

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

0680 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

0680/42 Paper 42 (Alternative to Coursework), maximum raw mark 60

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- 1 (a) (i) to be able to find a mean/average; to make data more reliable/eq; reference to variability of data/eq; find range of data/eq; (ignore accurate/valid/fair/fair test) [1]
- (ii) increase in grazing = increase in soil erosion/eq; (ignore reference to years) [1]
- (iii) 2002, 2007, 2008; (more or less years =0) [1]
- (iv) 2001 (any two of 2000, 2003, 2004); [1]
- (v) rods moved/eq by animals; soil erosion; only 5 points measured; soil might be deposited after erosion; AVP; [2]
- (b) (i) description of a random or systematic method; further detail; at least 10 quadrats from each area; construct recording table/notebook; record/count/calculate total number of plants; identify species/name using books; (ignore reference to metres squared) [3]
- (ii) hooves/teeth damage some plants so they die/vegetation cover removed; plant growth cannot keep up with rate of grazing/eq; plants survive but cannot regenerate/reproduce/flower/set seed; reference to root damage; reference to changes in numbers of palatable and unpalatable species; [2]
- (c) (i) orientation; both axes labelled (minimum is a reference to number, year); plot data from column one in table; plot data from column two in table; (allow one error per plot) [4]
- (ii) increase in species (until 2008), then a plateau/eq; species fluctuate/no increase or decrease/eq; (allow no trend ignore reference to plateau) [2]
- (iii) some plants cannot grow/species now extinct; seeds have not entered area yet; other species have taken their place; soil not now suitable for growth of some species; one area (2004) able to recover more; [2]
- (d) steep slopes encourage surface run-off/soil movement; cooler temperatures means slower plant growth; recovery of plant cover to slow; so limited interception/described; thin topsoil easily lost/more soil erosion; full recovery now not possible; loss of soil fertility/nutrients lost/reference to leeching; (mark the ideas not the exact wording) [2]

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- 2 (a) (i) can be broken down/decomposed by living organisms/microbes/bacteria/enzyme action/eq; [1]
- (ii) C 2.3(3); D 2.2(1)/ 2.20; [2]
- (iii) polluted plants grow slower than control; all grow the same/similar by day 12 /end of period; polluted grass grows taller/faster from day 13 to 24/eq; (must have reference to B C D if 'polluted' is not in the answer) [3]
- (iv) (BCD have) more root growth/absorption/so more water/minerals/named mineral for more growth/photosynthesis/more minerals now available as oil has broken down/A/ control plants grow quicker at the beginning as not inhibited by oil/eq; (allow converse statements) [1]
- (b) (i) animals will not have much food/grow slowly; toxic chemicals absorbed (by animals); might be poisoned/die; meat might taste bad/be toxic/poor quality/cannot be sold to local people/eq; [2]
- (ii) more food for animals; gives soil time to recover/grass to grow; less risk of poisoning/healthier for animals; healthier for humans [2]
- (iii) overgrazing not likely/likely to be sustainable/eq; more yield of plants/animals after one year/eq; plant grass prevents soil erosion; plant grass reduces toxicity/eq; some oil has biodegraded/eq; some income earlier than plan B/eq; [2]
- (c) (i) yes; the plants show reduced growth for the first 10 metres/near factory; (accept converse statements) [2]
- (ii) sulfuric acid/H₂SO₄; (accept sulfurous acid H₂SO₃) reject sulfur hydroxide [1]
- (iii) changes pH of soil water; makes it more acidic/lowers pH; so lower quantity of minerals available to roots; reduced plant growth; reduced photosynthesis; AVP; (reject plants die unqualified) [2]

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- 3 (a) (i) 40 (%); [1]
- (ii) some fish might not have migrated to Gulf in later years; reference to disease; large fish caught in early years/only small fish now; under recording; cannot reproduce fast enough to replace stock/less reproduction; AVP; (ignore reference to nets) [2]
- (iii) size/length; sex; age; sexual maturity; [2]
- (iv) table drawn for a week; two characteristics labelled;; (allow any characteristics identified in part (iii)) [3]
- (b) three relevant questions about fishing activities such as quantity caught, method used, number of days, details about boats;;; layout similar to question 1 (for 2 questions); [4]
reject questions about sport fishing/nets
- (c) (i) could overfish sardines/eq; pollution/disease from cages; [1]
- (ii) number of sardines will increase; number of small fish will decrease; as more sardines to eat them; whales/sharks decrease; due to lack of food; if more sardines eaten by whales/sharks then small fish increase; reference to change of algae numbers in correct context; [2]
- (d) *sports fishing* control number of fishing days/season/fishing zone; catch per fisherman; number of boats; sports fishermen pay for licence; throw back in water; (reject reference to nets)
- fishing for food* closed season (in April–June) to allow spawning; set quota for each boat/eq; fishing patrols to enforce rules/times; regulate fishing gear; no fishing zones; regulate number of boats/fishermen; (reject reference to nets)
(max 4 for each subsection) [6]