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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.*

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.

You must use the Resource Booklet.

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

- 1 Using Figure 1, explain the physical processes that caused these social and economic impacts from mid-latitude depressions.

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(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)



A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

- 2 (a) Using Figure 2, suggest physical and human reasons for the high level of biodiversity in these countries.

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(b) Assess the extent to which economic development inevitably leads to the destruction of ecosystems.

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(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)



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 is human migration increasingly explained by extreme weather events and climate change?

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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 in the box ☐. 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 To what extent is the reliability of energy pathways the most important factor influencing the energy security of countries?

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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.

You must use the Resource Booklet.

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

C1: Superpower Geographies

- 6 (a) Using Figure 3, suggest why the number of patent applications has changed in these countries.

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(b) Using named examples, assess the importance of military and economic alliances in maintaining the global influence of superpowers.

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Do not answer Question 7 if you have answered Question 6.

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

C2: Bridging the Development Gap

7 (a) Using Figure 4, suggest why the Human Development Index scores have changed in these countries.

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(b) Using named examples, assess the costs and benefits of top-down development projects as a way of narrowing the development gap.

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SECTION A

A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems

The following resource relates to Question 1.

Named mid-latitude depression (storm) and date	Countries affected	Estimated economic losses (US \$ billions)	Deaths
Storm Kyrill January 2007	Czechia Germany Ireland Netherlands Poland U.K.	3.5	47
Storm Christian October 2013	Belgium Denmark France Germany Netherlands U.K.	1.3	19
Storm Ciarán November 2023	Belgium France Italy Netherlands Spain U.K.	1.0	21

Figure 1

The economic and social impacts of three mid-latitude depressions (storms) on Europe

A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

The following resource relates to Question 2 (a).

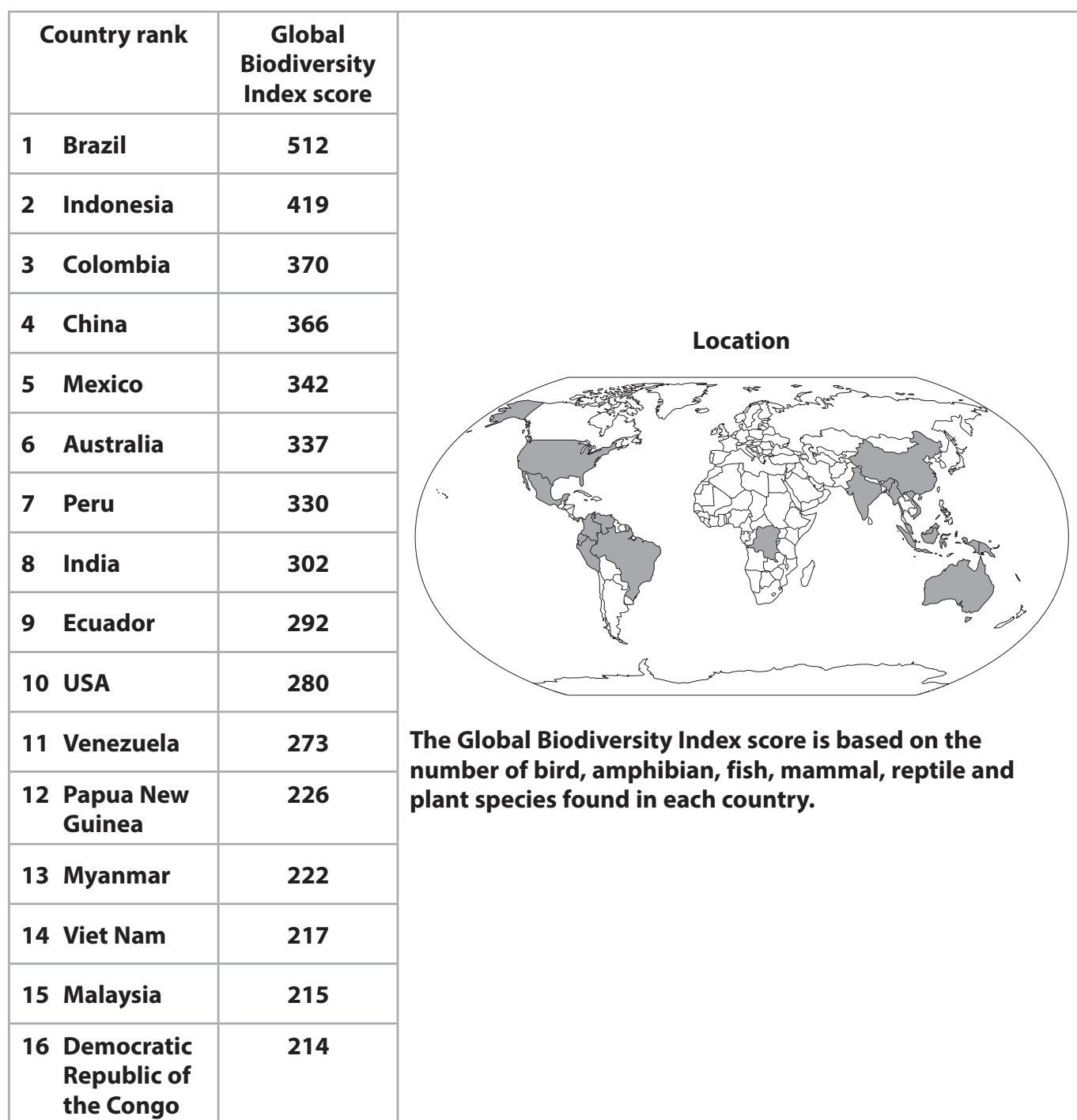


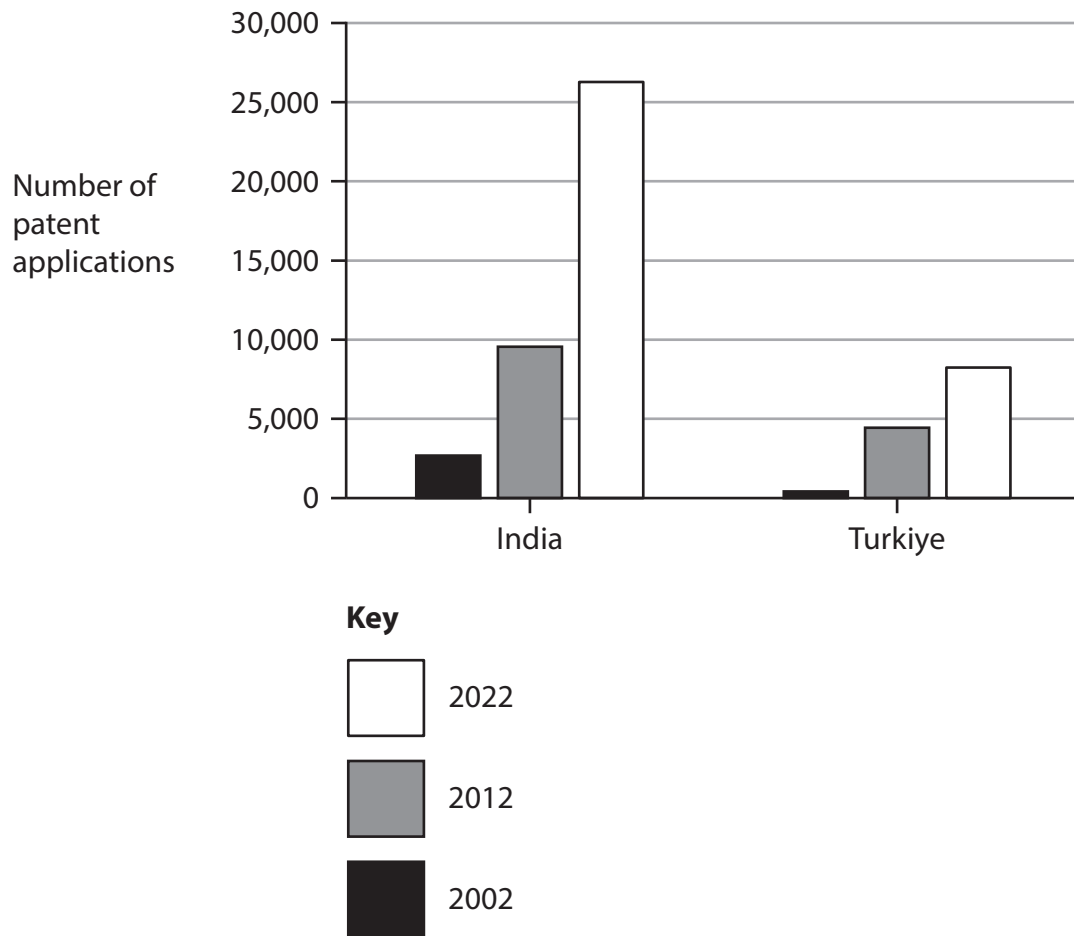
Figure 2

The 16 countries with the highest biodiversity

SECTION C

C1: Superpower Geographies

The following resource relates to Question 6 (a).



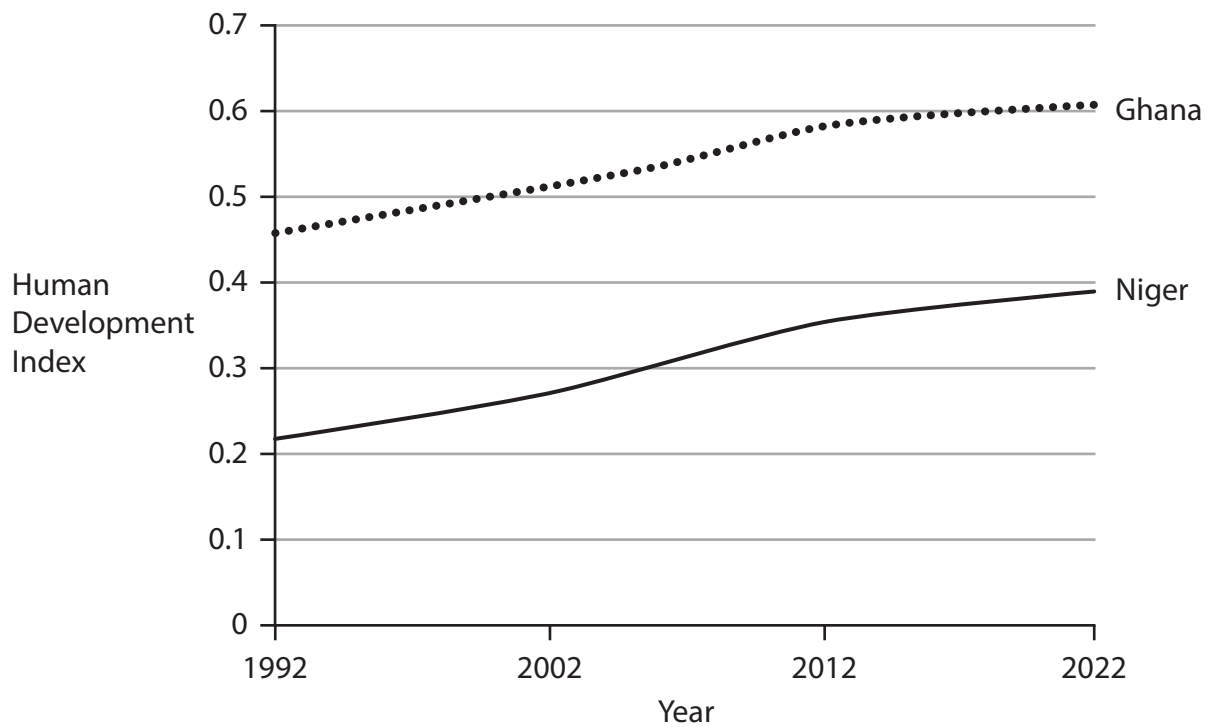
Patent applications are for new intellectual property such as inventions and innovations.

Figure 3

Patent applications for two emerging countries, 2002–2022

C2: Bridging the Development Gap

The following resource relates to Question 7 (a).



The HDI combines several social and economic development measures.

Figure 4

The Human Development Index (HDI) for two African countries, 1992–2022

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