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# Level 2 Earth and Space Science 2020

## 91193 Demonstrate understanding of physical principles related to the Earth System

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Demonstrate understanding of physical principles related to the Earth System.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of physical principles related to the Earth System.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of physical principles related to the Earth System.

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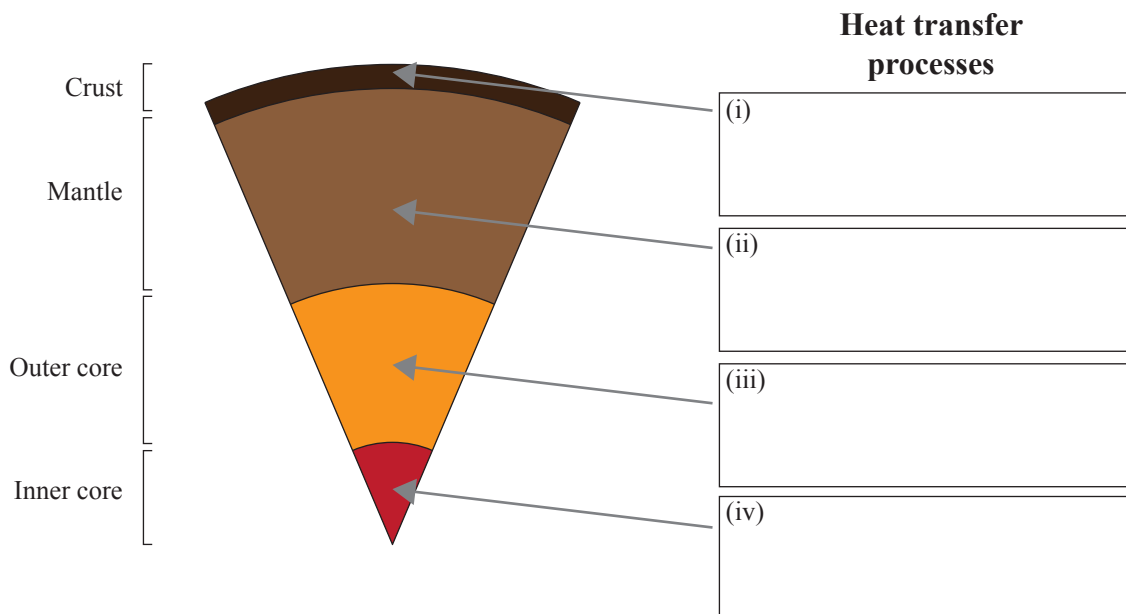
## QUESTION ONE: GEOTHERMAL ENERGY



Source: <https://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/how-new-zealand-embraces-geothermal-energy/>

Geothermal energy provides approximately 17% of New Zealand's electricity. Heat energy is taken from the crust by drawing a mixture of pressurised water and steam from a geothermal field. This heat energy is used to generate electricity.

(a) Identify the heat-transfer processes taking place in each layer of the geosphere:



Adapted from: <http://pluton-dg.com/wp/geothermal-energy/>



- (c) The centre of the Earth is thought to be 6000 °C, which gets cooler towards the surface.

Explain in detail the processes taking place in the Earth's interior that maintain this temperature.

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## QUESTION TWO: WHY IS THE SKY BLUE?

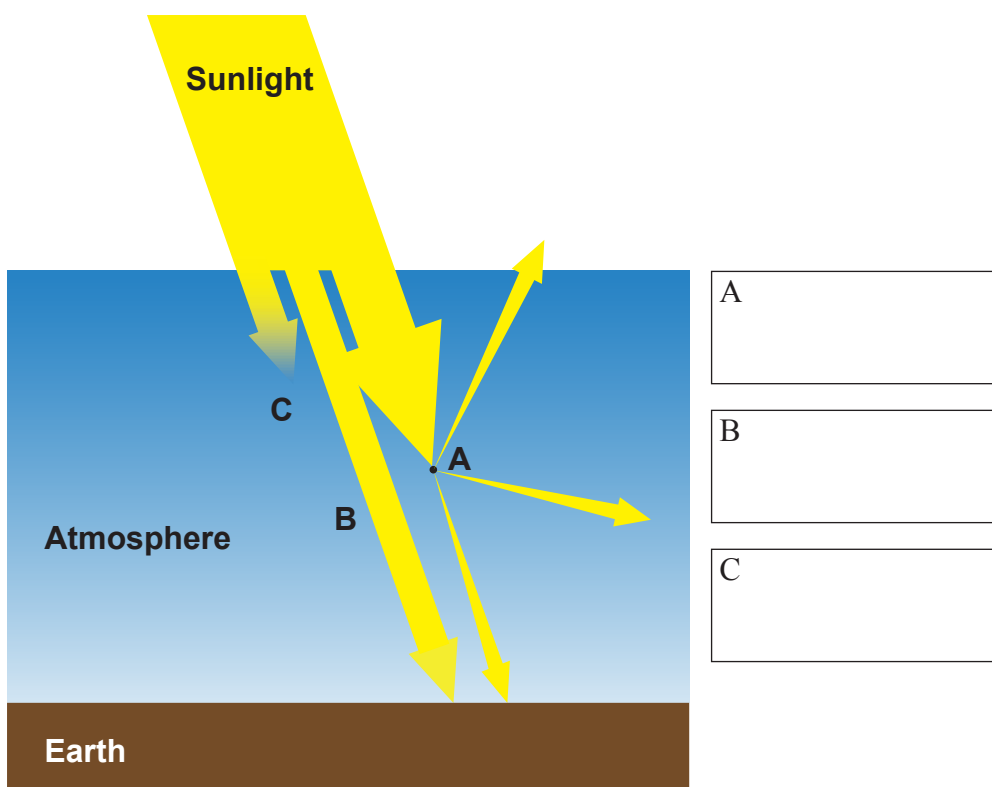


<https://oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/big-demographic-tides-are-sweeping-the-world-how-should-aid-organizations-respond/>

Light is a form of wave that is able to transfer energy from one place to another. Light from the Sun contains all of the wavelengths of visible light, which includes all the colours, such as red and blue. During the day, the sky appears blue, while light directly from the sun appears white.

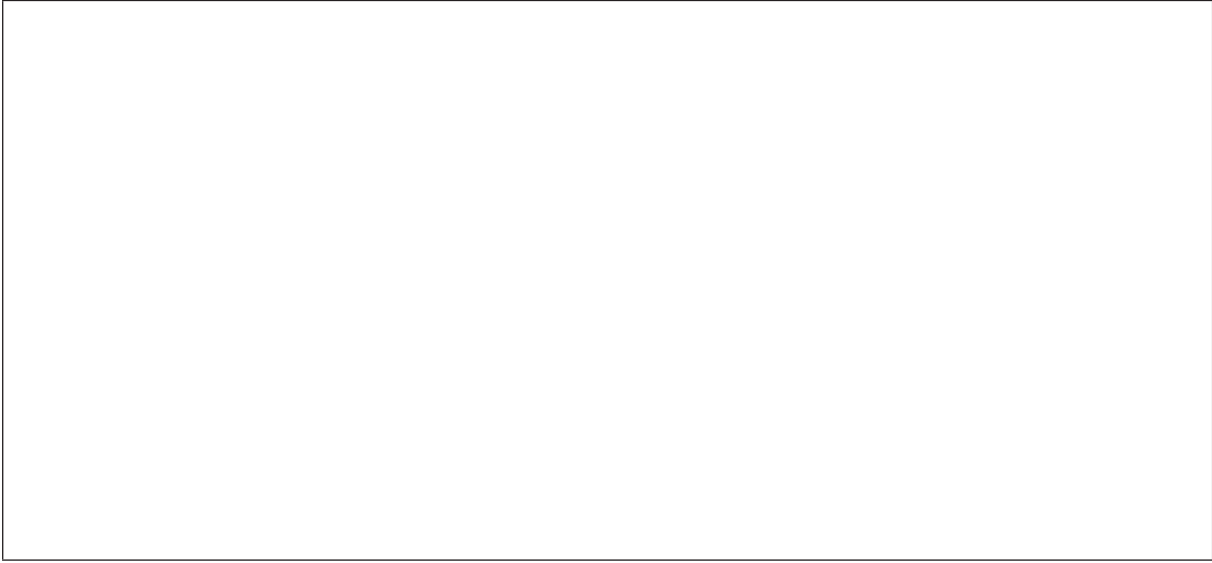
- (a) Light from the sun can interact with the atmosphere in a number of ways.

Label the processes occurring in the atmosphere, represented by letters A, B, and C on the diagram below.



- (b) Describe the properties of light waves, and explain how they vary in different colours, such as red and blue.

*A diagram may assist your answer.*



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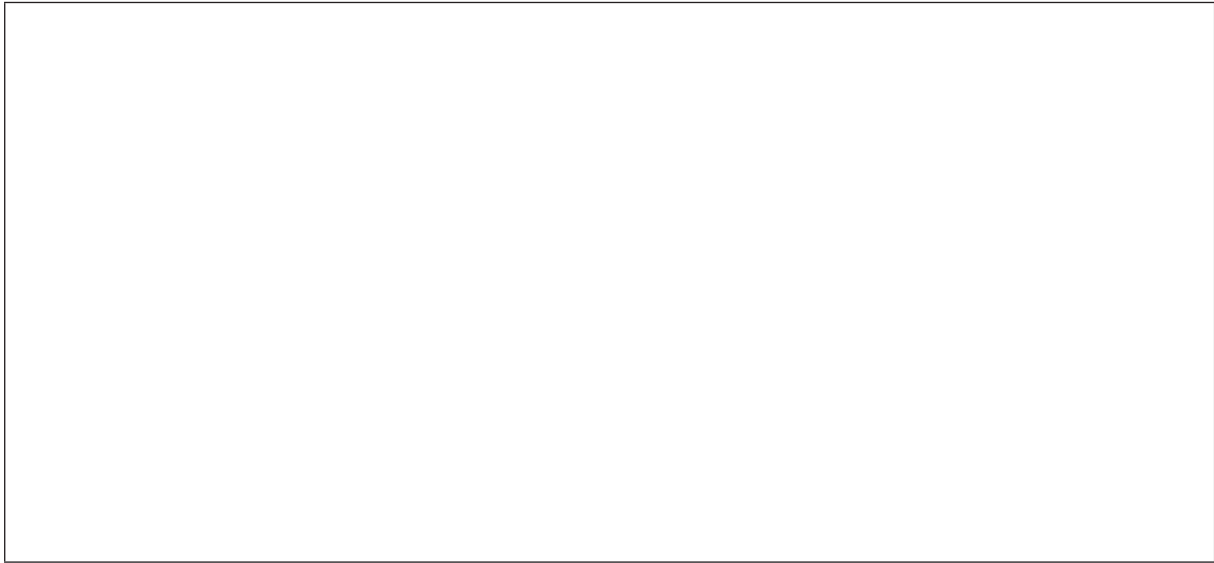
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- (c) Explain in detail why light directly from the Sun appears white, while the rest of the sky appears blue on a sunny day.

*A diagram may assist your answer.*



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**QUESTION THREE: SEA BREEZES**

On a sunny day in coastal areas around New Zealand, strong onshore winds often develop in the afternoon due to a temperature difference between the land and the sea.

- (a) Describe how the Earth's surface is heated.

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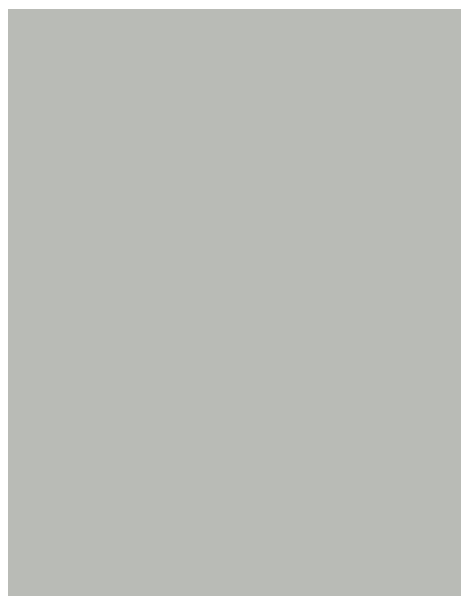
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<http://markg.photoshelter.com/gallery-image/Windsurfing-Wellington-New-Zealand/G0000Uux0GK.AwaU/I000004Atz.G9ax8>

- (b) Explain in detail the reason for the difference in temperature between the land and the sea on a sunny day.

*A diagram may assist your answer.*

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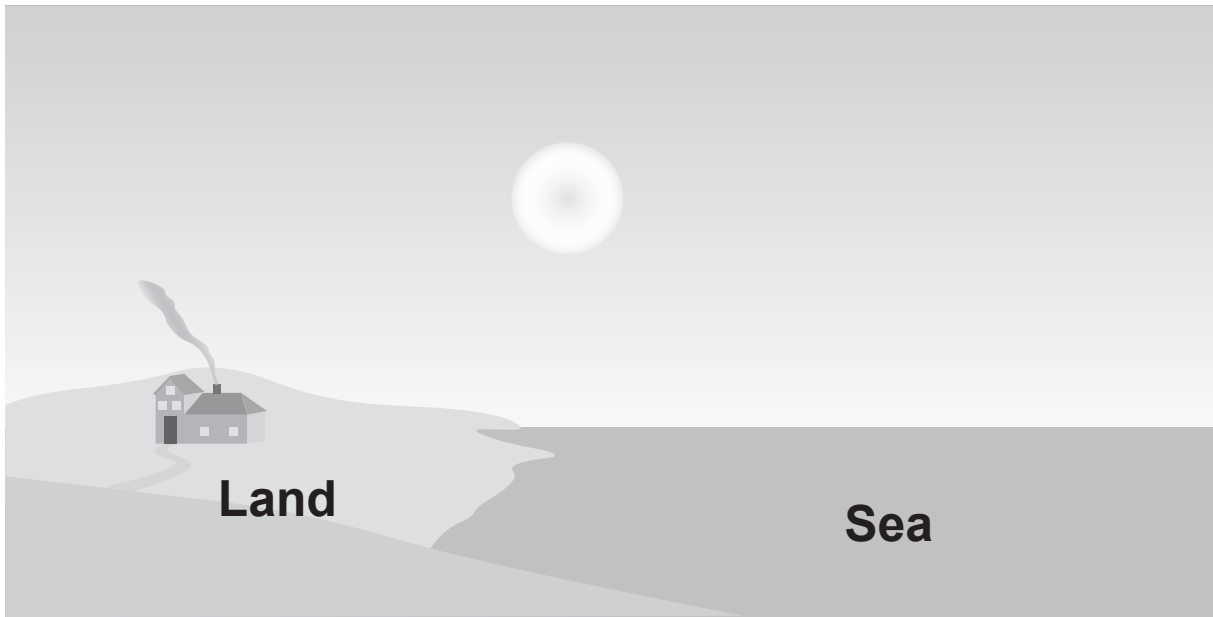
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(c) Explain in detail how an onshore breeze will develop in a coastal region on a sunny day.

*Annotating the diagram below will help with your answer.*



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