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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

8291/21

Paper 2 Hydrosphere and Biosphere

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.
Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.
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- At the end of the examination,
1. fasten all separate answer paper securely to the question paper;
 2. enter the question number from Section B in the grid.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) Fig. 1.1 is a diagram of a mangrove ecosystem, which is an example of a coastal water ecosystem.

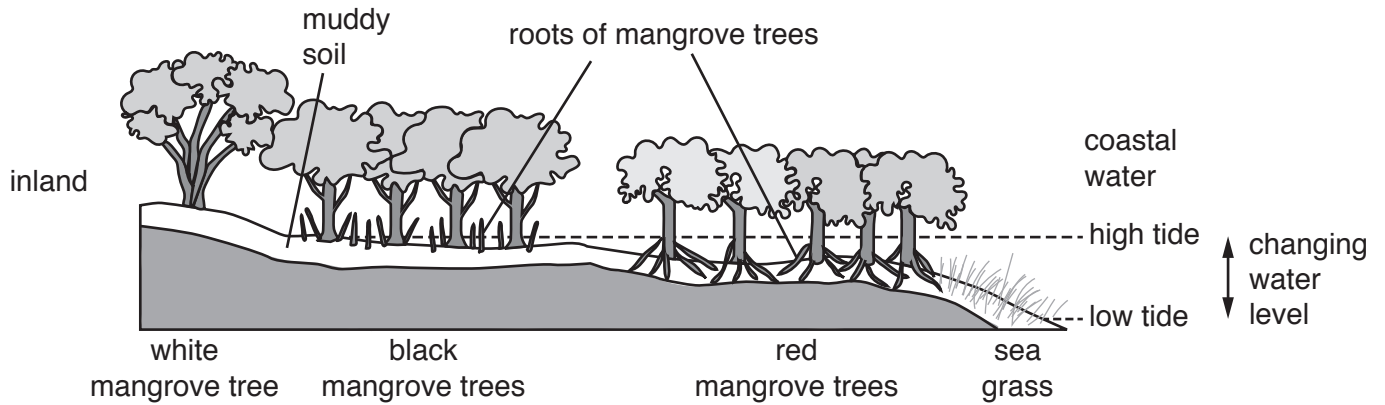


Fig. 1.1

- (i) With reference to Fig. 1.1, state **two** components of a mangrove ecosystem.

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- (ii) With reference to Fig. 1.1, suggest **two** effects of the changing water level between high tide and low tide on the mangrove ecosystem.

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(b) Table 1.1 shows the estimated global mangrove area between 1980 and 2010.

Table 1.1

year	1980	1990	2000	2010
estimated global mangrove area / million ha	18.79	16.93	15.74	15.23

(i) With reference to Table 1.1, describe the changes in estimated global mangrove area between 1980 and 2010.

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(ii) Using the data in Table 1.1, calculate the difference in estimated global mangrove area between 1980 and 2010 as a percentage.

Show your working.

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(iii) Explain reasons why coastal water ecosystems, such as mangrove ecosystems, are at risk.

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(c) Fig. 1.2 shows restoration of a mangrove ecosystem.



Fig. 1.2

(i) With reference to Fig. 1.2, briefly explain what is meant by ecosystem restoration.

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(ii) Briefly explain **two** benefits of conserving coastal water ecosystems, such as mangrove ecosystems.

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(iii) Suggest **one** benefit of community involvement in conservation of ecosystems.

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2 (a) Fig. 2.1 shows two types of aquifer.

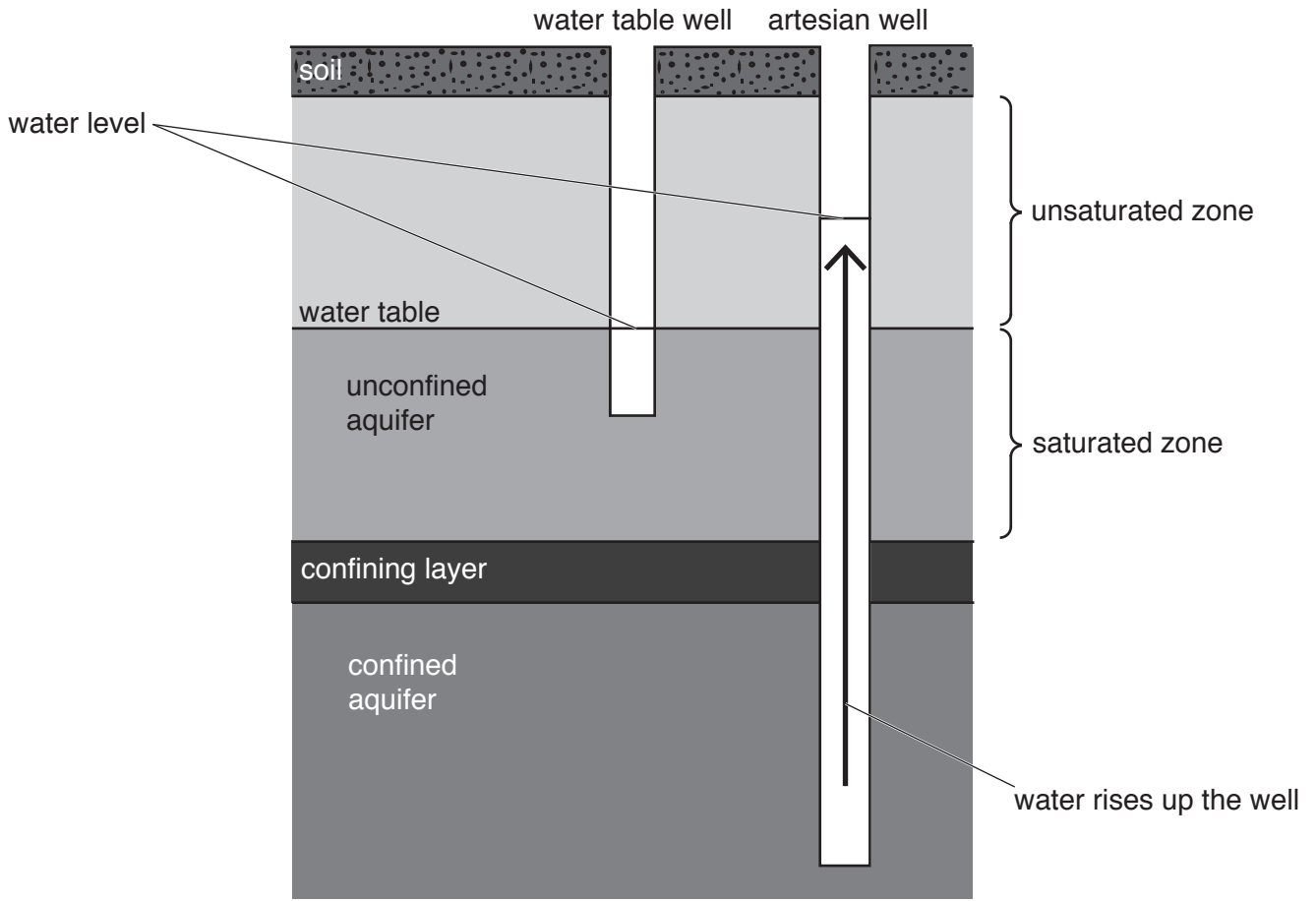


Fig. 2.1

(i) State what is meant by the term *aquifer*.

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(ii) With reference to Fig. 2.1, describe the characteristics of the two types of aquifer.

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(iii) Explain the different water levels in the two types of well shown in Fig. 2.1.

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- (b) Fig. 2.2 shows the extent and the variation in thickness of the saturated zone of the Ogallala Aquifer in some states of North America.

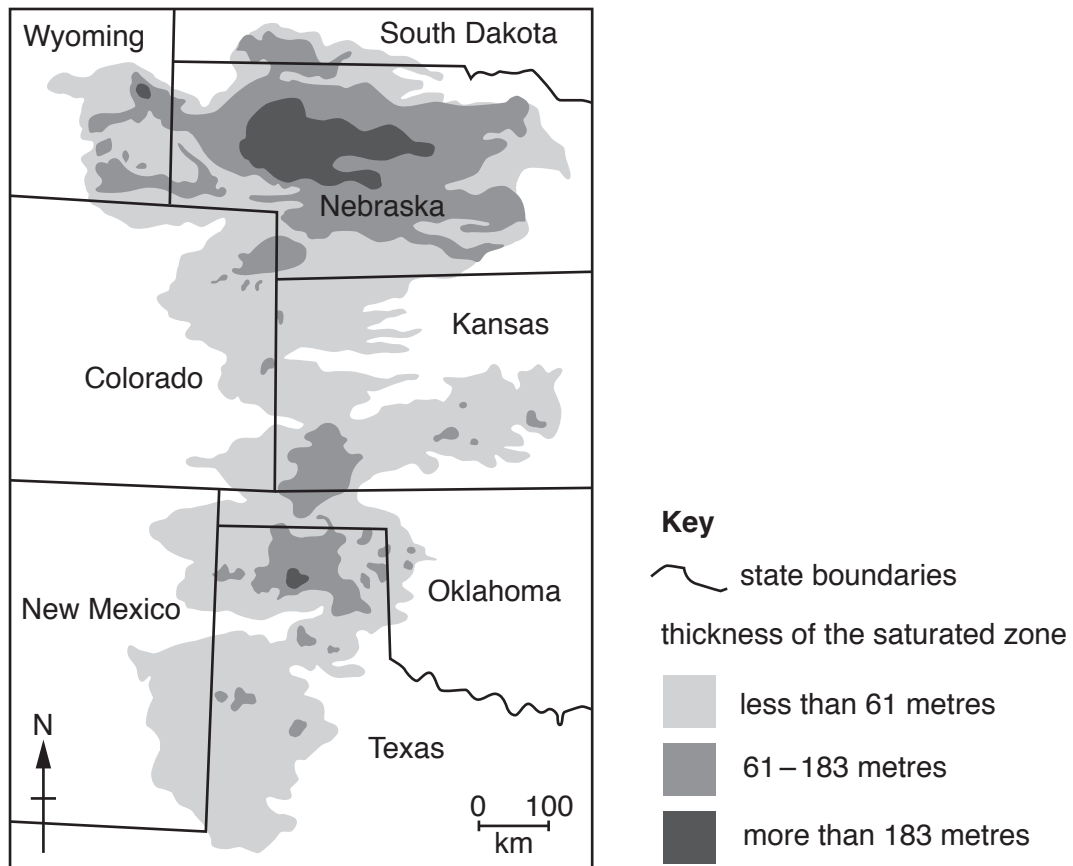


Fig. 2.2

- (i) With reference to Fig. 2.2, describe the variation in the thickness of the saturated zone of the Ogallala Aquifer.

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- (ii) Suggest why the thickness of the saturated zone of the Ogallala Aquifer in North America may change over time.

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- (iii) Describe ways that water from aquifers can be managed on a local scale to provide a sustainable supply of water.

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Section B

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3 Fig. 3.1 shows global human population and estimated biodiversity from the year 1000 until 2015.

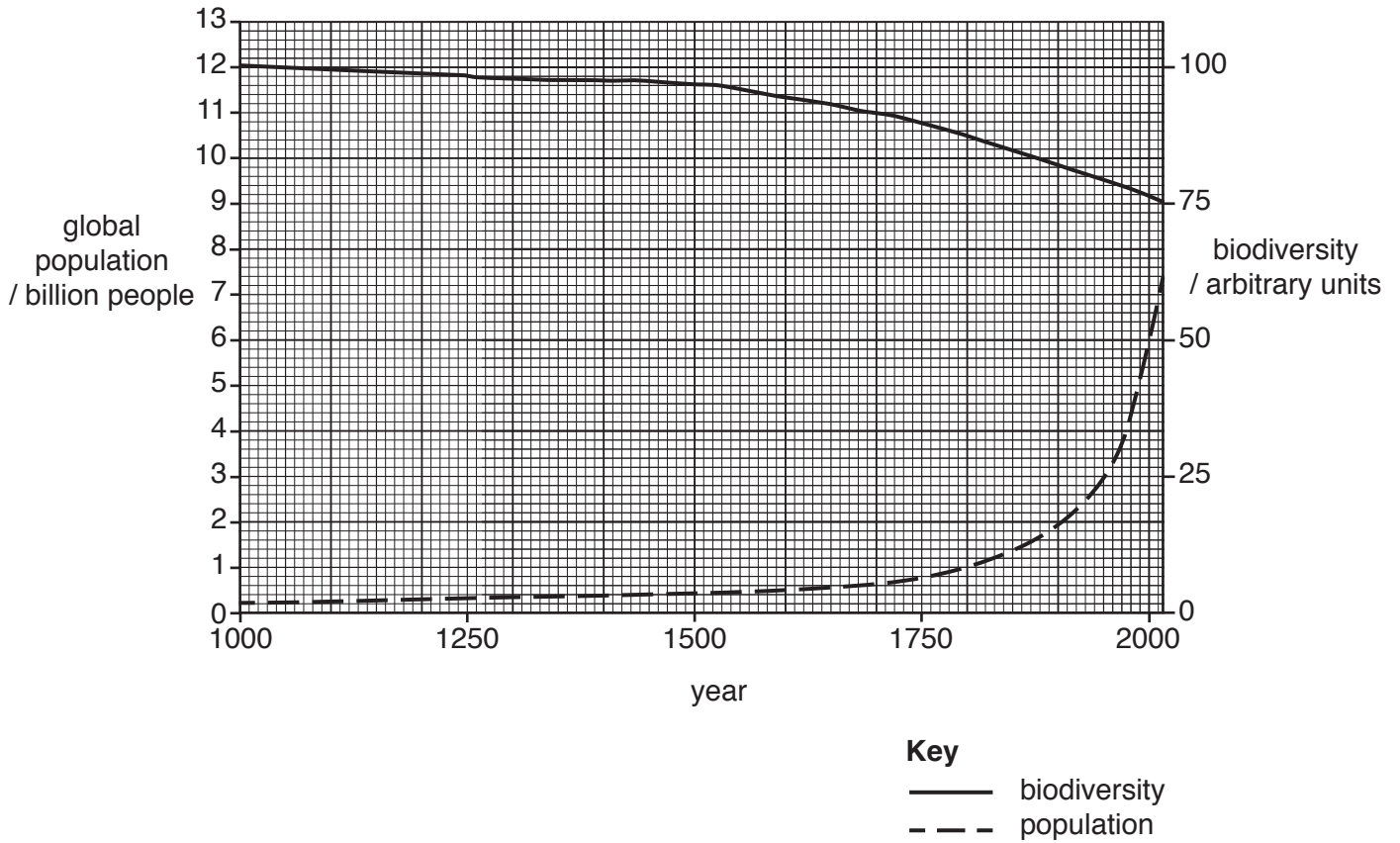


Fig. 3.1

- (a) Describe the relationship between the global human population and biodiversity shown in Fig. 3.1. Suggest reasons for this relationship. [10]
- (b) Assess to what extent humans can reduce the loss of biodiversity and provide resources for an increasing human population. Refer to examples in your answer. [30]

[Total: 40]

4 Fig. 4.1 shows the changes in the extent of the Aral Sea between 1957 and 2015.

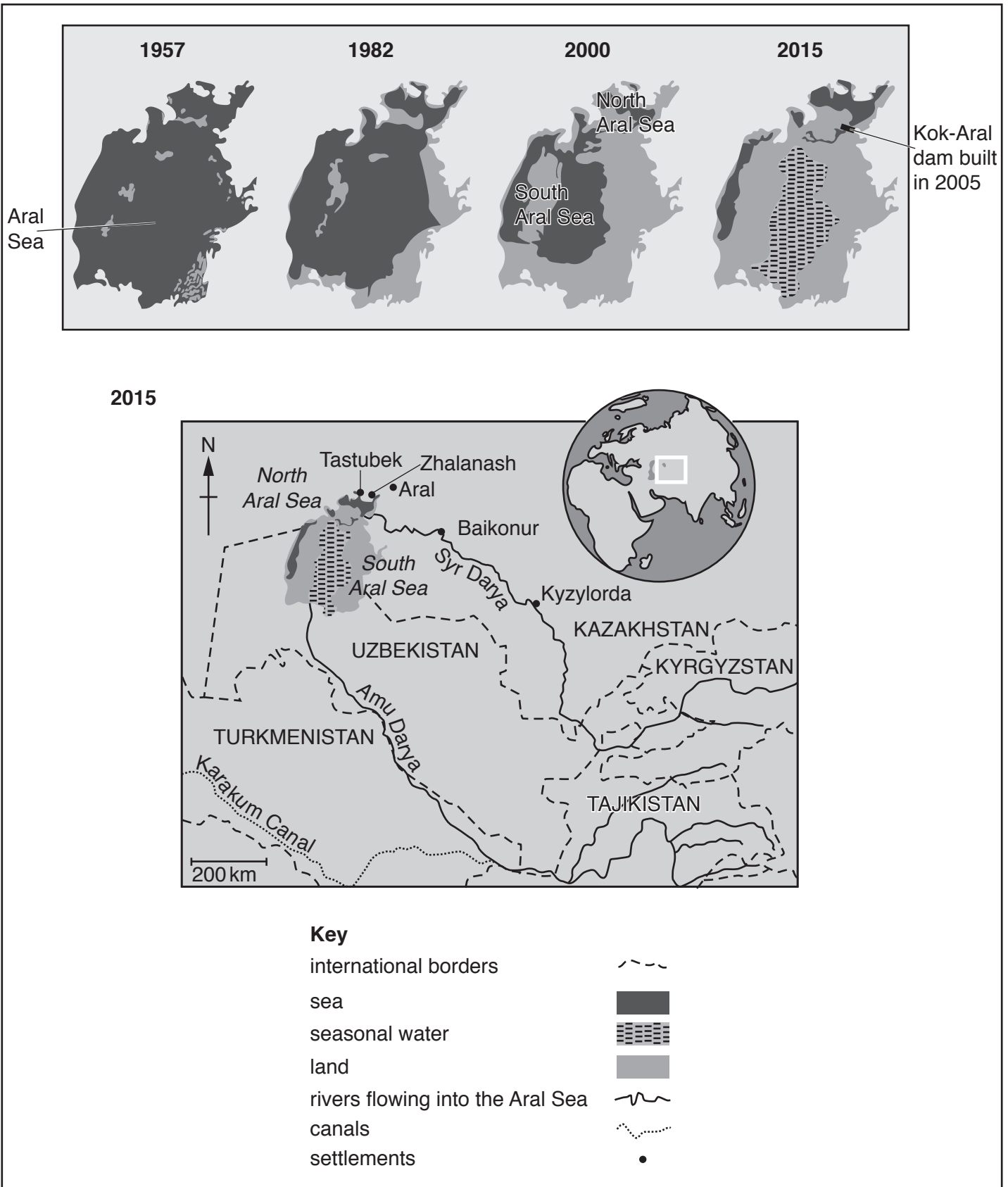


Fig. 4.1

- (a) With reference to Fig. 4.1, describe suggested reasons for the changes in the extent of the Aral Sea between 1957 and 2015. [10]
- (b) Assess strategies which can safeguard a country's water supply. [30]

[Total: 40]

5 Fig. 5.1 shows the numbers of two species of rhinoceros in South Africa between 1960 and 2010.

Rhinoceros species are on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

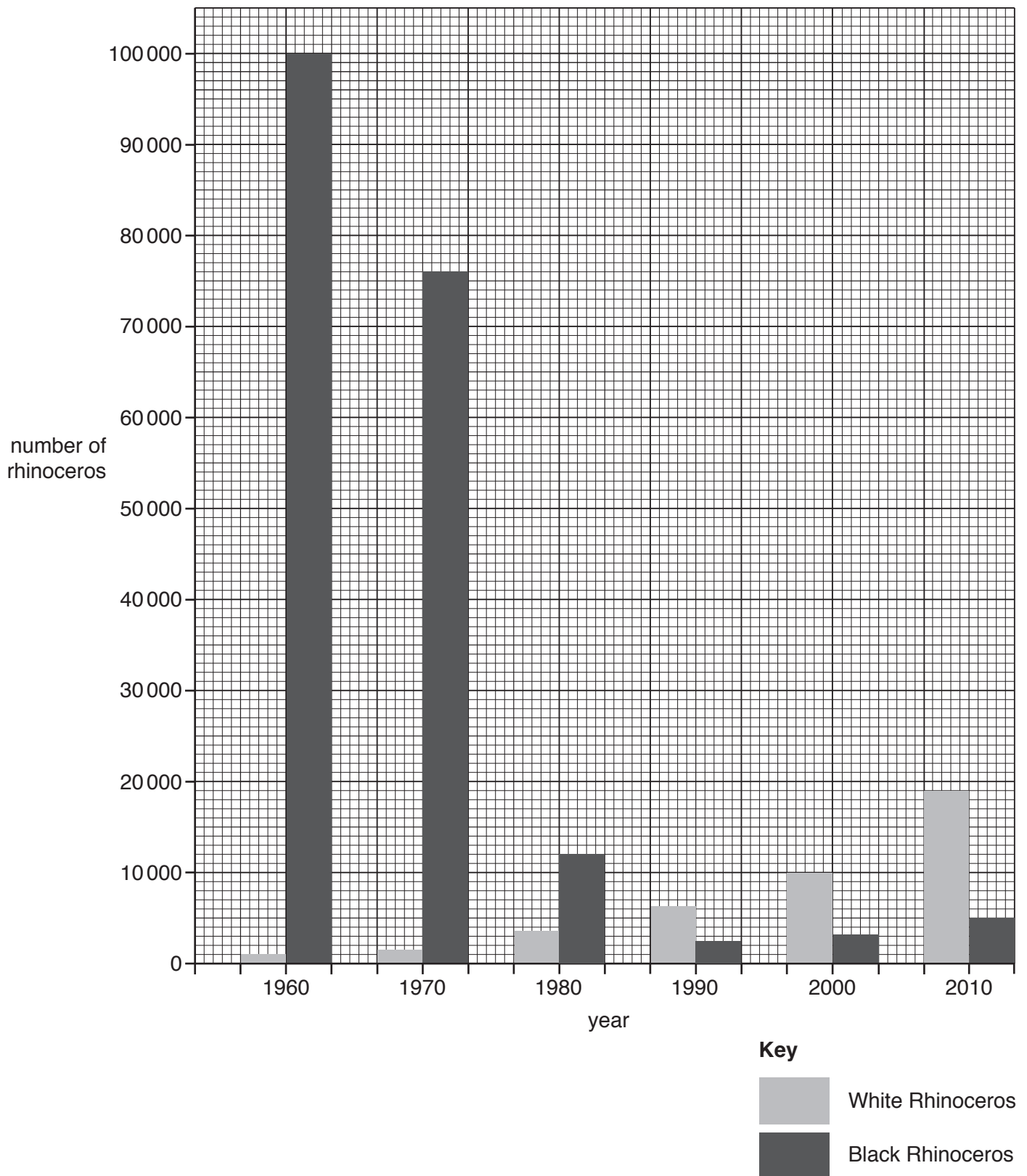


Fig. 5.1

- (a) Describe the changes in the numbers of rhinoceros between 1960 and 2010, shown in Fig. 5.1, and suggest reasons for these changes. [10]
- (b) 'Conservation of ecosystems is more successfully achieved through local action rather than through international protocols.' With reference to examples, assess to what extent this statement is true. [30]

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