 4, suggest reasons for the water sources used in Oman.

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(b) Using named examples, assess how far major engineering schemes are a sustainable solution to the problem of water insecurity.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 20 MARKS



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 "It is inevitable that China will replace the USA as the world's most powerful superpower." To what extent do you agree with this view?

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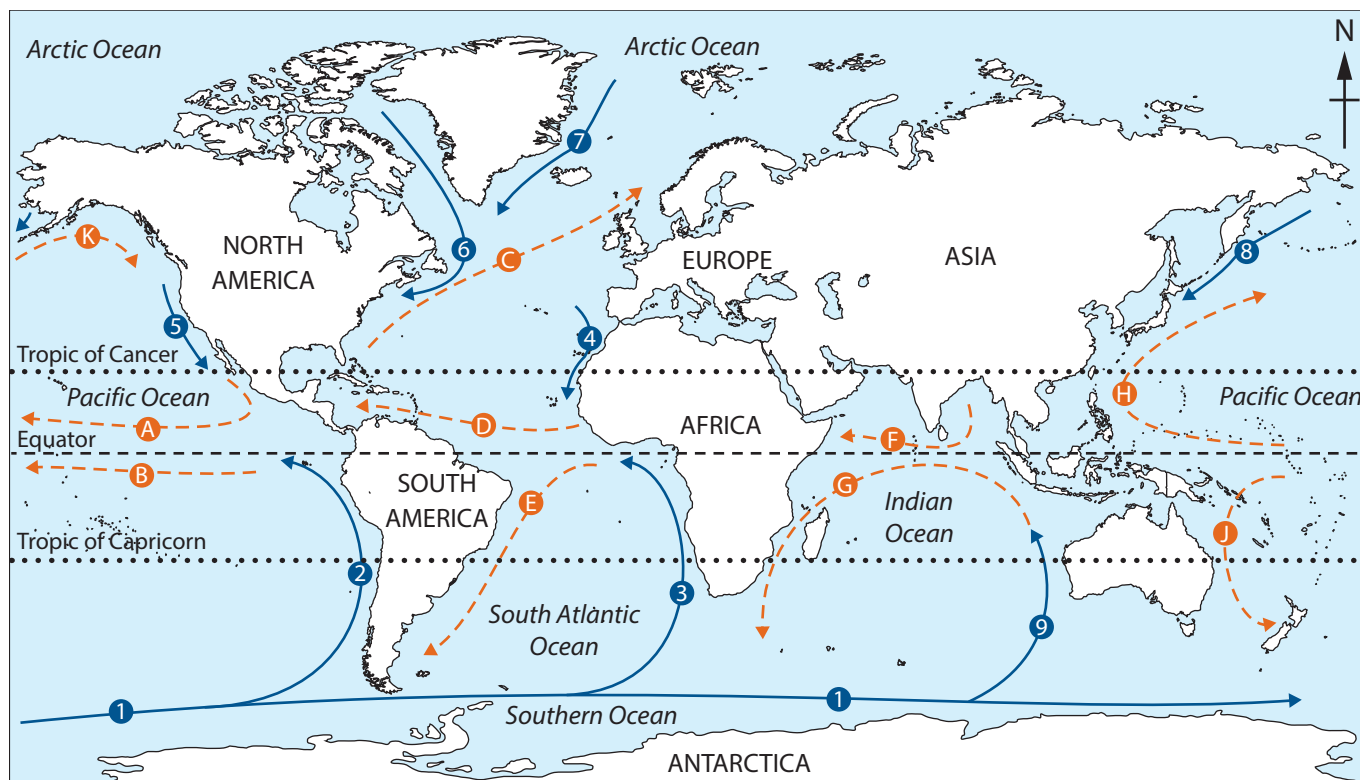
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SECTION A

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

The following resource relates to Question 1.



Key

-  Cold ocean currents
-  Warm ocean currents

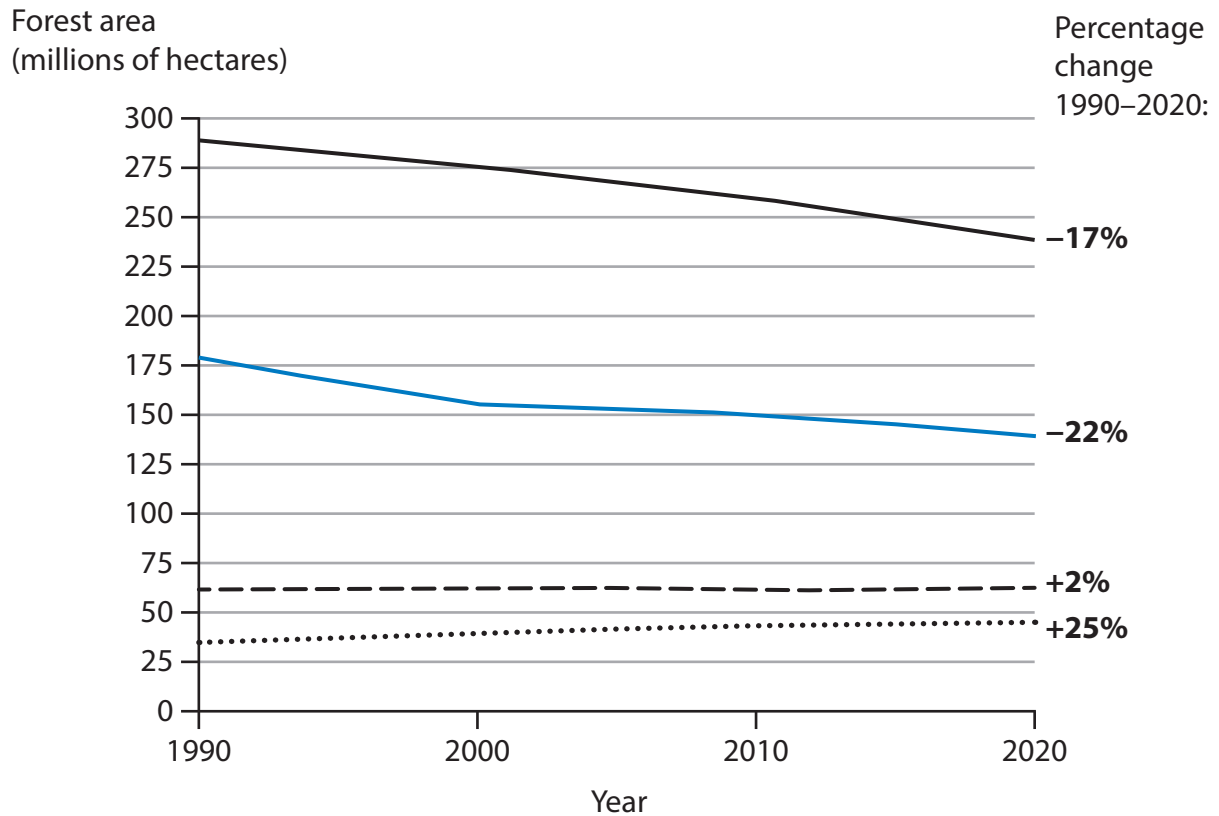
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Figure 1

Ocean circulation and ocean currents

A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

The following resource relates to Question 2.



Key

- Tropical rainforest in Africa
(Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Tanzania)
- Tropical rainforest in Asia
(Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar)
- - - Boreal forest (taiga) in Europe
(Finland, Norway, Sweden)
- Temperate and Mediterranean forest in Europe
(France, Italy, Spain)

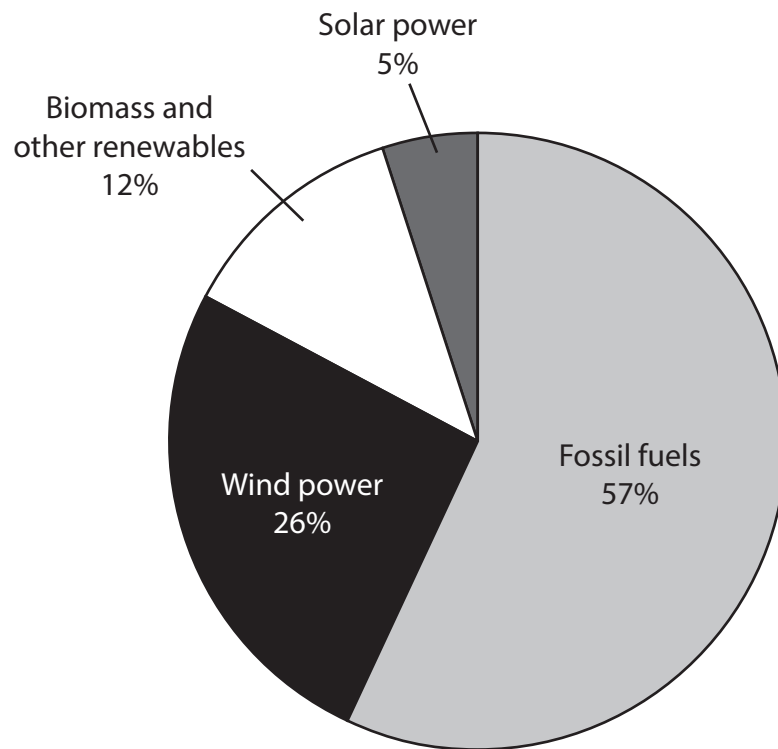
Figure 2

Change in forest area in selected countries for four forest biomes, 1990–2020

SECTION B

B1: Energy Security

The following resource relates to Question 4 (a).



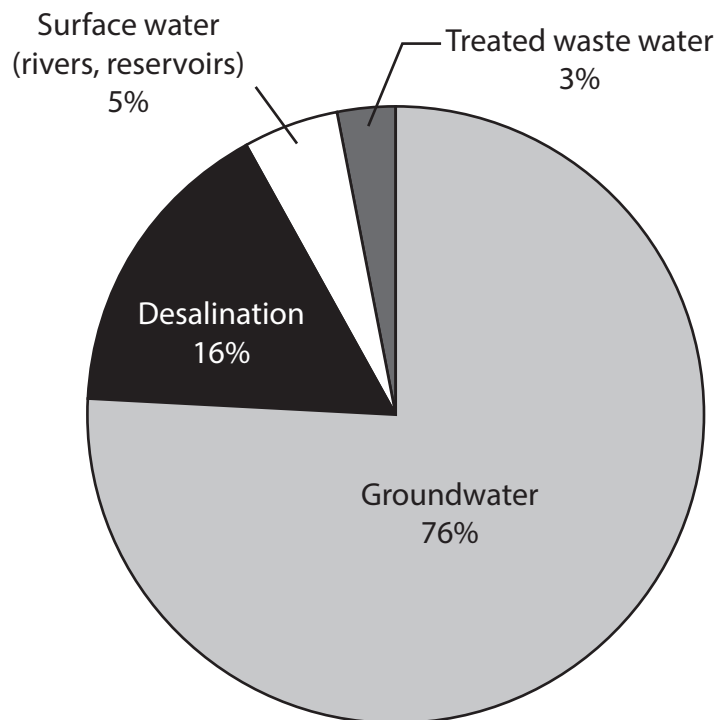
Denmark is a coastal Northern European country.

Figure 3

Denmark's energy mix in 2023
(percentage of primary energy production by source)

B2: Water Conflicts

The following resource relates to Question 5 (a).



Oman is an arid country in the Middle East.

Figure 4

Oman's water sources in 2023
(percentage of water supply from different water sources)

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