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Candidates answer on the Question Paper

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You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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Answer **all** questions in total:

Section A

Answer Question 1 **and** 2.

Section B

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4

The Insert contains additional resources referred to in the questions.

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Question	Marks
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Section A

Answer Question 1 **and** Question 2.

1 Cluster 1: Geography in Everyday Life

(a) Study Fig. 1.1 (Insert), a map which shows a town in Singapore.

(i) What does a cluster of precincts form in a town?

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(ii) Using Fig. 1.1, suggest how the town can improve social sustainability.

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(b) Describe some ways in which disaster risk management can be done in an urban neighbourhood.

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- (c) A group of students conducted a geographical investigation to explore whether physical factors make a neighbourhood meaningful to its residents.

They analysed Table 1.1, which shows residents' responses on aspects contributing to their sense of place.

They also used Fig. 1.2, a closed-ended survey to understand residents' sense of place.

Table 1.1

Resident responses on what makes their neighbourhood meaningful

Aspects contributing to sense of place	% of residents who agree
Familiarity with neighbours	72%
Memories associated with public spaces	64%
Cultural or religious landmarks	58%
Green spaces such as parks and gardens	61%
Walkability and ease of access to daily needs	68%
Presence of long-standing local shops or hawkers	53%
Opportunities for community events or activities	60%

Closed-ended survey used by the students on sense of place

1. How emotionally connected do you feel to your neighbourhood?
☐ Very connected ☐ Somewhat connected ☐ Slightly connected ☐ Not connected at all
2. Which of the following make you feel most attached to your neighbourhood? (Select up to three)
☐ Familiar neighbours
☐ Childhood memories
☐ Community events
☐ Parks and green spaces
☐ Local shops/hawkers
☐ Religious or cultural landmarks
☐ Convenient daily amenities
☐ None of the above
3. Overall, how proud are you to live in your neighbourhood?
☐ Very proud ☐ Proud ☐ Neutral ☐ Not proud

Fig. 1.2

- (i) Using Table 1.1, evaluate the extent to which physical factors contribute to residents' sense of place.

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- (ii) With reference to Fig. 1.2, evaluate the reliability of using closed-ended questionnaire surveys to collect primary data.

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2 Cluster 2: Tourism

- (a) Describe **two** factors that influence people's mobility to travel.

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- (b) Study Fig. 2.1 (Insert), which shows the percentage of respondents in different countries who increased their travel budget due to higher-quality accommodation and transport in 2024.

Using Fig. 2.1, describe the patterns observed in the reasons for increased travel budgets across the countries shown.

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- (c) Study Fig. 2.2 (Insert), which shows the top countries with arrivals to Bali, Indonesia, from January to November 2023.

Explain possible reasons for the patterns observed in the nationality of tourists arriving in Bali.

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- (d) Study Fig. 2.3 (Insert), a map that shows the number of hotels in China in 2018.

Using Fig. 2.3, explain **two** possible reasons that may account for the distribution of hotels in China.

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- (e) "Pro-poor tourism is more advantageous than community-based tourism for a country that is developing sustainable tourism."

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Use examples to support your answer.

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Section B

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

3 Cluster 3: Climate

- (a) Study Fig. 3.1, which shows how a type of rainfall is formed.

Formation of a type of rainfall

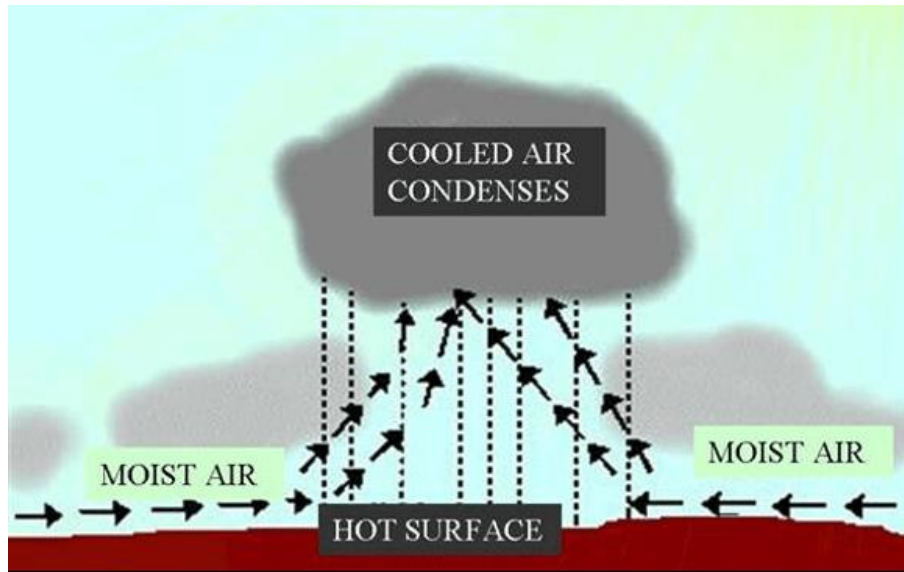


Fig. 3.1

- (i) Name the type of rainfall that is formed in Fig. 3.1.

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- (ii) With reference to Fig. 3.1, explain how such rainfall is common in Singapore.

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(b) Study Fig. 3.2, which shows the effects of ocean warming.

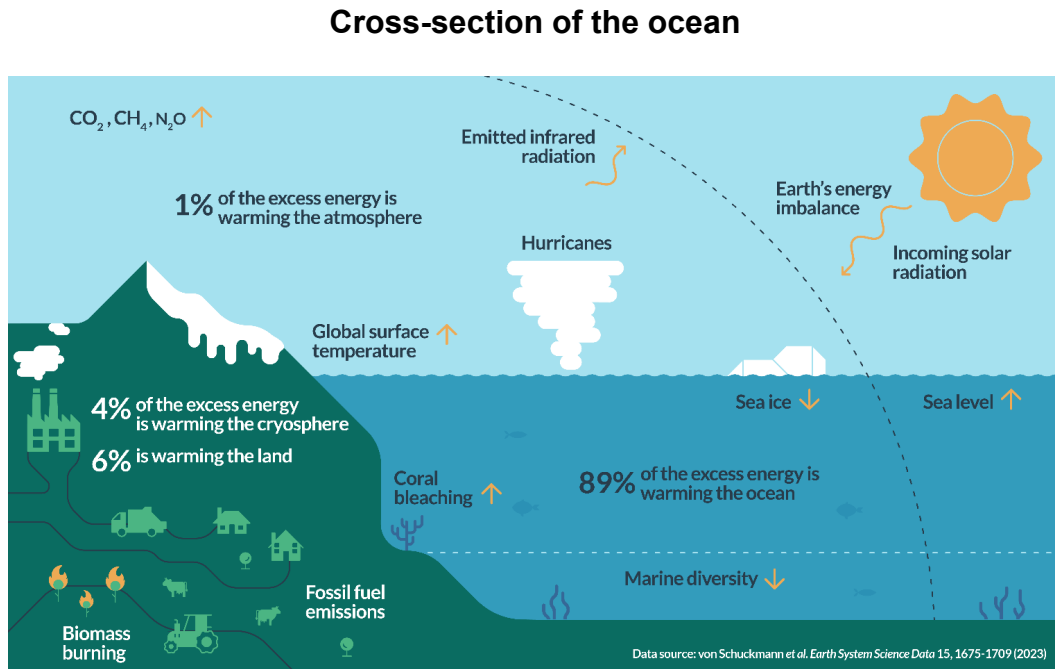


Fig. 3.2

With reference to Fig. 3.2, suggest how climate change can affect the aquatic systems.

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(c) Describe two ways in which terrestrial ecosystems are affected by heatwaves.

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- (d) Study Fig. 3.3, which shows the climatic conditions of three different places in the world.

Climatic conditions of three different places in the world

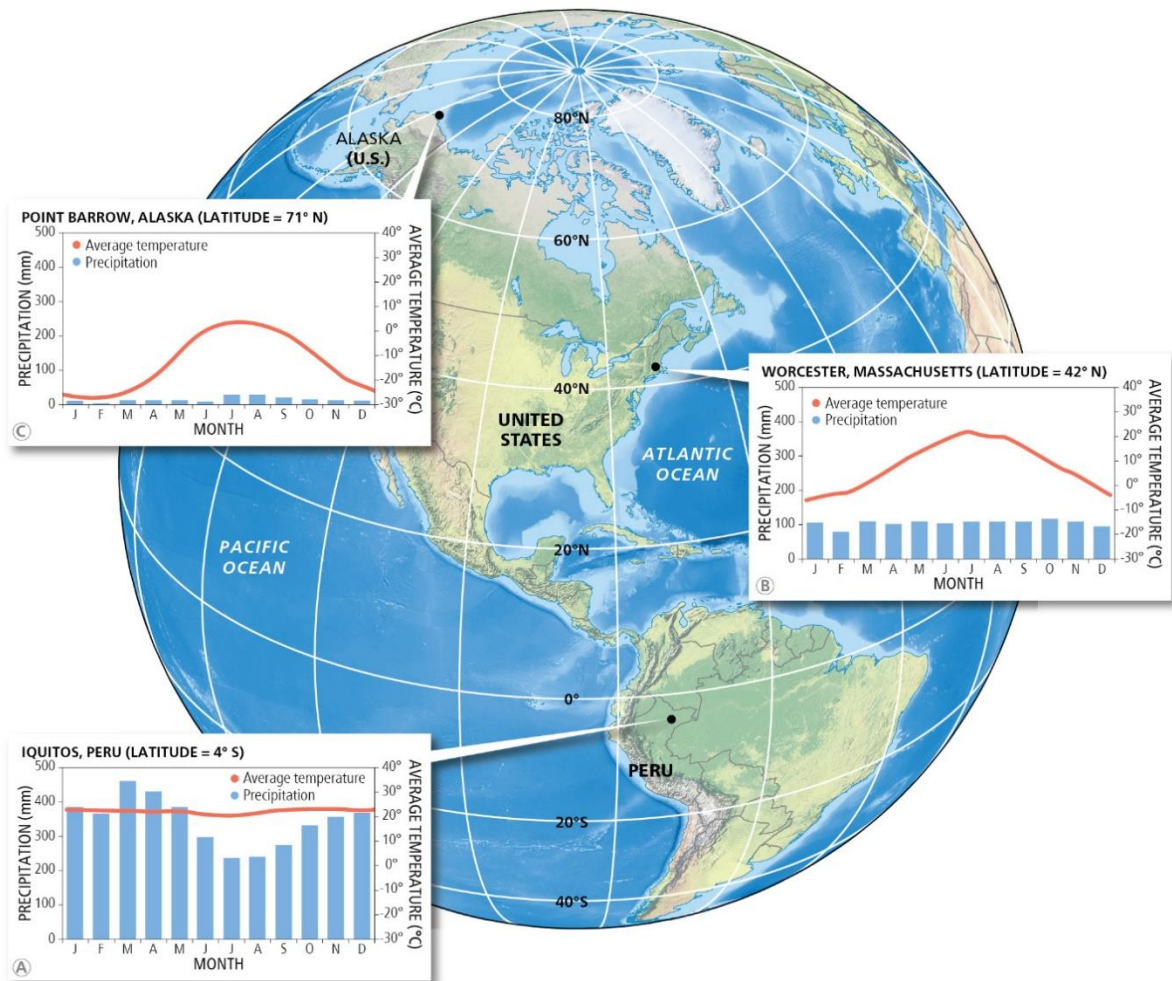


Fig. 3.3

- (i) Compare the temperature conditions of the three places using Fig. 3.3.

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- (ii) With reference to Fig. 3.3, account for the differences in average temperatures between Point Barrow and Iquitos.

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- (e) Study Fig. 3.4, which shows a volcanic eruption.

Volcanic eruption



Fig. 3.4

Using Fig. 3.4, explain the effects of a volcanic eruption on global temperature.

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4 Cluster 4: Tectonics

(a) Study Fig. 4.1, which shows a tectonic plate boundary.

Tectonic plate boundary

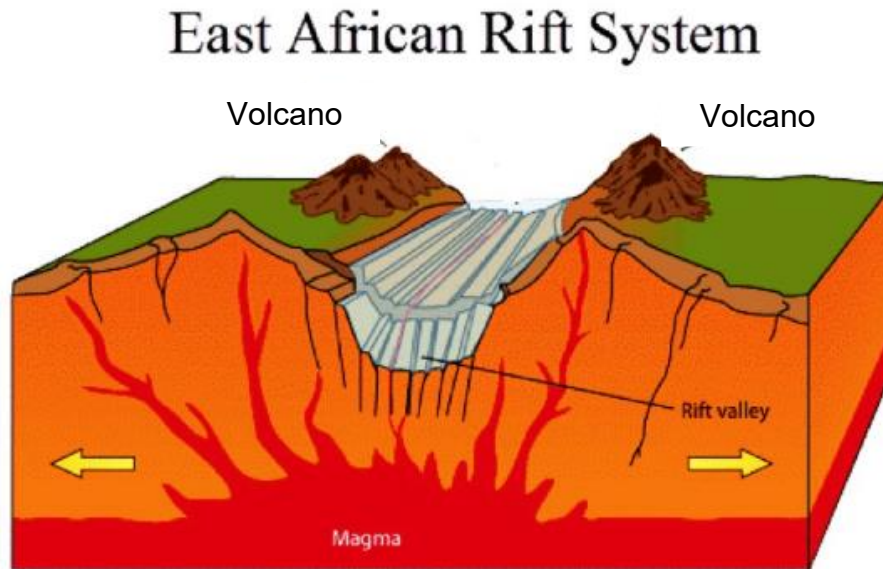


Fig. 4.1

(i) Name the type of plate boundary shown in Fig. 4.1.

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(ii) With reference to Fig. 4.1, explain how tectonic processes can result in formation of volcanoes along the rift valley.

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- (b)** Study Fig. 4.2 (Insert), which shows the effects of lahars following the 15 June 1991 eruption of Mt Pinatubo, the Philippines.

With reference to Fig. 4.2, suggest how volcanic eruptions affect humans living in tectonic environments.

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- (c)** Suggest how the impacts of volcanic eruptions may differ between a developed and a developing country.

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- (d) Study Fig. 4.3, which shows the formation of a tsunami.

Formation of a tsunami

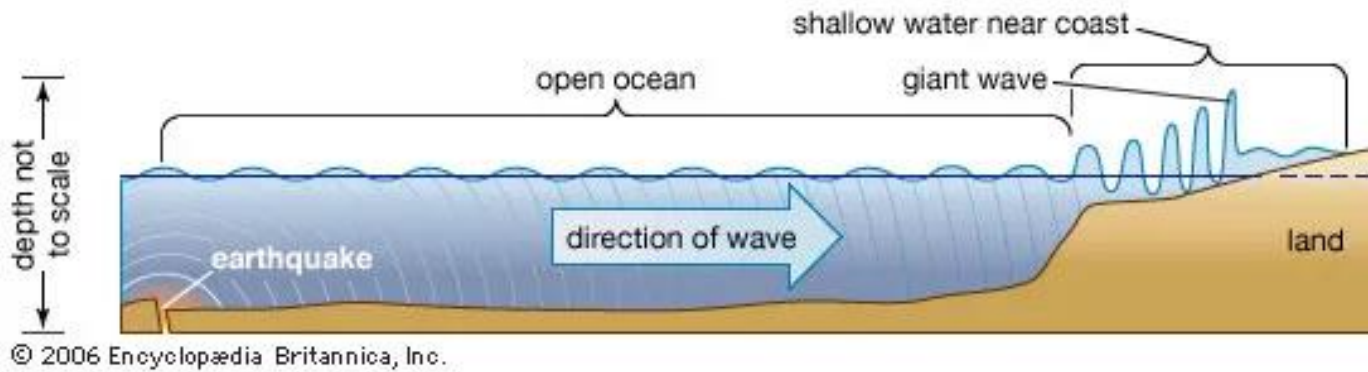


Fig. 4.3

- (i) Using Fig. 4.3, explain why tsunamis are more destructive with increase in distance from the earthquake epicentre.

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- (ii) With reference to Fig. 4.3, explain the factors that affect the level of risk a tsunami poses to coastal communities.

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- (e) Study Fig. 4.4, which describes the eruption of Kīlauea in 2025.

Eruption of Kīlauea

In its 25th eruptive event this year, Kīlauea, a volcano in Hawaii, produced spectacular lava fountains exceeding 100 m and multiple molten lava streams on June 11, 2025. These frequent but generally non-explosive eruptions are typical in such volcanoes, shaped over time by repeated low-viscosity basaltic lava flows. As a result, Kīlauea's broad, gently sloping profile continues to grow gradually rather than explode violently.

Fig. 4.4

Account for the type of volcano that Kīlauea is.

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		(i)	What does a cluster of precincts form in a town? Neighbourhood <i>1m max. No other answer accepted.</i>
		(ii)	Using Fig. 1.1, suggest how the town can improve social sustainability. • Enhance community interaction spaces Create more open green spaces (like parks) where residents from different residential clusters can gather, fostering stronger community bonds. • Improve accessibility and inclusivity Connect facilities like the elderly home, childcare centre, and senior activity centre with safe pedestrian paths and sheltered walkways, so vulnerable groups can easily access key services (e.g., food centre or market).

		• Strengthen intergenerational and cultural connections Organize shared activities between the children’s learning centre and the senior activity centre to encourage intergenerational bonding. • Improve safety and trust within the community Increase community outreach programs through the neighbourhood police centre, encouraging volunteer patrols and safety talks. <i>Teachers should check that students make specific, map-based suggestions that clearly link to improving community cohesion, inclusivity, or interaction (not just generic or economic ideas). Award 1m for each point. Max 3m. Accept other plausible answers.</i>				
	(b)	Describe some ways in which disaster risk management can be done in an urban neighbourhood. • Installing CCTV cameras and improved street lighting can deter vandalism and illegal parking, which helps reduce traffic congestion and accidents. • Regular maintenance and upgrading of pavements reduce trip hazards and improve access for emergency vehicles during fire or medical emergencies. • Conducting community emergency drills, such as fire evacuation exercises, prepares residents to respond effectively in case of a fire outbreak. • Designating clear no-parking zones near hydrants and junctions helps ensure that fire engines and ambulances can access the area quickly during emergencies. <i>Award 1m for each point. Max 4m. Award only if method is elaborated on nature of risk to be managed. Accept other plausible answers.</i>				
	(c)	A group of students conducted a geographical investigation to explore whether physical factors make a neighbourhood meaningful to its residents. They analysed Table 1.1, which shows residents’ responses on aspects contributing to their sense of place. They also used Fig. 1.2, a closed-ended survey to understand residents’ sense of place.				
Resident responses on what makes their neighbourhood meaningful						
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Table 1.1**Closed-ended survey used by the students on sense of place**

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☐ Very proud ☐ Proud ☐ Neutral ☐ Not proud

Fig. 1.2

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| | | (i) | <p>Using Table 1.1, evaluate the extent to which physical factors contribute to residents' sense of place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical factors such as green spaces (61%), walkability and ease of access (68%) are among the most agreed-upon contributors, indicating that physical elements play a significant role. However, not all physical features rank the highest, familiarity with neighbours (72%) still outranks most physical factors, showing that social factors may have an even greater influence. |
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		- Some physical aspects like local shops/hawkers (53%) and cultural landmarks (58%) received relatively lower agreement, suggesting their impact on sense of place may vary among residents. <i>Award 1 mark per valid evidence and conclusion. Max 3 marks.</i> <i>Award maximum 2 marks if student shows one-sided response.</i> <i>Common Mistakes to Watch For (No marks):</i> - Vague statements like "Physical / other factors contribute more" without evidence from the data. - Listing evidence without conclusion.
	(ii)	With reference to Fig. 1.2, evaluate the reliability of using closed-ended questionnaire surveys to collect primary data. - The survey is partially reliable because it provides standardised response options, which help reduce variation in interpretation and make the data easier to analyse and compare. [1 mark] - For example, the consistent scale in Q1 ("Very connected" to "Not connected at all") ensures clear categorisation. [1 additional mark] - However, the survey is less reliable in capturing depth and complexity of emotional attachment. This limits the completeness of data. [1 mark] - Respondents may feel strongly for reasons not listed in Q2, and "None of the above" doesn't provide further insight. [1 additional mark] - Moreover, respondents might tick options without deep reflection, especially in closed-ended formats, which introduces response bias and affects accuracy. [1 mark] <i>Max 3m. No mark for responses on stand without any justification.</i> <i>Award 1 additional mark for elaboration from Fig. 1.2 quoted.</i>

2	Cluster 2: Tourism	
	a	Describe two factors that influence people's mobility to travel. Transport accessibility: Improved air connectivity and infrastructure like high-speed rail make it easier and faster to travel, encouraging tourism. New modes of travel such as budget airlines and ride-hailing platforms (e.g. Grab, Uber) have made travel more convenient and affordable, enabling more people to move between destinations with ease.

- **Increase in private car ownership** allows individuals and families to travel more freely within and beyond urban areas, especially to places not well-served by public transport. This enhances spontaneous and short-distance travel.

Award 1m for each factor described.

- b** Study Fig. 2.1, which shows the percentage of respondents in different countries who increased their travel budget due to higher-quality accommodation and transport in 2024.

Respondents attributing their increase in travel budget to a boost in quality of transport and accommodation

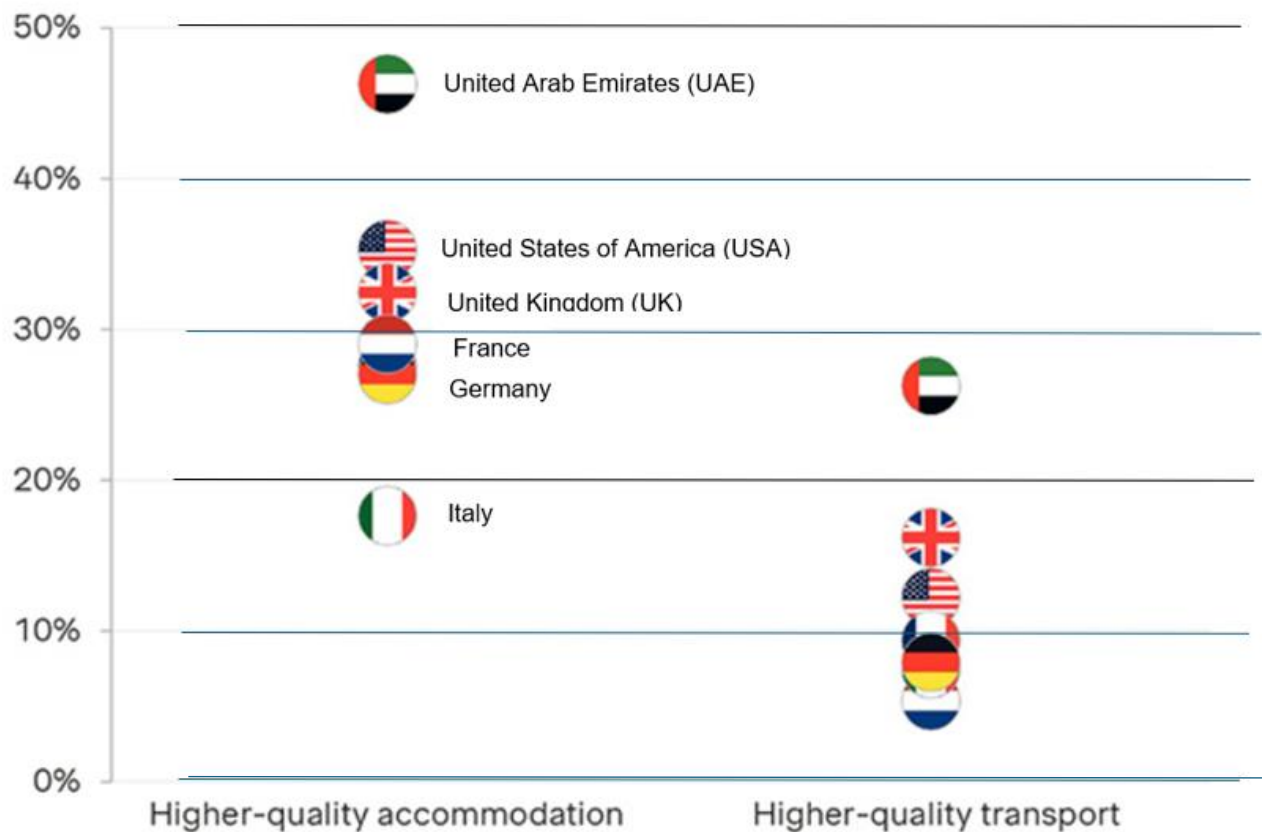


Fig. 2.1

Using Fig. 2.1, describe the patterns observed in the reasons for increased travel budgets across the countries shown.

- Overall, a **greater proportion of respondents increased their travel budget due to higher-quality accommodation** compared to transport.
 - For example, in terms of **higher-quality accommodation**, the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** had the strongest strong sensitivity to luxury or upgraded

		lodging -highest percentage of respondents at around 45%. [1 additional mark] - Only one country showed a relatively high response for both factors, while most other countries had low to moderate levels of influence. USA, UK, France, and Germany clustered around 30%–35%, showing a moderate influence of accommodation improvements on travel spending. [1 additional mark] - A few countries showed minimal response for both factors, suggesting that other reasons may be more important in driving their travel spending. - For example, accommodation quality may not be a major factor influencing travel budgets in Italy, as it had the lowest response, with under 20%, indicating that there, likewise only 10% for transport. [1 additional mark] <i>Award 1 mark for each pattern described, to a maximum of 3 marks. Award a maximum of 1 additional mark for further development of each pattern, where applicable.</i>
	(c)	Study Fig. 2.2, which shows the top countries with arrivals to Bali from January to November 2023.
Top countries with arrivals to Bali 2023 (Jan-Nov)		

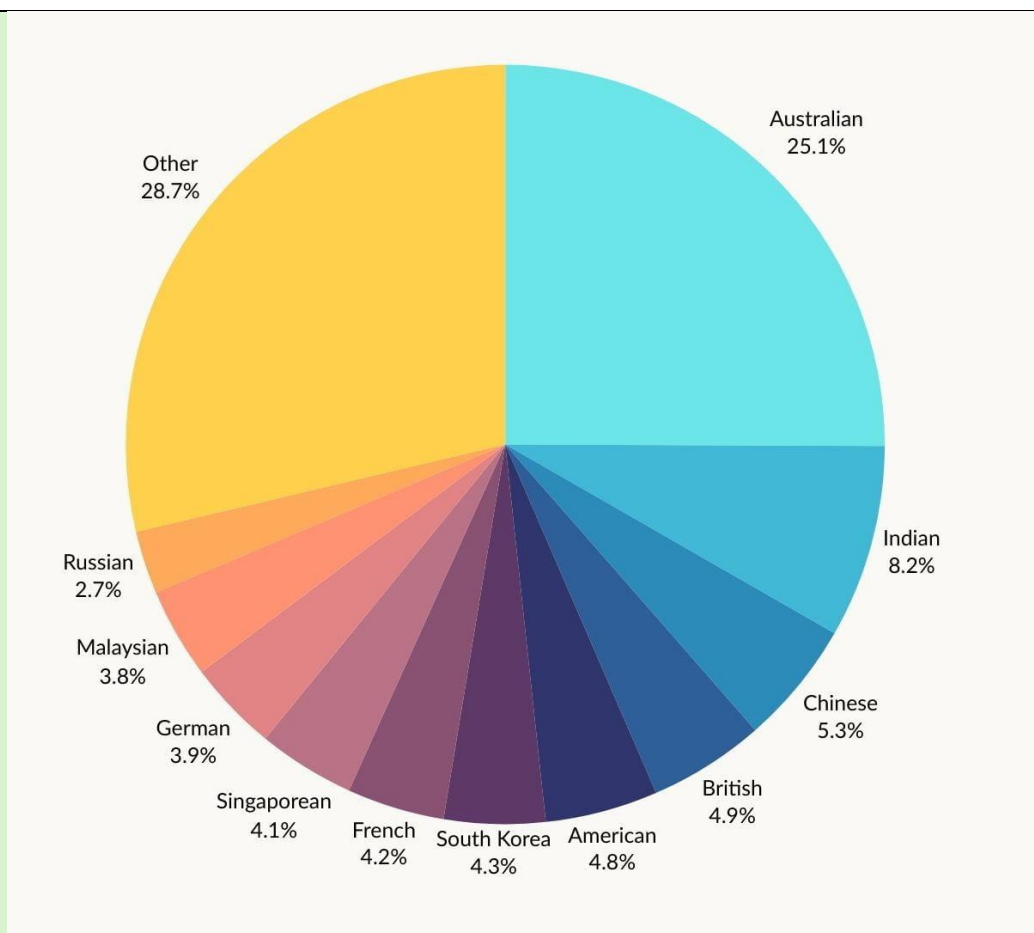


Fig. 2.2

Explain possible reasons for the patterns observed in the nationality of tourists arriving in Bali.

- **Australia** had the highest number of arrivals to Bali in 2023. This can be explained by its **close proximity to Indonesia**, with frequent budget flights.
- **India and China** also had high arrival numbers, likely due to their **large populations and expanding middle class**, which increases demand for international leisure travel.
- **Singapore and Malaysia** featured prominently as well, likely due to **geographic closeness and cultural familiarity**, making Bali an attractive short-haul destination.

Award 1m for each point, based on type of reasons, rather than countries. Accept other plausible points.

Type of reasons	Explanation	Example(s)
Proximity to Bali	Countries that are geographically closer are more likely to visit due to shorter travel time.	Australia, Malaysia, Singapore

		Affordability / Exchange rate	Stronger currency or favourable exchange rates encourage outbound tourism.	Australia (AUD stronger than IDR), Singapore
		Tourist Preferences / Culture	Bali offers beaches, spas, nightlife, and spiritual retreats that match certain tourist interests.	Australian and European tourists seek tropical beach holidays.
		Economic development / Middle class growth	Countries with a growing middle class can afford overseas travel.	India, China
		Connectivity / Direct Flights	High number of direct or low-cost flights encourages higher arrivals.	Malaysia, Singapore, Australia
		Bilateral relations / Visa policies	Visa-free entry or simplified immigration can attract tourists.	ASEAN countries (e.g. Malaysia, Singapore)
		Tourism promotions / Media influence	Countries where Bali is widely advertised or shown in media.	South Korea, China (influenced by travel vlogs, dramas)
d	Study Fig. 2.3, a news extract about China's tourism industry in 2025.			

China's tourism industry in 2025

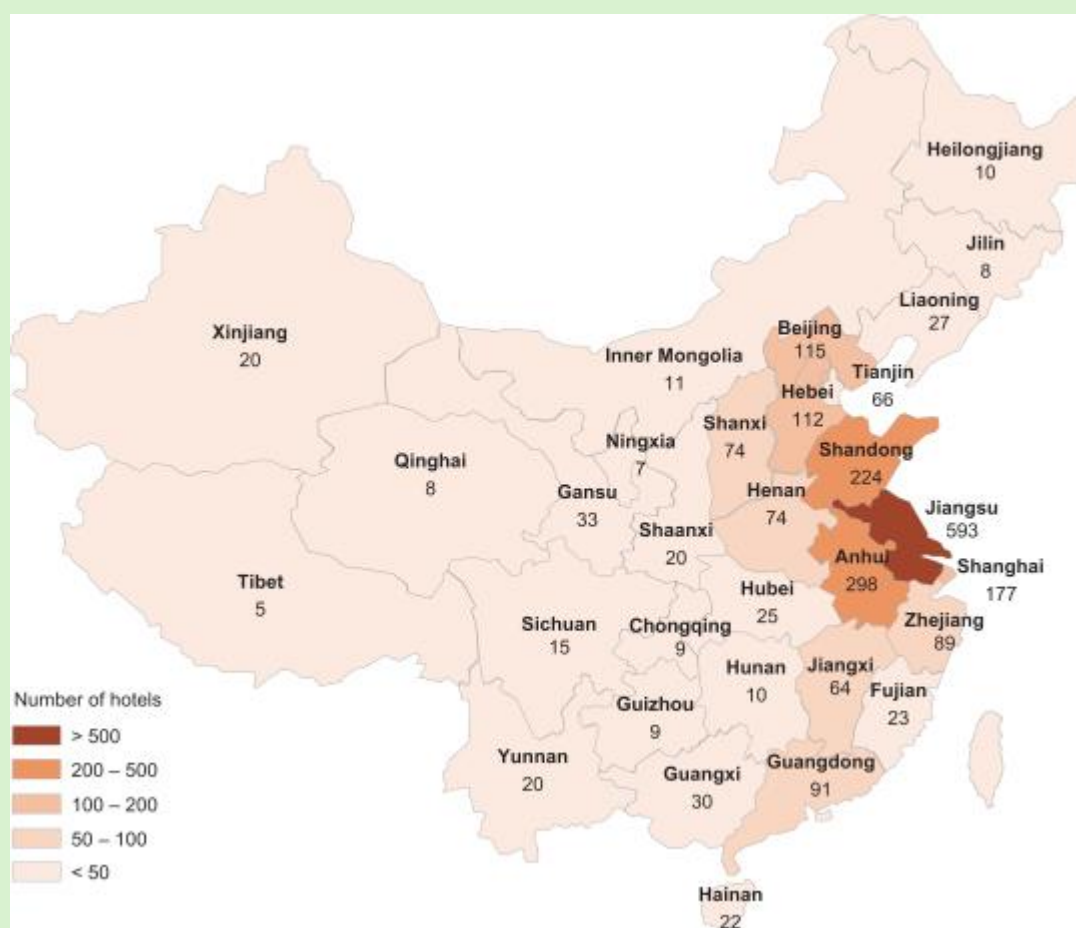


Fig. 2.3

Using Fig. 2.3, explain **two** possible reasons that may account for the distribution of hotels in China.

- **Coastal provinces like Jiangsu and Shanghai have many hotels because they could be major economic and trade hubs**, attracting business travellers and tourists.
- **Provinces such as Tibet and Qinghai have few hotels probably due to their low population density and remoteness**, leading to less demand for tourism and business accommodations.

Award 1 mark for each explanation, to a maximum of 2 marks. Accept other plausible answers. Teachers should check that students explain two distinct reasons linked to economic activity, population, or accessibility, with clear reference to the distribution shown on Fig. 2.3.

- (e) "Pro-poor tourism is more advantageous than community-based tourism for a country that is developing sustainable tourism."

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Use examples to support your answer.

Levels	Descriptor
Level 1 (1-3 marks)	• Arguments are unclear with limited description or may be listed. • No examples provided or examples are generic, demonstrating a basic understanding of the issue or phenomenon. • Evaluation is simple, missing or unclear.
Level 2 (4-6 marks)	• Develops arguments that support one side of the discussion well, using one or two points with some elaboration. • Example(s) used demonstrate a good understanding of the issue or phenomenon. • Evaluation is well supported by arguments.
Level 3 (7-9 marks)	• Develops arguments that support both sides of the discussion clearly, using a range of points with good elaboration. • Examples used demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the issue or phenomenon. • Evaluation is derived from a well-reasoned consideration of the arguments.

Pro-Poor Tourism (PPT) Perspective

Point 1: Directly targets the poorest populations

- *Explanation:* Pro-poor tourism ensures economic benefits go to the most vulnerable. e.g., local street vendors, rickshaw drivers, informal guides.
- *Example:* In parts of rural Kenya, tours that involve visits to Maasai villages give a share of income directly to low-income households.

Point 2: Flexible and scalable in urban or rural areas

- *Explanation:* Can be integrated into large-scale tourism projects without needing full community management.
- *Example:* In Cambodia's Angkor Wat, some local initiatives include tuk-tuk cooperatives and handicraft sales for tourists, reaching marginal groups even within mass tourism sites.

Community-Based Tourism (CBT) Perspective

Point 1: Builds long-term local capacity and ownership

- *Explanation:* Communities manage tourism themselves: planning, hosting, and reinvesting profits, creating sustained development.
- *Example:* In northern Thailand, villages run eco-lodges, cultural exchanges, and treks that are owned and controlled by the community.

Point 2: Encourages environmental and cultural sustainability

- *Explanation:* Locals are more likely to protect their environment and cultural heritage when they are decision-makers.
- *Example:* In Malaysia's homestay programme, traditional ways of life are maintained while hosting tourists, promoting cultural pride.

Evaluation using SIGHT

S – Sustainability

- *Community-Based Tourism (CBT)* often supports long-term sustainability by encouraging **local ownership**, reinvestment into community infrastructure, and protection of natural and cultural resources.
- *Pro-Poor Tourism (PPT)* may improve livelihoods temporarily but can risk dependency if not tied to broader development plans.

I – Interconnections

- *CBT* strengthens **social and economic interconnections** within the community, residents collaborate to manage tourism, which builds unity and shared responsibility.
- *PPT*, by contrast, may benefit individuals (e.g. vendors, drivers), but without reinforcing local networks or relationships, limiting interconnections.

G – Geographic Scale

- *PPT* can operate at a **larger geographic scale**, even in high-density urban areas or mass tourism zones, because it targets vulnerable individuals across different locations.
- *CBT* is more effective at a **local or village scale**, where cohesive groups can make joint decisions and manage tourism directly.

H – Human–Environment Interactions

- *CBT* often leads to **positive environmental outcomes**, as locals manage resources and are motivated to conserve ecosystems to ensure tourism remains viable.
- *PPT* might overlook environmental management if individuals focus only on short-term income, potentially leading to overuse or degradation of shared spaces.

T – Time (Temporal Scale)

- *PPT* tends to yield **short-term, immediate benefits**, such as cash income.
- *CBT* takes more time to develop but provides **long-term gains**, including capacity-building, empowerment, and generational benefits.

Evaluation Paragraph (example for Level 3/9m)

While pro-poor tourism offers **short-term income** (T) and can reach a **broader group of individuals across regions** (G), it may not promote strong **community interconnections** (I) or sustainable resource management (H). In contrast, community-based tourism fosters **collaboration, cultural pride**, and **environmental responsibility** (S, H), particularly at the local scale (G). Though slower to implement (T), CBT supports deeper **people-place relationships** and long-term resilience. Therefore, while both contribute to sustainable tourism, **CBT is more advantageous where community cohesion exists**, due to its positive **human-environment interactions**, lasting impacts, and stronger **interconnections**.

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Section BAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.**3 Cluster 3: Climate****a** Study Fig. 3.1, which shows how a type of rainfall is formed.**Formation of a type of rainfall**

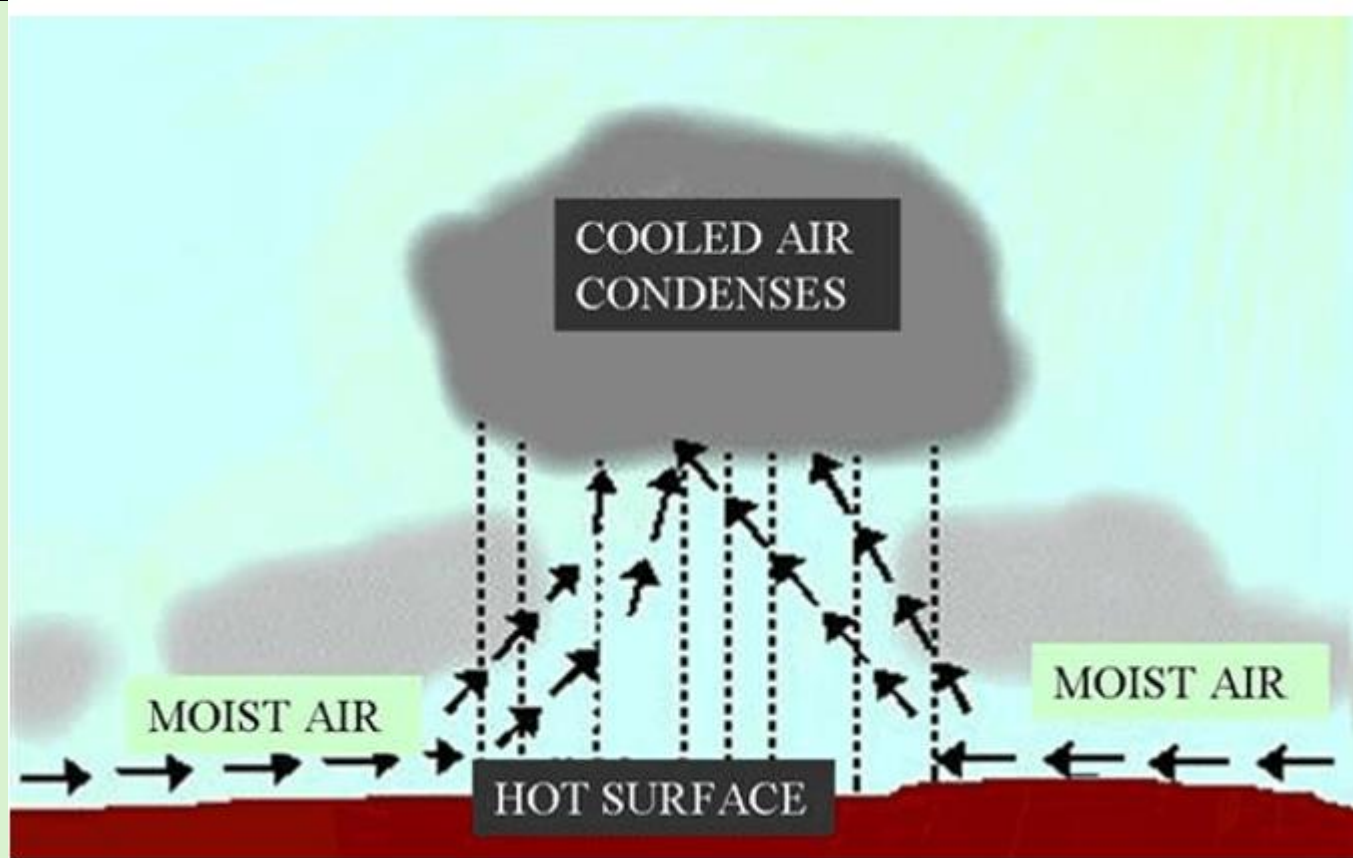


Fig. 3.1

	(i)	Name the type of rainfall that is formed in Fig. 3.1. Convectional rainfall 1]
	(ii)	With reference to Fig. 3.1, explain how such rainfall is common in Singapore. • Convectional rainfall is common in Singapore as it experiences high temperatures throughout the year [1], due to its equatorial location [1 additional mark]. • The intense heat causes rapid evaporation and rising of moist air. [1] • As the warm air rises, it cools and condenses to form cumulonimbus clouds [1], resulting in heavy rainfall, especially in the afternoons. Max 3m
(b)	Study Fig. 3.2, which shows the effects of ocean warming. Cross-section of the ocean	

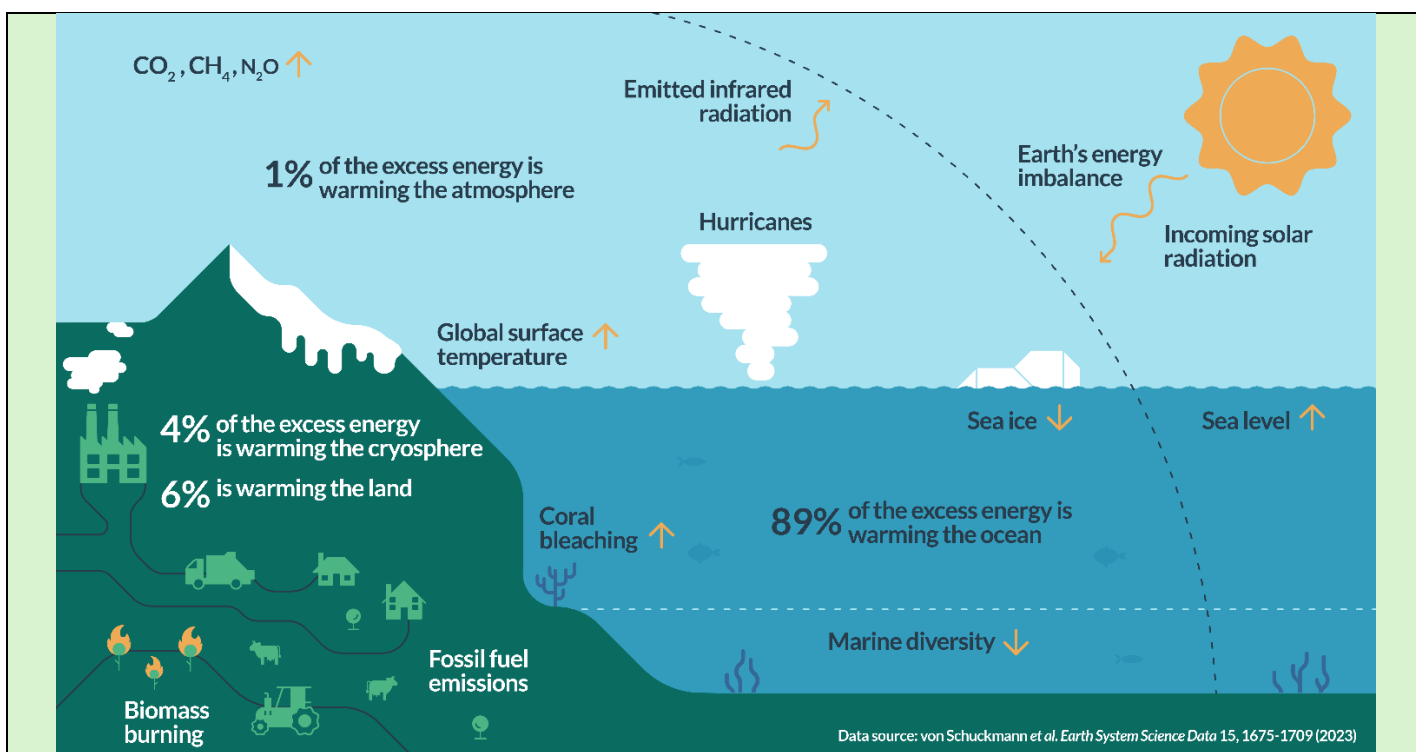


Fig. 3.2

With reference to Fig. 3.2, suggest how climate change can affect the aquatic systems.

- Climate change causes ocean warming, which reduces ocean mixing. This limits the upward movement of cold, nutrient-rich waters, affecting marine food chains.
- Coral bleaching may occur due to prolonged high temperatures.
- Warmer waters can also result in habitat loss for species sensitive to temperature changes.
- Warmer waters disrupt migration and breeding cycles of aquatic organisms.

Award 1m for each point. Max 3m.

(c) Describe two ways in which terrestrial ecosystems are affected by heatwaves.

- Heatwaves can cause drought stress, leading to the wilting or death of plants.
- They can also increase the frequency and intensity of wildfires, destroying habitats and decreasing biodiversity.

Award 1m for each point. Max 2m.

(d) Study Fig. 3.3, which shows the climatic conditions of three different places in the world.

Climatic conditions of three different places in the world

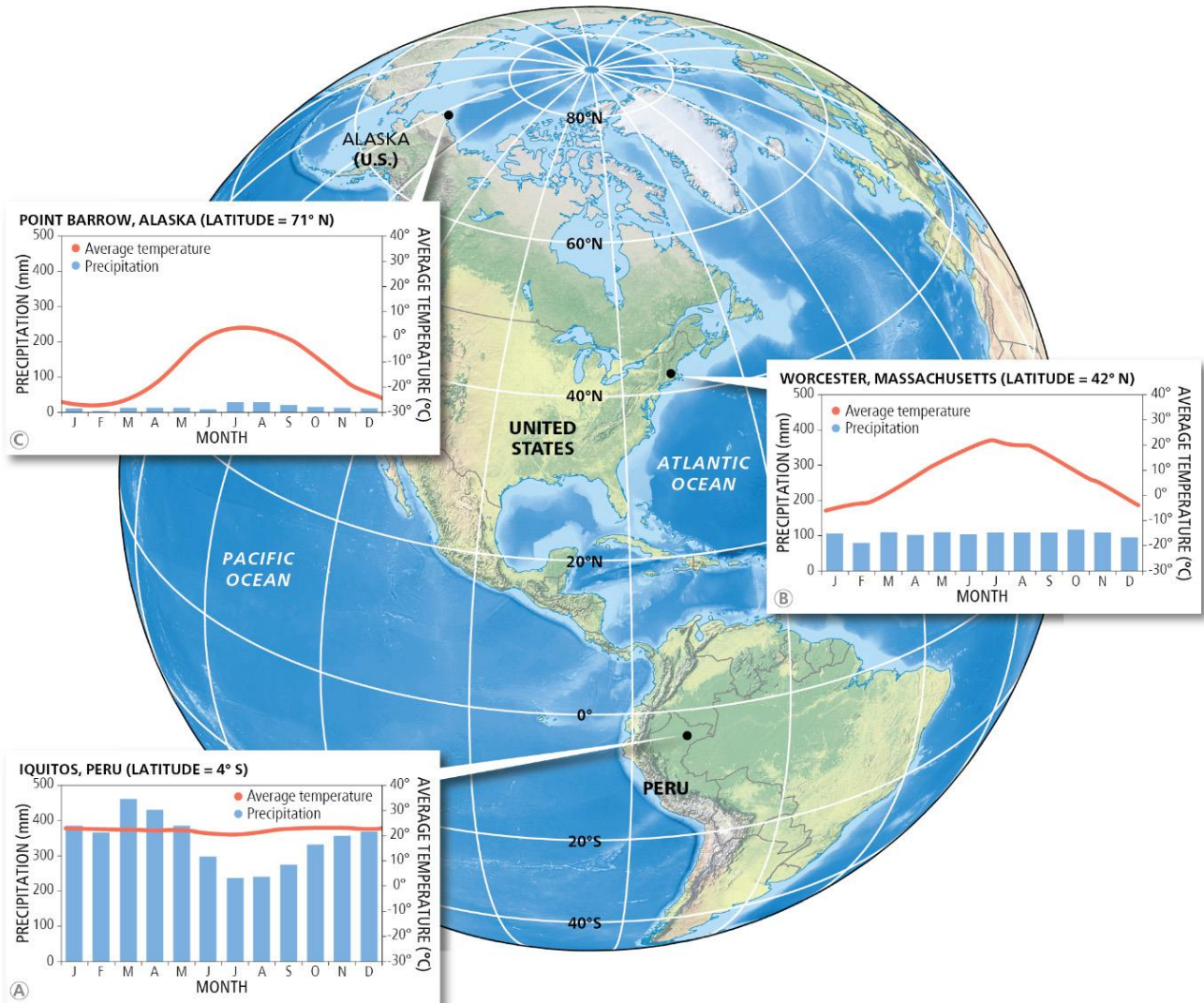


Fig. 3.3

- (i) Compare the temperature conditions of the three places using Fig. 3.3.
- Iquitos has the highest mean annual temperature [1], staying around **26–28°C** throughout the year [1 additional mark].
 - Iquitos shows little variation in temperature throughout the year [1].
 - Worcester experiences seasonal variation [1], with average temperatures from about **-5°C in winter** to **22°C in summer** [1 additional mark].
 - Point Barrow has the lowest mean annual temperature [1], dropping to **-25°C in winter** and rising only to about **5°C in summer** [1 additional mark].
- (ii) With reference to Fig. 3.3, account for the differences in average temperatures between Point Barrow and Iquitos.

- Point Barrow is located at a high latitude near the Arctic Circle [1]
- receiving less solar energy throughout the year [1], resulting in colder temperatures.
- In contrast, Iquitos is near the equator and receives direct sunlight year-round [1], leading to consistently high temperatures.

(e) Study Fig. 3.4, which shows a volcanic eruption.

Volcanic eruption



Fig. 3.4

Using Fig. 3.4, explain the effects of a volcanic eruption on global temperature.

- Volcanic eruptions release large amounts of ash and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere.
- These particles reflect incoming solar radiation, reducing the amount of sunlight reaching Earth's surface.
- This can lead to a temporary cooling of global temperatures.

4 Cluster 4: Tectonics

(a) Study Fig. 4.1, which shows a tectonic plate boundary.

Tectonic plate boundary

East African Rift System

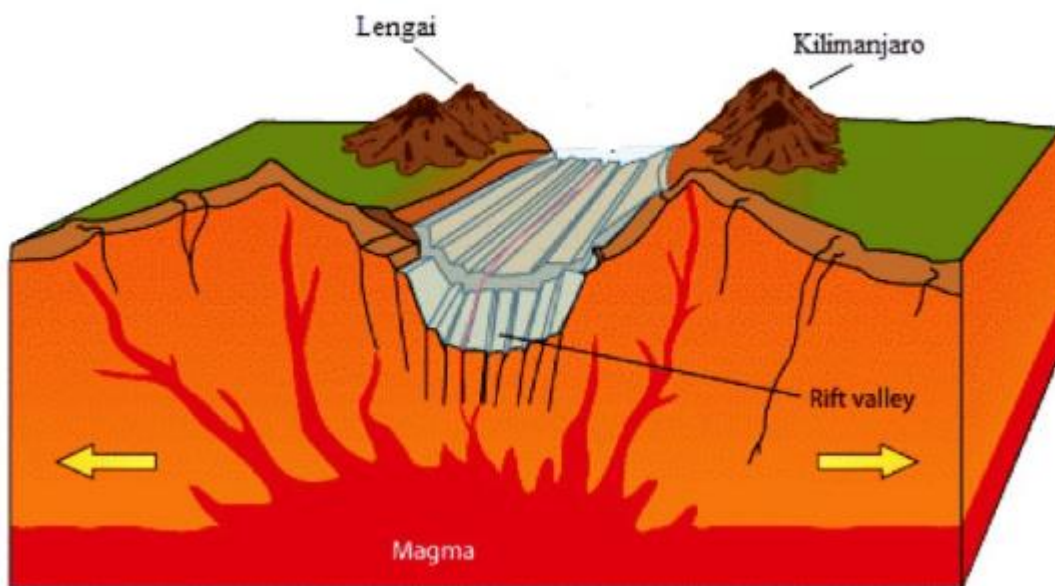


Fig. 4.1

(i) Name the type of plate boundary shown in Fig. 4.1.

Divergent plate boundary.[1]

(ii) With reference to Fig. 4.1, explain how tectonic processes can result in formation of volcanoes along the rift valley.

- **At a divergent boundary, tectonic plates move away from each other due to tensional forces.**
- **This movement causes the crust to fracture, forming faults. The crust between the faults subsides, creating a rift valley.**
- **As the plates pull apart, magma from the mantle rises through the fractures, leading to formation of volcanoes along the rift valley.**

Award 1m for each point. Max 3m.

(b) Study Fig. 4.2, which shows the effects of lahars following the 15 June 1991 eruption of Mt Pinatubo, the Philippines.

Effects of lahar



Fig. 4.2

With reference to Fig. 4.2, suggest how volcanic eruptions affect humans living in tectonic environments.

- Lahars are fast-moving volcanic mudflows that can bury homes, roads, and infrastructure [1], as shown in Fig. 4.2, displacing communities [1 additional mark].
- The thick mud makes areas inaccessible, delaying emergency response [1], which can lead to loss of lives [1 additional mark].
- Lahars also contaminate water sources, creating long-term social and economic challenges. [1]

Award 1m for each point, with a max of 1 additional mark with elaboration of each point. Total max 3m. Accept other plausible answers.

(c) Suggest how the impacts of volcanic eruptions may differ between a developed and a developing country.

- In developed countries, strict land-use planning and building regulations help minimise damage and casualties, whereas in developing countries, weaker enforcement and planning often result in greater destruction during eruptions.

- **Developed countries typically have better emergency systems and public awareness, allowing for timely evacuations, while developing countries may lack resources and preparedness, leading to delayed responses and higher human and economic losses.**

Do not award for merely stating the opposite but instead highlight differences in systemic capacity, planning, and response, etc.

Award 1m for each point. Max 2m.

(d) Study Fig. 4.3, which shows the formation of a tsunami.

Formation of a tsunami

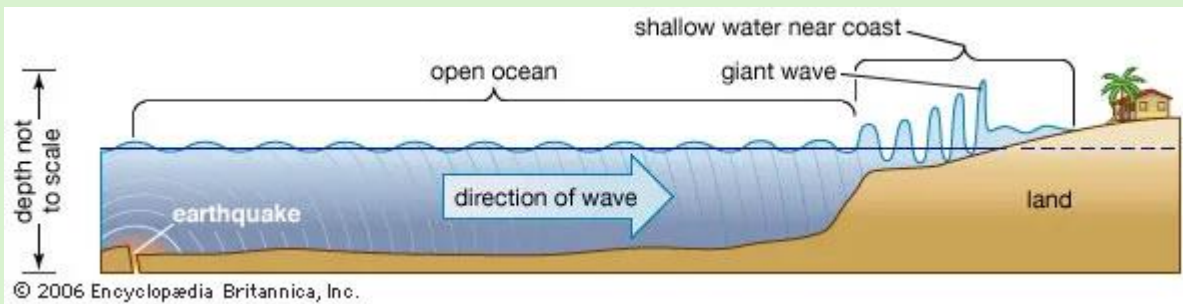


Fig. 4.3

(i) Using Fig. 4.3, explain why tsunamis are more destructive with increase in distance from the earthquake epicentre.

- **When seismic energy is released at the epicentre (as shown in Fig. 4.3), it displaces a large volume of water, creating tsunami waves that start with a low wave height but high energy in deep ocean water.**
- **As the waves travel towards shallower coastal waters, friction with the seabed causes the waves to slow down and compress horizontally, forcing the water upwards.**
- **This results in a dramatic increase in wave height near the coast, making the tsunami more destructive as it approaches land.**

Award 1m for each point. Max 3m.

(ii) With reference to Fig. 4.3, explain the factors that affect the level of risk a tsunami poses to coastal communities.

- Tsunami risk is higher when **earthquake epicentre is located close to the coastal communities**, as waves reach them quickly, giving little time to respond.
- **Vulnerability** also affects risk: areas with limited evacuation infrastructure are more likely to suffer casualties and damage.
- **Densely populated** areas face greater risk due to exposure for evacuation.

			Award 1m for each point. Max 3m.
(e)	Study Fig. 4.4, which describes the eruption of Kīlauea in 2025.		
Eruption of Kīlauea			
In its 25th eruptive event this year, Kīlauea, a volcano in Hawaii, produced spectacular lava founts exceeding 100 m and multiple molten lava streams on June 11, 2025. These frequent but generally explosive eruptions are typical in such volcanoes, shaped over time by repeated low-viscosity basaltic lava flows. As a result, Kīlauea’s broad, gently sloping profile continues to grow gradually rather than explode violently.			
Fig. 4.4			
	Account for the type of volcano Kīlauea is.		
	- Kīlauea is a shield volcano, which forms through repeated eruptions of low-viscosity basaltic lava [evidence]. - This lava is <u>very fluid, allowing it to travel long distances before cooling</u>, which builds up a broad, gently sloping landform [evidence] over time, unlike steep composite volcanoes. - Fig. 4.4 shows that its eruptions are frequent and non-explosive [evidence], which is typical of shield volcanoes <u>due to the low gas content in basaltic magma that prevents pressure from building up</u>.		
	Award 1m for each point. Max 3m. For marks to be awarded, need to go beyond the basic features / evidence and show a deeper understanding of the evidence of formation process and landform outcome , integrating and expanding on what’s shown in Fig. 4.4.		
	[Total: 18]		

