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## Level 2 Geography 2022

### 91243 Apply geography concepts and skills to demonstrate understanding of a given environment

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Pull out Resource Booklet 91243R from the centre of this booklet.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the resource booklet about the Dead Sea before answering the question in this booklet.

Completing parts (a) to (c) using the related resources should enable you to gain an understanding of the Dead Sea. In part (d) you are required to explain the interaction between people and the environment, and how this affects the sustainability of the Dead Sea.

## QUESTION

- (a) Refer to **Resource A** (Figures 1 to 4) on pages 4 and 5 of the resource booklet, which show features of the Dead Sea.

(i) **Précis map of the Dead Sea**

Complete the map on the page opposite by accurately locating and labelling the following:

- the Mediterranean Sea
- the Jordan River and its direction of flow
- the boundaries of the Jordan Rift Valley
- the present-day area of the Southern Basin (evaporation ponds)
- the present-day area of the Northern Basin.

Give the map a suitable title, scale, north arrow, and complete the key.

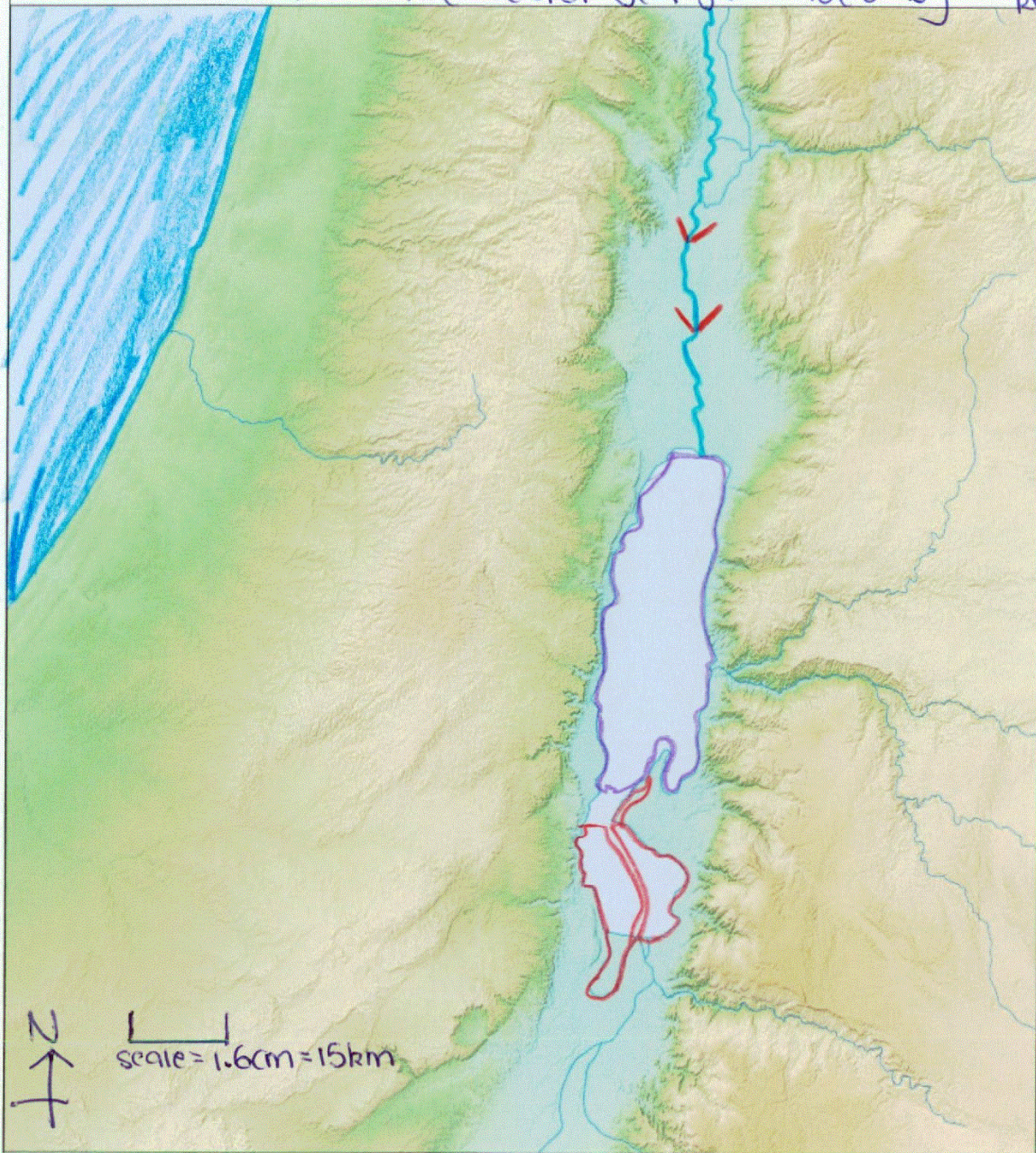
(ii) **Key features of the Jordan Rift Valley**

Using specific information, describe the key physical features of the Jordan Rift Valley and surrounding area.

The Jordan Rift Valley has the dead sea in the middle being 430msl. and in the middle mostly all below sl. Hills surround the sea with high mountains such as Amman being 1006m, and is very dry. the medditaran sea is to the west of the valley and in the middle of the valley the sea level is well below 0msl (some reach 400msl +.)



Title: Précis map of the Dead Sea surrounded by Jordan River Valley



Key:



Dead Sea 1931



= Jordan river & direction of flow



= the mediterranean sea



= area of Northern Basin (present)



= area so Southern Basin (present ponds)

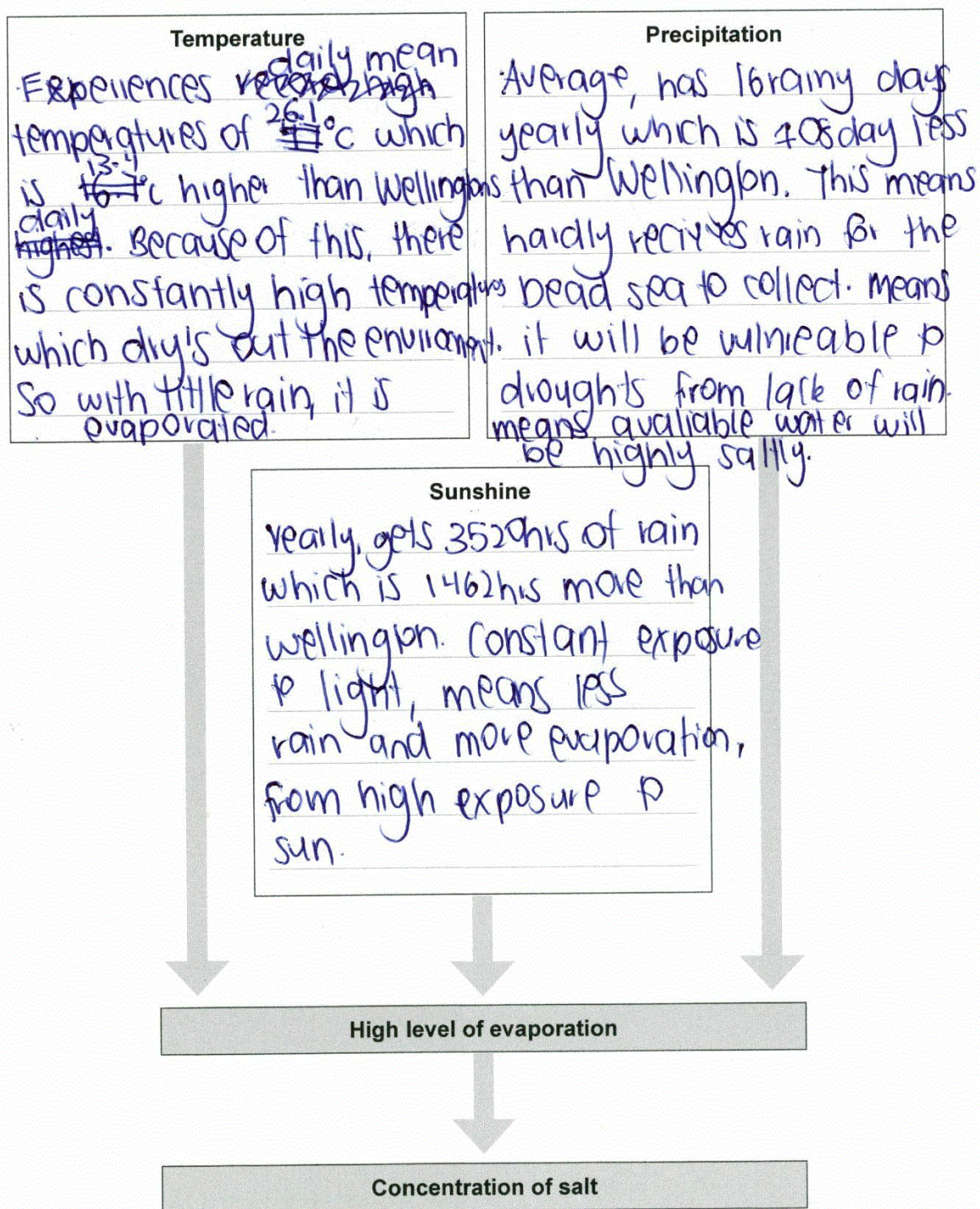


## (b) Climate and the Dead Sea environment

Refer to **Resource B** on pages 6 and 7 of the resource booklet.

- (i) Using specific information on Sedom (the Dead Sea) from Figure 6, complete the diagram below by describing **ONE** feature of each of the three factors that contribute to the Dead Sea having an environment with a **very high rate of evaporation and high concentration of salt.**

**Factors leading to a high rate of evaporation and concentration of salt in the Dead Sea**





- (ii) Using specific information from Figure 7, describe the **pattern of rainfall in the Dead Sea catchment (drainage area)** and explain why the **Jordan River is important to the supply of water to the Dead Sea.**

The ~~the~~ pattern of rainfall in the dead sea drainage ~~are~~ shows that the more north, then the more rainfall experienced compared to the south. For example, north by sea of galilee experiences 600-800mm of rain compared to south of the dead sea experiences 100mm of rain. This means as the Jordan river is north, and flows south to the dead sea, it carries water for the sea which is an important supply of water because it receives little rainfall by itself, due to location.

- (iii) Refer to the concepts of **environment** and **pattern** on page 2 of the resource booklet.

Choose (✓) ONE concept and explain how it relates to either part (b)(i) or (b)(ii).



Environment



Pattern

The ~~the~~ climate that the dead seas experiences makes it vulnerable to short supply of water at the dead sea. This is because the natural environment, experiences very high temperatures, with an average of 26.1°C daily, low precipitation of 16 days of rain yearly, and large sunshine exposure, experiencing 3520hrs yearly. This means that the natural environment, has to withstand harsh conditions while having water. This will lead to high evaporation and concentration of salt in the Dead sea which is why over the years the sea is starting to further shrink.



## (c) Shrinkage of the Dead Sea

Refer to **Resource C** on pages 8 and 9 of the resource booklet.

- (i) Using specific information from Figure 8, describe the changing rate of decline in the level of the Dead Sea from 1930 to 2012.

In 1930, the Dead Sea level was -392 mbsl, and had a steady decrease to 1980 reaching -401 mbsl. This rate exponentially declined in level of the Dead Sea dropping to -426 mbsl in 2012. This means, within 32 years, the level of the Dead Sea declined by -25 m. Therefore throughout the years, from 1930 there was a steady decrease, and then by 1980, became an exponential, more rapid decrease in 2012.

- (ii) Using specific information from Figure 9, state the following:

- The total percentage of water diverted from the Jordan River for drinking water:

85% of water diverted from Jordan River to drinking water.

- The total percentage of water diverted from the Jordan River for each of the two countries taking the most water.

Israel: 45%

Jordan: 39%



- (iii) Using specific information from Figure 10, describe the consequences for the Dead Sea of water being diverted away from the Jordan River.

A consequence for the Dead Sea of water being diverted away from the Jordan river is that ~~the Dead Sea~~ constantly loses more than it gains. The Jordan river provides 25mcm water, and ~~however loses 1700mcm~~ 1700mcm is ~~taken~~ <sup>diverted</sup> from the Jordan river. This therefore means that 1675mcm that could be going into the dead sea is diverted. ~~this~~ A consequence of this is that because ~~humans take 285mcm~~ the sea overall loses 985mcm, and only gains 310mcm, then the sea will continue to shrink. This is because more is extracted than what is given.

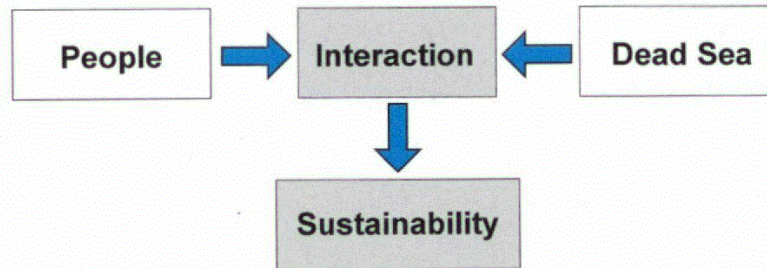


(d) **How people affect the sustainability of the Dead Sea**

Explain the **interaction** between **people** and the **environment**, and how this **affects** the **sustainability** of the **Dead Sea**.

In your answer, refer to and integrate information from:

- the geographic concepts of **interaction** and **sustainability**, as well as other concepts on page 2 of the resource booklet
- **Resource D** and all other resources
- information from your answers in parts (a) to (c).

**PLANNING**

Interaction = people & sea → tourism, irrigation,  
 water → more tourists, more resources  
 e.g. water → more extracted.



people and the environment of the Dead Sea, interact through a wide variety of reasons, which negatively affects the sustainability of the Dead Sea. In this case, there are many elements of the environment such as attraction for tourists, water supply which affect each other, therefore negatively affecting the sustainability of the Dead Sea. For Israel, resource D shows that the Dead Sea is a top tourist attraction, having over 2 million international tourists and 650,000 local tourists yearly (before covid). Therefore, because there are so many tourists arriving, more resources ~~are~~ are needed to meet the high demands. ~~Such as the~~ the Dead Sea can provide Israel's 36% of drinking water (resource), and as more tourists arrive resources are needed such as more drinking water, more water for irrigation (food), and agriculture. Because, ~~the~~ people and the Dead Sea environment will interact by people bringing tourist attractions and the environment giving natural resources (e.g. water). This interaction between people and the Dead Sea environment affects sustainability of the Dead Sea ~~as~~ as they are ~~not~~ preventing ~~meeting~~ preventing future generations from meeting their needs because they aren't acting in a way of adapting new ways without affecting the Dead Sea. It is because



negative interaction between people and the environment, means that in future, the dead sea will be even more shrunk (shown on resource A, 2010 image), so therefore future generations won't be able to use it for a tourist attraction, or irrigation. people have tried to be more sustainable by coming up with solutions to pump the red sea water to the dead sea. However, this interaction won't be sustainable either as it means in future, the red sea may change "the chemistry of the Dead sea, and too much water would risk the growth of algae". therefore due to the interaction between people and the dead sea environment through, tourists, irrigation, agriculture, ~~the dead sea environment~~ is this interaction isn't sustainable, therefore jeopardising the future dead sea and tourist attraction.

#### Acknowledgements

Material from the following source has been adapted for use in this assessment:

#### Page 3

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Subject	Level 2 Geography		Standard	91243	Total score	08
Q	Grade score	Annotation				
1	E8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A: Map is clearly drawn with accurate conventions. Mediterranean Sea could have been better.</li> <li>B i and ii: Climate clearly linked to evaporation/salt concentration with detail. Pattern explained and north/south link is explicit with detail. iii: Concept is explicit and unpacked. Linked to evaporation and has detail.</li> <li>C: Graph analysis shows the major change, maths is correct, and the diversion is linked to the consequence. All three parts have detail.</li> <li>D: The interaction of people and the Dead Sea is clearly linked to its sustainability. Both concepts are used explicitly and unpacked with detail.</li> </ul>				