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91935 Demonstrate understanding of decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region

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Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region.	Explain decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region.	Evaluate decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region.

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Achievement

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Climate change is causing many issues around the world. One of the key issues is sea level rise. As polar and mountain areas experience warmer temperatures, ice melt is increasing, and this is feeding into our oceans. This increase in sea level is causing problems for people who live near the coast. Fiji is one such country that is having to manage the impacts of sea level rise.

QUESTION

- (a) Explain why rising sea levels are a challenge for Fiji and its people. Include supporting evidence from the resources in your discussion.

Based off information the sea levels rising ^{will} have a big impact on Fiji. Environment: Due to the rising sea levels, Fiji is going to experience ~~to~~ Coastal Erosion of all Three major places (Suva, Nadi and Savusavu), Abrasion and Hydraulic action is going to erode away at these coast lines. This means Trees, habitats and nature in general will be destroyed. To make matters worse, all the dirt, sediment and bugs will be contaminating the marine life and oceans. Economy: with the oceans and marine life being surrounded by dirt and sediment, many Fish will start to die and the oceans will no longer a tourist attraction. This will have a big impact on Fiji's economy. Tourism is a big part of how Fiji makes money as it provides jobs for 150 thousand people and is said to be their biggest industry. many Hotels and homes are located along the coastal lines of Fiji, and with these rising sea levels erosion will start ~~to~~ Force these companies and houses to shut down which will cause a lot of economic problems with less Tourists and potential ~~monies~~ ~~success~~ Carried on in

Definitions

Viewpoints: What people think about geographic issues.

Perspectives: Ways in which people view and interpret environments. Including, but not limited to: economic, social, political, indigenous, and spiritual.

Three possible actions the people of Fiji could take to meet the challenge of rising sea levels are:

- Option 1 – **relocate** at-risk communities further inland
- Option 2 – build **nature-based** coastal defence structures to try to protect people who live near the coast
- Option 3 – build **man-made** coastal defence structures to try to protect people who live near the coast.

- (b) For each of the people in the table (pages 4–6), explain their viewpoint on the future actions that should be taken to solve the challenge of rising sea levels in Fiji. Include their perspective, geographic terminology, and supporting evidence from the resources in your discussion.

People	Their viewpoint/perspective
Prime Minister Rabuka	<p>Rabuka is looking at the problem from a allround perspective. He knows the affect of the rising sea levels as he states "This crisis is relentlessly eats away at our shores". Rabuka ultimate idea is to stop the affects of the rising sea levels. His current idea which he says is a sustainable future is to relocate coastal villages away from the coast. Although this is a good plan it won't stop the coast from eroding, it's Temporal. It also costs alot of money, around 5 million dollars. And some indigenous wouldn't want to move as these places are mean importance to them</p>

People	Their viewpoint/perspective
Lani Bola	<p>Lani sees Fiji's attempts to stop the rising sea levels as temporary. She also says it is a dear emotional loss as she holds respect for these places. Lani is trying to find the best possibility to counter the problem without abandoning her ancestral lands. Lani is trying to say that these efforts are again temporary but also costly. She suggests to build a sea wall as their best option. This idea is good. A sacrifice of money to stop one even bigger sacrifice overtime. "It's a matter of survival" <small>she says</small></p>
Local climate change campaigners	<p>The campaigners are wanting to stop the rising problem, but in a more environmentally and economically friendly way. They support the ideas of Lani and are using nature to stop the problem such as trapping sediment that form new soil and using rocks instead of concrete. This is one of the better ideas. It's a matter of getting a big enough community to do so. Based off the photos, I can see that they are genuine and passionate people and just need to convince the us people</p>

of Fiji about their cost-effective nature based solutions.

People	Their viewpoint/perspective
Town councils	<p>The Town Councils want to stop the rising problem in a non Environmentally and Economically friendly way but in a more effective "man made" way. They have seen the failed attempts and want to properly stop the problem ignoring the costs and complaints focusing more on the future of Fiji. If these failed or temporary attempts continue, The Town Councils plans are to make Sea walls made out of concrete that stabilize and provide "immediate protection" against coastal erosion and rising sea levels.</p>

- (c) (i) Choose (✓) ONE action that you think should be taken to meet the challenge of rising sea levels in Fiji.

- Option 1 – **relocate** at-risk communities further inland
- Option 2 – build **nature-based** coastal defence structures to try to protect people who live near the coast
- Option 3 – build **man-made** coastal defence structures to try to protect people who live near the coast.

Explain why you chose this option. To do so you should:

- consider the viewpoints and perspectives of the different groups of people involved
- evaluate why this option is better than the others
- integrate geographic terminology and a wide range of evidence from the resources to support your explanation.

After reading the viewpoints and perspectives of the different groups of people, I have come to the conclusion ~~the~~ of option 3 as I believe it is the most effective. By building proper sea walls made of proper materials like concrete it gives like they said "immediate protection!" Yes it does cost money but it gives Fiji a solution they can rely on. There have been many attempts to stop the effects but the either don't work or are just delaying to avoid not stopping it. Yes the people's culture matters but it's for the sake of Fiji in general. The man-made way ensures that there will be no more erosion therefore saving Fiji of their Economy, Environment, and population. It is a sacrifice of money or the downfall of Fiji. The sacrifice of money could be less money than the money that will be spent for the damages and temporary attempts.

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- (ii) Explain which viewpoint(s) or perspective(s) were **least** important when making your decision in part (i).

In my opinion option 1 relocating seemed the least important and least effective. The cost of relocation can be up to 5 million dollars. And they aren't really doing much, in fact they are avoiding the problem. Moving people away from the coast isn't going to stop the coastal erosion. They would be spending a whole lot of money on something that's temporary rather than spending a whole lot of money on something that would be permanent.

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Write the question number(s) if applicable.

QUESTION
NUMBER

Question (a) carried on: also to mention that fish is also a big part of Fiji's economy as they are sold and served in restaurants and hotels, and with dirt, sediment and bugs contaminating the waters due to coastal erosion, lots of fish will begin to die. But which will further affect the economy. The ~~government~~ prime minister will have to sacrifice a lot of money to fight/stop the affects of the rising sea levels. The population will be affected as well if the money isn't sacrificed. Many people will tend towards migrating to a different country, that is if they have the money to do so, meaning it will be mostly tourists that leave which will further affect the economy and affect the population.

Achievement

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Question part	Grade score	Marker commentary
(a)	A	The candidate has shown some understanding of the challenge with several reasons alluded to but no clear explanation. Some reference to case study detail is given.
(b)	A	The candidate has correctly described the choices of individuals and groups, but it is not as clear as it could be. There is no reference to the specific perspective, and the amount of detail is light.
(c)i	A	The candidate makes a clear selection and describes some reasons why they made that choice. There is only a small amount of relevant evidence to support their choice, and this lack of detail holds the grade at Achievement.
(c)ii	N	The candidate focuses on an option, rather than a perspective.
Fijian concept	N	No evidence of the application of a Fijian concept.
Overall	A3	A solid Achievement paper. The candidate needed to make clearer statements to directly answer the question and needed a wider range of specific evidence to support their response.